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

MAY 31, 2023

1. **AGENDA MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.** (6:30 p.m.)

2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG.**

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Councilwoman Miriam Cohen
Councilman Charles Dipierro
Councilman Michael Markel
Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel
Councilman Terence Van Dzura

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

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, it is hereby announced and shall be entered into the Minutes of this meeting that adequate notice has been provided by the following:

1. Posted on the Bulletin Boards within the Municipal Building on April 28, 2023 and remains posted at that location for public inspection;
2. Printed in the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE** on April 28, 2023;
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5. **PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATIONS:**

Proclamations: May 14, 2023 – Celebration of Raymond A. Perry

May 22 – June 4 - Click It or Ticket Mobilization

Presentations:

Blue Envelope Program:

The Monroe Township Police Department announces a new program to help people with Autism Spectrum Disorder during a traffic stop. Presented by Chief Michael Biennas, Sergeant Joseph Silvestri and Officer Taylor Deickmann.

Recognition of the Mayors Youth Advisory Committee:

Jason Otoo Appiah, Narayani Atchutuni, Nia Cadogan, Anusree Deevi, Jayani Dutta, Monica Grace, Shreya Harish, Sydney Jackson, Chris Jaison, Trisha Joshi, Gabriel Kelmanskiy, Ruhi Kulkarni, Shriyaa Madineni, Tharika Madireddy, Thendrel Nirmal, Anokhi Patel, Ansh Patel, Reyna Patel, Gurbani Singh, Rohan Singh, Akash Talluri, Parth Tripathi, Jannat Zaanoun, Ryaan Zahidani

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

OPEN: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____
CLOSE: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

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

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

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**REGULAR MEETING
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AGENDA

1. **REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Time: _____
MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

2. **MOTION** to approve the payment of **CLAIMS** per run date **MAY 25, 2023**.
MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
MOTION to approve the **MINUTES** of the following meetings as written and presented:
May 1, 2023 - Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting
MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

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MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes ___ Nays ___

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET INTRODUCED ON MAY 1, 2023

OPEN:

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes ___ Nays ___

CLOSE:

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes ___ Nays ___

R-5-2023-148 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

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

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

9. **Administrator's Report.**

10. **Engineer's Report.**

11. **Council's Reports.**

12. **Mayor's Report.**

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

OPEN: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

CLOSE: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

14. **Adjournment.** MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

Time: _____

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – May 31, 2023

The Council of the Township of Monroe met at the Monroe Township Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza, for the 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, Councilman Michael Markel, 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, Assistant Business Administrator Kevin McGowan, CFO George Lang, Utility Director Joseph Stroin, Township Attorney Louis Rainone, Engineer Mark Rasimowicz and Deputy Clerk Tanya Pannucci.

There were approximately thirty (30) members of the Public in attendance.

Deputy Township Clerk Christine Robbins read the following **SUNSHINE LAW** into the record:

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Council President Cohen read aloud, by title, the following Proclamations:

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Council President Cohen introduced Chief Biennas who explained that the Monroe Township Police Department is implementing a new program to help people with autism spectrum disorder during a traffic stop called the Blue Envelope Program. This program was introduced to the Police Department by a resident who inquired if this was something we could consider implementing. He went on to explain that Sergeant Silvestri did the research and with the support of the community and fellow officers he hopes this will be a successful program. Sergeant Silvestri came up and gave an overview of the program explaining that this will help facilitate better communication between the driver and officