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**COMBINED AGENDA AND REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

MAY 2, 2022

AGENDA

1. Agenda Meeting Called to Order (6:30 p.m.)

2. Salute to the Flag.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Charles Dipierro
Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider
Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel
Council Vice President Terence Van Dzura
Council President Miriam Cohen

4. Township Deputy Clerk Christine Robbins reads the **SUNSHINE LAW** into the record.

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6. **PRESENTATIONS:**

- *Recognizing Diane Kotlarchick for her 25 years with the Monroe Township Police Department*

- **Human Relations Commission Annual Ceremony:** Honoring and Presenting Awards to those students who exemplify the 6 pillars of Character: Caring, Responsibility, Respect, Fairness, Citizenship and Trustworthiness.

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9. **Public Comments.** (Limited to **Agenda items only** - 5 Minutes per Speaker)

OPEN: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

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10. **Agenda Meeting Adjournment.** Time: _____

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1. **REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Time: _____

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

2. **MOTION** to approve the payment of **CLAIMS** per run date **April 26, 2022**.

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOTION to approve the **MINUTES** of the following meetings as written and presented:

April 4, 2022 - Combined Agenda/Regular Meeting

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

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6. **RESOLUTIONS removed from consent agenda for CONSIDERATION (if needed).**

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7. **Mayor’s Budget/Township Update**

8. **Administrator’s Report.**

9. **Engineer’s Report.**

10. **Council’s Reports.**

11. **Mayor’s Report.**

12. **Public Comments. (5 Minutes per Speaker)**

OPEN: MOTION:_____ SECOND:_____

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13. **Adjournment. MOTION:_____ SECOND:_____**

Time: _____

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – May 2, 2022

The Council of the Township of Monroe met at the Monroe Township Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza, for a Combined Agenda/Regular Meeting.

The Combined Agenda/Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 6:30 p.m. by Council President Miriam Cohen with a Salute to the Flag.

UPON ROLL CALL by the Deputy Township Clerk, Christine Robbins, the following members of Council were present: Councilman Charles Dipierro, Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider, Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel, Council Vice-President Terence Van Dzura, and Council President Miriam Cohen.

ALSO, PRESENT: Mayor Stephen Dalina, Business Administrator Alan M. Weinberg, Township Attorney Lou Rainone, Utility Director Joseph Stroin and Deputy Clerk Tanya Pannucci.

ABSENT: Engineer Mark Rasimowicz.

There were approximately one hundred (100) members of the Public in attendance.

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Captain Robinson recognized Diane Kotlarchick for her 25 years with the Monroe Township Police Department; she noted that Diane is a lifelong resident of Jamesburg and accepted a position as a 9-1-1 telecommunications officer in March of 1997 with the Township, a place she has called home for the last 25 years. In 2016 she was promoted to supervisor where she supervised other telecommunicators and worked closely with the Police Department. In 2019 she assumed the role of Chief Shop Steward for the Township's White Collar Union. She also held a position with the OEM as Communications Coordinator from 2016 through her retirement and has now decided to fulfill her passion for working with animals as a veterinary assistant. Captain Robinson extended well wishes on behalf of the Police Department to Diane for her retirement and congratulated her on the next chapter working with animals.

Mayor Dalina and Council extended their best wishes to Diane and thanked her for her many years of service and dedication to the Township, as well as her professionalism, desire, and leadership. They wished her much success in her new chapter of fulfilling her passion to help animals.

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Mayor Dalina turned the Program over to Ms. Harjeet Kaur Virdi, Chair of the Human Relations Commission. Ms. Virdi thanked everyone for coming out to support these outstanding students and thanked the Mayor and Council for their support, all the teachers, administrators and especially the parents for raising, guiding and empowering these amazing children.

Awards were presented to the following students:

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- R-5-2022-147** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION TO A
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH ALAIMO
GROUP FOR 2022 ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.** (Police Dept. Building Expansion and
Parking Lot -Additional \$70,000)
- R-5-2022-148** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO SUBMIT
AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING TO THE NEW
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION’S COMMUNITY FAST CHARGER PROGRAM
TO FUND PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE ELECTRIC VEHICLE
CHARGING STATIONS.**
- R-5-2022-149** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO SUBMIT
AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING TO THE NEW
JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CLEAN FLEET
ELECTRIC VEHICLE INCENTIVE PROGRAM.**
- R-5-2022-150** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF CASH
MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR PB-1127-13 – MARY
HEFFRON/HOMETECH HOMES.** (Block 109.37, Lot 1.2)
- R-5-2022-151** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO S & G
PAVING, INC. FOR COSTCO DRIVE ROADWAY
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.** (\$569,999.96)

Councilman Dipierro requested Resolutions R-5-2022-146, R-5-2022-150 and R-5-2022-151 be removed and considered separately.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Schneider and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC COMMENTS** portion of the Meeting was opened. All were in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab asked for clarification on R-5-2022-131 regarding the solar energy program and how the grant would be coming; Administrator Weinberg responded that this is part of the new energy Master Plan and the 2nd round of community solar. An RFP was created for solar organizations to find community solar with a solar landscape selected to be put on top of Costco, which will happen in the Fall or Winter. This will be an opt in program for both our residents and Jamesburg residents.

Elizabeth Fagan, 21 Woodcrest Cir. – Ms. Fagan asked for clarification as to why Costco was chosen as the solar landscape; Administrator Weinberg answered that he understands that a lot of places are putting them on top of their buildings, and they applied and were successful. Ms. Fagan asked what Costco will get in return for this; Attorney Rainone answered they will receive Federal tax credits.

George Gunkelman, 5 Kelly Ct. - Mr. Gunkelman asked what the status of the acquisition was in regard to O-4-2022-010; Attorney Rainone stated that they could not do anything without the ordinance as we have no authority until the ordinance passes so by passing this ordinance we acquire real property.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the **PUBLIC COMMENTS** portion of the Meeting was closed. All were in favor, none opposed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 7:14pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel	Aye
	Council Vice-President Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Siegel and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 7:14pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel	Aye
	Council Vice-President Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Councilman Dipierro commented that after reviewing the bill list he noticed one of our commissions purchased gift cards in the amount of \$900 and wanted to know who authorized this purchase, what are they going to be used for and stated that he did not feel comfortable authorizing this; Attorney Rainone responded that he appreciates Councilman Dipierro for bringing this to his attention and he is looking into this more to see if this is allowed and why it is being done this way as he does know these gift cards are for children involved in various programs; Administrator Weinberg followed up and stated that these gift cards were purchased by our Historical Commission in partnership with one of the teachers; the gift cards were given out at the Board of Education meeting to the Rho Kappa National Honor's Society, which is comprised of nine students, each receiving \$100 gift cards.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **4/26/2022** were approved for payment as written and presented.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Nay
	Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel	Aye
	Council Vice-President Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **MINUTES** of the **April 4, 2022 Combined Agenda and Regular Meeting** were approved as written and presented.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel	Aye
	Council Vice-President Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

UPON ACTION made by the Council the following Ordinance was **moved on SECOND READING for FINAL ADOPTION** as follows:

O-4-2022-010 **ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, TO ACQUIRE, BY NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT OR EXERCISE OF THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN PORTIONS OF REAL PROPERTY AND/OR PROPERTY INTERESTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS, RIGHTS OF WAY, DRAINAGE, AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE "INSTALLATION OF THE LEACHATE PUMP STATION PROJECT" KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS PORTIONS OF LOT 25, TAX BLOCK 148.60 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Land and Building Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq. the Township has the power to acquire real property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5, the Township has the power to acquire any real property for a public purpose through a negotiated agreement process; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 20:1-1, et seq., the Township has the power to acquire interests in real property through the exercise of the power of eminent domain through condemnation; and

WHEREAS, the Township is working on the project known as the "Leachate Pump Station Project" (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project requires the acquisition of interests in certain lands as shown herein and described in further detail in the attached Exhibit "A":

1. Permanent Easement through a portion of Block 148.60, Lot 25:
Beginning at a point on the southerly Right of Way line of Lani Street (50 ft wide Right of way), said point also being the common front corner of Lots 25 and 24 in Block 148.60. Total area of the proposed Permanent Easement containing 10,275 square feet or .236 acres of land; and
2. Temporary Construction Easement 1 through a portion of Block 148.60, Lot 25:
Beginning at a point on the southerly Right of Way line of Lani Street (50 ft wide Right of Way), said point also being the common front corner of Lots 25 and 26 in Block 148.60. Total area of the proposed Temporary Construction Easement 1 containing 5,393 square feet or .124 acres of land;
3. Temporary Construction Easement 2 through a portion of Block 148.60, Lot 25:
Beginning at the common line between Block 148.60, Lots 24 & 25 with the southerly Right of Way line of Lani Steet (50 Ft Wide Right of Way), along said common line between Block 148.60, Lots 24 & 25, a distance of 48.35 ft. Total area of proposed Temporary Construction Easement 2 containing 6,298 square feet or .145 acres of land.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, Middlesex County, State of New Jersey:

The acquisition by negotiated agreement or exercise of the power of eminent domain through condemnation of the following interests in properties is hereby authorized for the purpose of the public improvement project known as “THE LEACHATE PUMP STATION PRJECT”;

1. Permanent Easement through a portion of Block 148.60, Lot 25:
Beginning at a point on the southerly Right of Way line of Lani Street (50 ft wide Right of way), said point also being the common front corner of Lots 25 and 24 in Block 148.60. Total area of the proposed Permanent Easement containing 10,275 square feet or .236 acres of land; and
2. Temporary Construction Easement 1 through a portion of Block 148.60, Lot 25:
Beginning at a point on the southerly Right of Way line of Lani Street (50 ft wide Right of Way), said point also being the common front corner of Lots 25 and 26 in Block 148.60. Total area of the proposed Temporary Construction Easement 1 containing 5,393 square feet or .124 acres of land;
3. Temporary Construction Easement 2 through a portion of Block 148.60, Lot 25:
Beginning at the common line between Block 148.60, Lots 24 & 25 with the southerly Right of Way line of Lani Steet (50 Ft Wide Right of Way), along said common line between Block 148.60, Lots 24 & 25, a distance of 48.35 ft. Total area of proposed Temporary Construction Easement 2 containing 6,298 square feet or .145 acres of land.

The Township Attorney and Business Administrator are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to acquire the Property through negotiations or condemnation; and

The Mayor, Township Clerk, and Township Attorney are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the acquisition of the easement.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and in effect; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any ordinance or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication in accordance with applicable law.

SO, ORDAINED as aforesaid.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-4-2022-010** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-4-2022-010** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was passed on Second Reading and Final Adoption:

O-4-2022-010 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, TO ACQUIRE, BY NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT OR EXERCISE OF THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN PORTIONS OF REAL PROPERTY AND/OR PROPERTY INTERESTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS, RIGHTS OF WAY, DRAINAGE, AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE “INSTALLATION OF THE LEACHATE PUMP STATION PROJECT” KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS PORTIONS OF LOT 25, TAX BLOCK 148.60 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel	Aye
	Council Vice-President Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-4-2022-010

UPON ACTION made by the Council the following Ordinance was **moved on SECOND READING for FINAL ADOPTION** as follows:

O-4-2022-011 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to **3.5%** over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, finds its advisable and necessary to increase its **CY 2022** Budget by up to **3.5%** over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby determines that a **1.0%** increase in the budget for said year, amounting to **\$465,634.97** in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the **CY 2022** budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Monroe shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by **3.5%**, amounting to **\$1,629,722.40**, and that the **CY 2022** municipal budget for the Township of Monroe be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance, as introduced, be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within five (5) days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance, upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

SO ORDAINED, as aforesaid.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-4-2022-011** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab asked what it means to exceed; Administrator Weinberg explained that this is commonly done by each municipality to take full benefit of the CAP to provide services within the Township; he stated that this is sometimes confused with the Levy CAP which raises taxes, but we instead do this on the spending side to protect the opportunity particularly in a growing Township like Monroe; Attorney Rainone added that there is a limit to the amount of appropriations that can go up in a year clarifying Administrator Weinberg’s explanation.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-4-2022-011** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Siegel and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was passed on Second Reading and Final Adoption:

**O-4-2022-011 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.**

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel	Aye
	Council Vice-President Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-4-2022-011

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:** (R-5-2022-130– R-5-2022-151 except for R-5-2022-146, R-5-2022-150 and R-5-2022-151 which will be voted on separately)

**R-5-2022-130 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO
WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP FOR THE PURCHASE OF
UNIFORMS FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP EMS
DEPARTMENT. (per unit pricing; not to exceed \$22,000)**

WHEREAS, in January 2022, the Monroe Township EMS Department solicited proposals for uniforms; and

WHEREAS, the three (3) competitive quotes received are as herein below set forth:

(Includes long, short and ¼ sleeve job shirts and twill pants)

Action Uniform Co. – Pleasantville, NJ

Lawmen Supply Company – Pennsauken, N.J.

Witmer Public Safety Group – Coatsville, PA

WHEREAS, the Township QPA has reviewed the three (3) proposals received and, by copy of letter received April 12, 2022, recommends the award of contract to ***Witmer Public Safety Group, 104 Independence Way, Coatsville, PA 19320***, in an amount not to exceed **\$22,000.00**; and

WHEREAS, the award of contract is subject to the compliance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.; any contractor, subcontractor of business firm agree and guarantee to comply with Affirmative Action Regulations and to afford equal opportunity in the performance of the contract in accordance with the affirmative action plan approved under the terms established in the above-cited regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of contract, to ***Witmer Public Safety Group*** for uniforms in an amount not to exceed **\$22,000.00**; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. C-2200037, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay ***Witmer Public Safety Group*** in accordance with the contract entered into between the parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract is awarded with the stipulation that ***Witmer Public Safety Group*** shall comply with Affirmative Action Regulations, including revising their contracts as necessary to add mandatory affirmative action language, and submitting either a letter of federal approval or a certificate of employee information report, or a completed form AA302 at the time the signed contracts are returned to the Township of Monroe, or seven (7) days thereafter, or risk being declared non-responsive and forfeiting the award.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-5-2022-131 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY PROGRAM FOR LOW-AND MODERATE-INCOME RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.

WHEREAS, for more than a decade, the State of New Jersey has promoted energy policies that have created a vibrant solar energy market; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey adopted the 2019 New Jersey Energy Master Plan, Pathway to 2050 and the legislature passed the Clean Energy Act of 2018; and

WHEREAS, Strategy 6 of the 2019 Energy Master Plan calls the State to "Support community energy planning and action with an emphasis on encouraging and supporting participation by low-and moderate- income and environmental justice communities"; and

WHEREAS, Goal 6.2.1 of the 2019 Energy Master Plan calls for the support of community led development of community solar projects; and

WHEREAS, the Township recognizes the benefits of the Board of Public Utilities Community Solar Program for the Township's residents including the following:

- Local clean power generation
- Support for active participation in the program by low-and-moderate-income families
- Reduction of Energy Bills for all participants

WHEREAS, a minimum of 51% of the overall solar generation of the project is to be reserved for low- and moderate-income families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe supports community solar projects that serve the Township and have the following benefits:

Minimum 25% discount on the electricity from the community solar project is for Monroe Township residents who qualify as low to moderate income.

Minimum 20% discount on the electricity from the community solar project is for Monroe Township residents who don't qualify as low to moderate income.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township will collaborate with Solar Landscape, LLC, 552 Cookman Avenue Asbury Park, N.J. 07712 in furtherance of bringing the financial and environmental benefits of community solar to the residents of the Township of Monroe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township supports green energy alternatives within Monroe Township and will help make subscriber information available to our residents for all community solar projects that meets the criteria for our residents' participation.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-5-2022-132 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF VEHICLES AND SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE TO BE CONDUCTED BY GOVDEALS.COM.
(Auctioned tentatively scheduled for week of June 8, 2022)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe has determined that various vehicles and Miscellaneous Equipment listed on Schedule "A" as attached hereto and incorporated herein are no longer needed for public use: and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act (P.L. 2001, c. 30) authorizes the sale of surplus property no longer needed for public use through the use of an online auction service; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe wishes to utilize the online auction services of GovDeals Inc., 100 Capital Commerce Blvd, Suite 110, Montgomery, Alabama 36117, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A.40A:11-36;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Township is hereby authorized to sell the Township vehicles and miscellaneous equipment described on the attached Schedule "A" on an online auction website entitled www.govdeals.com and Monroe Township's website at www.monroetwp.com in accordance with the terms and conditions attached hereto and made a part hereof with said auction to be held the week of June 8, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of the within Resolution be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the following:

Alan Weinberg, Business Administrator
GovDeals, Inc.
Greg Slavicek, DPW

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-5-2022-133 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SUSTAINABLE LAND USE PLEDGE. (Sustainable New Jersey Program)

WHEREAS, land use is an essential component of overall sustainability for a municipality; and

WHEREAS, poor land-use decisions can lead to and increase societal ills such as decreased mobility, high housing costs, increased greenhouse gas emissions, loss of open space and the degradation of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, well planned land use can create transportation choices, provide for a range of housing options, create walkable communities, preserve open space, provide for adequate recreation, and allow for the continued protection and use of vital natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Given New Jersey's strong tradition of home rule and local authority over planning and zoning, achieving a statewide sustainable land use pattern will require municipalities to take the lead;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council or the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Monroe Township resolves to take the following steps with regard to our municipal land use decisions with the intent of making Monroe Township a truly sustainable community. It is our intent to include these principles in the next master plan revision and reexamination report and to update our land-use zoning, natural resource protection, and other ordinances accordingly.

Regional Cooperation - We pledge to reach out to administrations of our neighboring municipalities concerning land-use decisions, and to take into consideration regional impacts when making land-use decisions.

Transportation Choices - We pledge to create transportation choices with a Complete Streets approach by considering all modes of transportation, including walking, biking, transit and automobiles, when planning transportation projects and reviewing development applications. We will reevaluate our parking

with the goal of limiting the amount of required parking spaces, promoting shared parking and other innovative parking alternatives, and encouraging structured parking alternatives where appropriate.

Natural Resource Protection - We pledge to take action to protect the natural resources of the State for environmental, recreational and agricultural value, avoiding or mitigating negative impacts to these resources. Further, we pledge use our Natural Resources Inventory in our land-use decision-making processes and open space planning.

Mix of Land Uses - We pledge to use our zoning power to allow for a mix of residential, retail, commercial, recreational, and other land use types in areas that make the most sense for our municipality and the region.

Housing Options - We pledge, through the use of our zoning and revenue generating powers, to foster a diverse mix of housing types and locations, including single- and multi-family, for-sale and rental options, to meet the needs of all people at a range of income levels.

Green Design - We pledge to incorporate the principles of green design and renewable energy generation into municipal buildings to the extent feasible and when updating our site plan and subdivision requirements for residential and commercial buildings.

Municipal Facilities Siting - We pledge, to the extent feasible, to take into consideration factors such as walkability, bikability, greater access to public transit, proximity to other land-use types, and open space when locating new or relocated municipal facilities.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-5-2022-134 RESOLUTION REJECTING THE LOW BID OF DYNAMIC SANDBLASTING AND PAINTING, LLC AS NON-RESPONSIVE, AND AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO ALLIED PAINTING, INC. FOR CONTRACT 506 “HALF ACRE ROAD 3.5 MG WATER STANDPIPE TANK PAINTING PROJECT” FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2022 at 10:00 AM, five (5) sealed bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud, by the Monroe Township Utility Department Purchasing Agent for Contract 506 “Half Acre Road 3.5 MG Water Standpipe Tank Painting Project”, as required by the M.T.U.D.; and

WHEREAS, the apparent low bidder Dynamic Sandblasting and Painting LLC (Dynamic) with their total bid of \$1,099,000.00.; and

WHEREAS, upon investigation, it was found that Dynamic does not meet bid specification of (Section 09810, Part 1-General, 1.2 -Qualifications, B) which states that the Contractor must provide to the Owner documentation that they are “currently certified” by the Society of Protective Coatings (SSPC) to the requirement of SSPC QP-1 “Field Application to Complex Industrial and Marine Structures”; and

WHEREAS, Dynamic has confirmed that they are not currently certified, and their bid is hereby rejected as non-responsive; and

WHEREAS, the second low bidder is Allied Painting with their bid of \$1,141,800.00 which is complete, responsible and responsive, and the M.T.U.D. Purchasing Agent, after consultation with the M.T.U.D. Director and Consulting Engineer R3M Engineering, and Attorney has recommended in a letter dated April 18, 2022, that Allied Painting, Inc. of 4 Larwin Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 be awarded a contract based on their bid of \$1,141,800.00, subject to Allied Painting providing the proper required bonds and certificates of insurance, a copy Purchasing Agent’s and Consulting Engineer’s letters are attached hereto as Exhibits “B” and “C”, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the recommendations made regarding said bid; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Financial Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-220021, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

- (1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Allied Painting, Inc. in accordance with their bid of \$1,141,800.00.
- (2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services provided by Allied Painting, Inc. in accordance with their bid;

- (3) The contract is awarded through the competitive bid process in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law;
- (4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Allied Painting, Inc. shall provide the required bonds and properly executed certificate of insurance as required by the specifications, and a positive review by the Township Attorney.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-5-2022-135 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SCALE COMPUTING VIRTUAL SERVER APPLIANCES FROM SHI INTERNATIONAL, CORP. USING THE NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE STATE APPROVED COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.).

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Utility Department has the need to upgrade and expand its computer hardware to facilitate growth and improve system security; and

WHEREAS, the state approved New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance has awarded Contract No. 19-34 titled "Computer Equipment and Peripherals", which includes the required virtual servers, to SHI International, Inc; and

WHEREAS, SHI International Corp. of Somerset New Jersey has submitted a proposal for said Servers in the amount of **\$47,608.17**, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, it is required by law that any like commodity purchase which exceeds the bid threshold of the Township (\$44,000.00) in aggregate, be authorized by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-220020 copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

- (1) Authorizes the M.T.U.D. Purchasing Agent to purchase said Scale Computing Virtual Servers from SHI International Corp. based on the proposal provided, using the state approved New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance; and
- (2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said computer equipment delivered by SHI International Corp.; and
- (3) The contracts are awarded through this Cooperative Purchasing Program are considered fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as well as being exempt from public bidding by the Township.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-5-2022-136 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THIRD PARTY TAX LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS.

WHEREAS, Premiums have been paid for various properties for the purchase of Tax Lien Certificates for properties listed on the Tax Map of the Township of Monroe, in the amount of Nine Thousand Three-Hundred dollars and no cents (\$9,300.00),

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54: 5-33 said premiums must be returned to the purchasers upon redemption:

WHEREAS, The Tax Lien Certificates as outlined on Schedule A have been redeemed:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Monroe in the County of Middlesex in the State of New Jersey that the Township's Certified Municipal Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to draw a check from the Township's Trust Account in the amount listed on Schedule A and forward same to the Tax Collector for distribution to the purchasers.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2022-137 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF TAX
SALE CERTIFICATE.** (Block 147.12, Lot 2.1)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe is the holder of various Tax Sale Certificates covering certain Blocks and Lots in the Township of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, Redemption has been made to the following Tax Title Lien 20-00071 for that property known as Block 147.12 Lot 2.1, and assessed to Craftbuilders, Inc.,

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has requested that the aforesaid Tax Sale Certificate now be cancelled of record;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the authorization for cancellation of record for the above Tax Sale Certificate: Tax Title Lien # 20-00071 assessed to Craftbuilders, Inc., and

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2022-138 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF TAX SALE
CERTIFICATE BY ASSIGNMENT.** (Block 103, Lot 25)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, is the holder of a certain tax sale certificate acquired under and by virtue of N.J.S.A. 54:5-34; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed financially beneficial to and in the best interests of the Township of Monroe to sell such tax sale certificate by assignment to Archer Capital LLC, as hereinbelow listed:

Block/Lot	Sale Date	TSC#	Assigned Amt.	Assessed to	Property Location
103/25	10/13/16	16-00096	\$1,706.92	Rossini, Marta	73 Helmetta Road

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, on this 2nd day of May 2022, that it does hereby authorize the sale of Tax Sale Certificate #16-00096 by assignment for the consideration as hereinabove set forth, which sum shall also include the lien for unpaid subsequent taxes for periods set forth, together with costs of advertisement and sale, all as provided for and permitted under N.J.S.A. 54:5-113; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and empowered to make, execute and deliver any and all assignment forms or other legal documents which may be necessary to effectuate the sales permitted by this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2022-139 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX
OVERPAYMENTS.**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector for the Township of Monroe has recommended this Council's approval to make refunds for tax overpayments in the amount of Two Thousand Fifty-Nine dollars and Thirty-Five cents (\$2,059.35) for the amounts described on Schedule A and attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, good cause has been shown.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer be and is hereby directed to draw a check from the General Account refunding the Tax overpayments described above to be distributed as set forth on the attached Schedule A:

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-5-2022-140 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION #2 TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH H2M ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH REGULATORY COORDINATION, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND STARTUP/ COMMISSIONING OF WELL 25 FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”) (Additional \$174,900 - Well #25 located on Spotswood-Englishtown Rd and Matchaponix Ave)

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Utility Department (“M.T.U.D.”) requires additional professional engineering services which were not included in the initial agreement or modification #1, and are necessary to facilitate the completion of the Well No. 25 construction project; and

WHEREAS, H2M Associates, Inc was awarded a contract on January 4, 2017 in the amount of \$282,200.00 (Two Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Dollars), to perform the required tasks outlined in the initial proposal for the Utility Department; and

WHEREAS, H2M Associates, Inc was awarded Modification #1 on August 7, 2017 in the amount of \$46,100.00 (Forty-Six Thousand One Hundred Dollars), to perform required design modifications for the Utility Department; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2022, H2M ASSOCIATES, INC. submitted a proposal to perform additional professional engineering services in the amount of \$174,900.00 (One Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit “B”; and

WHEREAS, M.T.U.D. Purchasing Agent has reviewed the proposal for Modification #2 with the M.T.U.D. Director, by copy of memo dated April 20, 2022, has recommended that the Council approve the Modification #2 to the contact award to H2M ASSOCIATES, INC, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit “C”; and

WHEREAS, as per the proposal, the fees for said additional services to be performed in the amount of \$174,900.00 (One Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars), will bring the new total of the contract agreement total to \$503,200.00 (Five Hundred Three Thousand Two Hundred Dollars); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township’s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-170001, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

- (1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a contract modification with H2M ASSOCIATES, INC. for additional work, as outlined within the April 19, 2022;
- (2) The Township’s Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for additional services rendered by H2M ASSOCIATES, INC.in accordance with the attached proposal;
- (3) The contract modification is awarded through a fair and open RFQ/RFP process as a “professional service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;
- (4) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-5-2022-141 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO BAYHEAD INVESTMENTS INC. (dba VCI) FOR AMBULANCE MAINTENANCE, PARTS AND REPAIRS. (\$125.10/hr + 7% off msrp)

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2022, one (1) sealed bid was received by Monroe Township regarding Monroe Township **Ambulance Maintenance, Parts & Repairs**; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Business Administrator recommends in his letter dated April 12, 2022, a copy of which is attached hereto, that the contract be awarded to **Bayhead Investments, Inc. (dba VCI), 43 Jefferson Ave., Berlin, NJ with a service location at 3560 Kennedy Rd., South Plainfield, N.J.** at the unit pricing provided by the bidder of \$125.10/hour + 7% off MSRP parts for the Monroe Township Ambulance Maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the recommendations made by the Business Administrator regarding said bid; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2200038, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, no contract that is subject to the requirements of Article 3 of the Affirmative Action Regulations pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27-1, et seq.) shall be awarded by the Township of Monroe, nor shall any monies be paid thereunder, to any contractor, subcontractor of business firm that has not agreed and guaranteed to comply with Affirmative Action Regulations and to afford equal opportunity in the performance of the contract in accordance with the affirmative action plan approved under the terms established in the above-cited regulations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of a contract to **Bayhead Investments, Inc. (dba VCI)** for the Monroe Township Ambulance Maintenance, Parts and Repairs at the unit pricing provided by the bidder; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Bayhead Investments, Inc. (dba VCI)** for a contract term ending on April 3, 2023, with the provision authorizing the Business Administrator to extend for a period of two (2) additional one (1) year extensions with the consent of the bidder under the same terms, conditions and pricing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay **Bayhead Investments, Inc. (dba VCI)**, in accordance with the contract entered into between the parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract is awarded with the stipulation that **Bayhead Investments, Inc. (dba VCI)** shall comply with Affirmative Action Regulations, including revising their contracts as necessary to add mandatory affirmative action language, and submitting either a letter of federal approval or a certificate of employee information report, or a completed form AA302 at the time the signed contracts are returned to the Township of Monroe, or seven (7) days thereafter, or risk being declared non-responsive and forfeiting the award.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-5-2022-142 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2022 FORD EXPLORER FROM BEYER FORD USING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Planning and Zoning Department has the need for one (1) Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV); and

WHEREAS, the State Approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) has awarded a contract for the M.T.U.D. SUV under its contract number ESCNJ 20/21-09 titled "Pick-up Truck, Van and Sport Utility Vehicles" to Beyer Ford; and

One (1) 2022 4WD Ford Explorer (code K8B-Base model) \$30,372.85; and

WHEREAS, it is required by law that any "state contract" purchase which exceeds the bid threshold of the Township (\$40,000.00) in aggregate, be authorized by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the total amount for these vehicles exceed the Township's bid threshold in aggregate; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Financial Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2200039 copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

(1) Authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase said vehicle from Beyer Ford using the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program contract 20/21-09; and

(2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said vehicles delivered by Beyer Ford, respectively; and

(3) The contracts are awarded through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) are considered fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as well as being exempt from public bidding by the Township.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-5-2022-143

RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND DIRECTING THAT ORDINANCE O-4-2022-10 AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF PORTIONS OF REAL PROPERTY AND/OR PROPERTY INTERESTS REQUIRED FOR THE "INSTALLATION OF THE LEACHATE PUMP STATION PROJECT" TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2022, the Township Council enacted an ordinance authorizing the acquisition, by negotiated agreement or exercise of the power of eminent domain, portions of real property and/or property interests for improvements, rights of way, drainage, and temporary construction easements required for the installation of the Leachate Pump Station project, known and designated as portions of Lot 25, Tax Block 148.60 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of Monroe, Middlesex County, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b) provides that the governing body of a municipality may adopt a resolution declaring an emergency and providing for any duly-adopted ordinance to take effect less than twenty days after final passage provided at least two-thirds of all the members of the council vote in favor of such resolution; and

WHEREAS, The Township Council finds and declares that an emergency exists in light of the fact that the immediate acquisition of the real property and/or property interests, whether by negotiation or condemnation, will enable the Township to insure the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Monroe Township in connection with discharged leachate from the BFI/Republic Landfill.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 2nd day of May, 2022, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe (the "Council") that:

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b), an emergency is declared to protect the public health, safety and welfare and Ordinance No. O-4-2022-10 authorizing the acquisition of portions of real property and/or property interests required for the installation of the Leachate Pump Station Project, enacted on May 2, 2022, shall take effect immediately upon adoption of this Resolution by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of all of the members of the Township Council, and approval by the Mayor.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-5-2022-144

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS.

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to payment of normal operating expenses and no adequate provision has been made in the 2022 temporary appropriations for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purposes above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary Resolutions adopted in Year 2022, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20), including this Resolution, is **\$21,783,714.00**;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. Emergency temporary appropriations be and the same are hereby made for payment of the following entitled operating expenses:

<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION AMOUNT</u>
ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE:	
<u>Insurance</u>	
Other Expenses	\$ 25,000.00
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:	
<u>Vehicle Maintenance</u>	
Other Expenses	\$ 25,000.00
<u>Solid Waste and Recycling</u>	
Other Expenses	\$ 45,000.00
GRANT:	
<u>You Text You Drive You Lose</u>	
	\$ 10,500.00
Subtotal:	\$ 105,500.00
<u>Water-Sewer Operations</u>	
Other Expenses	\$1,402,500.00
Subtotal:	\$1,402,500.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$1,508,000.00

2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2022 Calendar Year Budget; and
3. That one (1) certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Government Services.

SO RESOLVED as aforesaid.

R-5-2022-145 RESOLUTION INTRODUCING THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

Section 1.

Municipal Budget of the TOWNSHIP of MONROE, County of MIDDLESEX for Fiscal Year 2022.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the Year 2022;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget be published in the HOME NEWS TRIBUNE in the issue of MAY 18, 2022.

The Governing Body of the TOWNSHIP of MONROE does hereby approve the Budget for the Year 2022;

RECORDED VOTE

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Councilwoman Schneider			X			
Councilwoman Siegel		X	X			
Council V. President Van Dzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the TOWNSHIP COUNCIL of the TOWNSHIP of MONROE, County of MIDDLESEX, on May 2, 2022.

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the MONROE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, 1 MUNICIPAL PLAZA, on June 1, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. at which time and

place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2022 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

R-5-2022-147 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH ALAIMO GROUP FOR 2022 ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE. (Police Dept. Building Expansion and Parking Lot -Additional \$70,000)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. R-1-2022-023, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on January 5, 2022, a Professional Service Contract with Alaimo Group for Architectural Services required by the Township of Monroe for calendar year 2022 was awarded; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe awarded professional Architectural Services for calendar year 2022 to Alaimo Group in connection with the Monroe Township Police Building Addition and Improvements Project, not to exceed \$98,000.00, Municipal Building Design and Improvements Project, not to exceed \$22,000.00 and any other architectural services as needed by the Township in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00; and

WHEREAS, additional design work is needed for the Police Department Building Expansion and Parking Lot project and Alaimo Group has requested authorization for an additional \$70,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the annual fee shall not exceed **\$190,000.00**; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the request and has found same to be reasonable; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2200014, a copy of which is attached hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey authorization is hereby given to modify said contract in the amount of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) and the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to sign the acceptance attached hereto.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-5-2022-148 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S COMMUNITY FAST CHARGER PROGRAM TO FUND PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") provides grants to offset the cost of purchasing electric vehicle charging stations; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP Community Fast Charger program is designed to expand New Jersey's growing network of electric vehicle infrastructure, allowing residents, businesses, and government agencies to purchase and drive electric vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP offers \$4 million in grants for publicly accessible electric vehicle fast charging stations within communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey authorizes the Business Administrator of the Township of Monroe, or his designee, to take all steps necessary to apply for grant funding from the NJDEP Community Fast Charger program to fund publicly accessible electric vehicle charging stations within the Township; and

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2022-149 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO SUBMIT
AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING TO THE NEW
JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CLEAN FLEET
ELECTRIC VEHICLE INCENTIVE PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“NJBPU”) supports local and state governments as they transition their fleets to electric vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the NJBPU’s Clean Fleet Electric Vehicle Incentive Program allows local and state government entities to apply for grants toward the purchase of battery electric vehicles, and electric vehicle chargers and charging stations; and

WHEREAS, In June 2021, New Jersey’s Clean Energy Program allocated a total of \$7 million for Fiscal Year 2022, dedicating \$6 million for use by state entities and \$1 million for local governments. In November the NJBPU allocated an additional \$7 million for Electric Vehicle infrastructure investment in the program, providing \$14 million in funding for the local, county and state government Electric Vehicle adoption support.; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey authorizes the Business Administrator of the Township of Monroe, or his designee, to take all steps necessary to apply for grant funding from the NJBPU Clean Fleet Electric Vehicle Incentive Program to seek funding toward non-emergency light duty electric vehicles for the Township’s fleet; and

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel	Aye
	Council Vice-President Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the following Resolutions were removed from the **CONSENT AGENDA** and considered separately: (R-5-2022-146, R-5-2022-150 and R-5-2022-151)

**R-5-2022-146 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A
DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.
54:5-52.1. (Block 23, Lot 5)**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector for the Township of Monroe has issued a tax sale certificate to Lucille DiPasquale which certificate is dated April 16, 2010 covering premises commonly known and referred to Block 23.4 Lot 5 as set out on the municipal tax map then in use which certificate bears number 10-15.

WHEREAS, the purchaser of the aforesaid tax sale certificate has indicated to the Tax Collector that they have lost or otherwise misplaced the original tax sale certificate and have duly filed the appropriate Affidavit of Loss with the Tax Collector.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the Mayor and Governing Body of the Township of Monroe, that the Tax Collector of the municipality be and is hereby authorized, upon receipt of the appropriately executed and notarized Loss Affidavit to issue an appropriate duplicate tax sale certificate to the said purchaser covering the certificate lost as previously described all in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 99 of Public Laws 1997.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution and the Loss Affidavit be attached to the duplicate certificate to be issued to said purchaser and that said duplicate certificate shall be stamped or otherwise have imprinted upon it the word “Duplicate” as required by law.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2022-150 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF CASH
MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR PB-1127-13 – MARY
HEFFRON/HOMETECH HOMES. (Block 109.37, Lot 1.2)**

WHEREAS, Hometech Homes has posted a cash maintenance guarantee for a minor subdivision project located at Block 109.37 Lot 1.2, PB-1127-13; and

WHEREAS, said maintenance guarantee has expired on November 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as defined in N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53 et seq., the Township Engineer, has inspected the work performed and the work to be completed and has recommended the Monroe Township Council approve the request for release of the cash maintenance guarantee, as detailed in a letter dated April 20, 2022, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the recommendation of the Township Engineer to release the Cash Maintenance Bond in the amount of **\$725.81**;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that Maintenance Guarantee posted for PB-1127-13, Block 109.37 Lot 1.2, be released as reflected above and within the letter annexed hereto. This approval for release of cash maintenance guarantee is conditioned upon the resolution of any outstanding balances attached to the project escrow accounts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Monroe Township Finance Department is hereby authorized and directed to release said cash Maintenance Guarantee and any escrow accounts related to this project.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2022-151 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO S & G
PAVING, INC. FOR COSTCO DRIVE ROADWAY
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2022, twelve (12) sealed bids were received by Monroe Township regarding the Costco Drive Roadway Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, by letter dated April 29, 2022, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B", has recommended *S & G Paving, Inc. 224C Forsgate Drive, N.J. 08831*, to be awarded the bid based upon their bid submission in the amount of **\$569,999.96**; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the recommendations made by the Township Engineer regarding said bid; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2200040, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, no contract that is subject to the requirements of the Affirmative Action Regulations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq. shall be awarded by the Township of Monroe, nor shall any monies be paid there under, to any contractor, subcontractor of business firm that has not agreed and guaranteed to comply with Affirmative Action Regulations and to afford equal opportunity in the performance of the contract in accordance with the affirmative action plan approved under the terms established in the above cited regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of bid to *S & G Paving, Inc.* for the *Costco Drive Roadway Improvements Project*, at a total contract price of **\$569,999.96**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with *S & G Paving, Inc.*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay *S & G Paving, Inc.* in accordance with the contract entered into between the parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract is awarded with the stipulation that *S & G Paving, Inc.* shall comply with Affirmative Action Regulations, including revising their contracts as necessary to add mandatory affirmative action language, and submitting a completed AA-201, within seven (7) days of notification of award of the contract or risk being declared non-responsive and forfeiting the award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, thereafter, a completed AA-202, monthly project workforce report, must be submitted once a month for the duration of the contract to the Department of Labor and to the Monroe Township Public Agency Compliance Officer.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Abstain
	Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel	Aye
	Council Vice-President Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

Mayor's Budget/Township Update – Mayor Dalina explained the process of meeting with the Department heads to discuss the budget and clarified that his intent with his presentation tonight is to explain what is happening within the Township. He noted that at next month's meeting there will be a public hearing and adoption of the budget; he surmised that this is the Township's 7th year of having a AA+ bond rating allowing the ability to do more with less. The new bonds are at a 1.35% rate, and we have reduced the debt by \$1.3 million in the last 5 years. He also shared that we have the lowest water and sewer rates in the region and continue to provide the best services to our residents with our Emergency Medical Services, Police Department, Senior Center, Recreation Center, and Library. Lastly, Mayor Dalina added that we will continue to fight for our fair share of funding through state advocacy and reminded everyone of what a great community we live in.

Administrator's Report – Administrator Weinberg thanked the Finance Department and their staff for putting the budget together and to piggyback on what Mayor Dalina said, we have worked hard to have the 2nd overall effective tax rate in the County.

Highlighted that we have received 12 bids for the Costco Drive Improvement Project and it is important to note that we have received a grant from the State in the amount of \$600,000 which is great.

The County has notified the Township that they will begin paving on Buckelew Avenue from Grace Hill Road to Schoolhouse Road in mid-May.

Reported that as the solar landscape moves forward, we will update how residents can sign up.

We approved a couple of utility items tonight with the approval to paint the water tank on Half Acre Road which will help extend its life and we will move forward with Well 25.

Lastly, the Parks Department is looking to hire seasonal employees, and anyone interested should reach out to our Human Resources Department. He also mentioned that the Recreation Department is also looking for summer camp counselors, anyone interested needs to at least be going into sophomore year and can reach out to the Recreation Department for more information.

Engineer's Report – No Report - absent.

Council's Reports –

Councilwoman Schneider –

- Reported on expanded transportation services for the disabled community.
- REPLENISH had a food drive last Saturday held at the Park & Ride on Applegarth Road which was a very successful event.
- Highlighted the Mayor's Wellness Campaign Bike Ride Kick-off and noted how she enjoyed seeing everyone from all ages participating. She mentioned she helped pass out healthy snacks to all who participated.
- Reported that the Library now offers walk-in notary services free of charge.
- The Community Garden plant sale is scheduled for May 14th.

Councilwoman Siegel –

- Thanked the Departments for their budget presentations.
- Announced that the Cultural Arts Commission held auditions for “Once Upon a Mattress” which will premiere in July.
- The Historic Preservation Commission hosted an Open house event at the Dey Farm.
- The Environmental Commission hosted a community clean up event last week.
- Reminded everyone that “Bag Up NJ” begins on May 4th.

Council Vice-President Van Dzura –

- Complimented Mayor Dalina and the Administration on the budget presentations and for the second year in a row of no tax increases.
- Happy to see the Solar Energy Program moving forward as green energy continues to be a topic of importance.
- Reported that he would like to see the advance of the electric charging stations around the Township and look into investing in solar panels on the telephone poles.
- Shared that he is a strong supporter of offering licenses for businesses to cultivate cannabis; went on to say that on April 23rd the opening of sales for recreational cannabis began. He stated that he understands why our Council previously voted against allowing for this use because if no action took place then we would be disallowed from taking any action for the next 5 years but strongly recommended looking at the projected revenue and how it would benefit our Township to consider allowing cannabis businesses to operate here in the future.
- Gave an update on the war in Ukraine and noted that he supports the right to free press.
- Suggested to have a link on the Township website that highlights residents and tell their stories; shared that resident Nancy Fichtelberg has been making and delivering soup to the seniors in Rossmoor.

Councilman Dipierro –

- Reported that the Shade Tree Commission distributed tree seedlings last week.
- Shared that he sent an email to CME Associates in regards to the Avenue K and Spotswood Gravel Hill Road paving job.
- Asked for an update on how many certificates of occupancy and building permits have been given for the affordable housing projects being built.
- Happy to see all of the directors working together to discuss how to move Monroe forward.
- Stated that he has not heard anything regarding the BFI update and asked when construction would begin, if there was a general update and if there is any high water table to be concerned about; Director Stroin responded that based on the update received this morning there is 16,000 feet of pipe that will be delivered to Pump Station 6 and once delivered he would venture to say that construction and drilling should begin within two weeks. He added that there is no concern over a high-water table.
- Suggested that we put a timeframe on the weight limits of the trucks traveling our roadways.
- Reported that Diane and Michael Smith are awaiting a response from the Township Engineer in regard to flooding issues on Bordentown Turnpike.
- Reported that the beacon on Monmouth Road finally works again near the Recreation Center and the park on Prospect Plains Road is waiting on the playground equipment to be delivered.
- Regarding the budget, Councilman Dipierro asked where the rollback taxes go and the tie in fees for water and sewer; Administrator Weinberg answered that everything is in the annual Financial Statement; Council President Cohen added that the budget will be introduced at next month’s council meeting and that will be an appropriate time to ask direct questions regarding the budget. CFO George Lang answered that they become part of the overall tax levy.
- Wished a Happy Mother’s Day to all.

Council President Cohen –

- Glad to see how well the information session was handled as it provided relevance to the budget discussions, and she hopes in moving forward into next year that more residents join.
- Reported that the Affordable Housing Board met and were able to provide assistance in the form of rehabilitating homes damaged by the flood in Rossmoor.
- The Mayor’s Wellness Campaign kicked off with a bike ride on Avenue K; shared that another bike ride event may be forthcoming.
- Shared that the Health Advisory Board will have a booth during the National Night Out which she is looking forward to.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Dalina shared that it is Teacher Appreciation Week and acknowledged all of the hard work the wonderful teachers do in our schools.

Also reported that it is Municipal Clerk’s Week and thanked Township Clerk Patricia Reid, Deputy Clerks Christine Robbins and Tanya Pannucci along with Lorena Thompson and Alicia Gonzalez for all of their hard work in that office.

Attended the Knights of Columbus's 50th Anniversary event.

Mentioned there will be additional installations of charging stations around the Township.

Reported that the Costco Drive Improvement Project will be 90% funded.

MTHS Armed Forces Appreciation Day will be held on May 6th at the high school auditorium.

The American Legion will have Memorial Day Services.

Wished a Happy Mother's Day to all.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the **PUBLIC COMMENTS** portion of the Meeting was opened. All were in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Peter Tufano, 10 Catherine St. – Mr. Tufano asked if the shuttle bus that was mentioned by Councilwoman Schneider could possibly be shared with the high school as there are a lot of special needs high school students that participate in sports, and it would be nice to extend that service to help get those students home after such events.

In response to Council Vice-President Van Dzura's report on the cannabis legalization, Mr. Tufano added that being high on marijuana is difficult to prove and report so that may have contributed to the low report on numbers.

Stated that last year he came before Council to discuss the flooding issues he is having on his property caused by his neighbor and again he woke up today to 4" of water in his basement. He stated that he wants someone to get back to me and get this resolved.

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab commented that Rossmoor is an all-electric community and the bills incurred by the residents are very high so he hopes that the solar energy program will help the residents living there.

Invited everyone to attend the Om Parikh 5K event being held at Thompson Park on May 15th.

Shared that there are Federal and State programs that provide \$5,000 rebates to homeowners who are changing out their entire heating and cooling systems and this is something our residents should look into.

George Gunkelman, 5 Kelly Ct. – Mr. Gunkelman asked in regard to the electric vehicle charging stations if we have any intended planned use and if the grant requires us to state what our intention is or if this is a generalized grant application. He also asked if the user would have to pay to use the charging stations; Administrator Weinberg answered that when we apply this will be for three charging stations and if we get the grant the stations come free but we would have to install them. He added that we will also apply for three electric vehicles, noting that there is a benefit to both, paying and free use which, will be part of the application process. He shared that early on many municipalities were offered the service for free but now it has moved toward paid and we are in the middle ground right now.

Mr. Gunkelman asked if the food bank receives any help from the County, State or Federal government food bank programs; Administrator Weinberg answered that we would very closely with REPLENISH which is the County's coordinating facility.

Elizabeth Fagan, 21 Woodcrest Cir. – Ms. Fagan commented that with the water and sewer cost she understands it is lower but wants to remind everyone that several residents have septic systems and are not tapped into the sewer.

Ms. Fagan commented that the Township has a lot of public buildings, and the Senior Center has a reputation of being difficult to gain access to rent space. She asked why we have so many halls and commented that the firehouses being built are huge, adding that she understands they are open to the public to use but wants to know why we are charging so much to use these facilities and when does public buildings not become public.

Asked if we have considered going back to having meetings with representatives from every department as this used to be done years ago.

Lastly, Ms. Fagan commented that the Calendar of Events on the Township's website should include events being held at the schools as the information for school events is hard to find.

Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio asked in regard to R-5-2022-151 if some of the cost will be coming from the State and if it will help the flooding in that area. She also asked as to why the DPW is not doing the paving as she believed we had machinery to do this type of work; Attorney Rainone answered that 90% of the costs will be covered by the State.

In regard to R-5-2022-141, Mrs. Arminio asked where Well 25 is located and if it is located on municipal use land as she believes that land was given as an Open Space exchange and was supposed to be designated as such; Administrator Weinberg answered that the property is located on Spotswood-Englishtown Road near Matchaponix Avenue, close to where Center State Engineering is and it is municipal land.

Mrs. Arminio commented in regard to R-5-2022-143 that the well is close to the landfill and she is concerned we will eventually find out the leachate has made its way into the well; Director Stroin responded that there should be no migration of the leachate off-site.

Peter Simon, 159C Pelham Lane - Mr. Simon shared that there is an issue with speeding trucks near Rossmoor and would like to recommend the speed limit be reduced as a means to discourage trucks from taking these roads as shortcuts. He stated that two weeks ago a tractor trailer took out a light over on Applegarth Road and there were no proper detours or police oversight. He added that there was also an overturned tractor trailer at the exit 8A turnpike entrance a few weeks ago and there was no police enforcement present to direct traffic. Mr. Simon asked what could be done to step up the enforcement; Administrator Weinberg responded that we will certainly mention to the Chief of Police about enforcing the engine breaking and we are continuing to reduce the number of trucks heading to Cranbury through Monroe. The County is also moving forward on a southern Middlesex County traffic study which will hopefully provide a path forward to implementing truck restrictions.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the **PUBLIC COMMENTS** portion of the Meeting was closed. All were in favor, none opposed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 8:48pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel	Aye
	Council Vice-President Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Christine Robbins

CHRISTINE ROBBINS, Township Deputy Clerk

Miriam Cohen

MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

Minutes were adopted on: June 1, 2022.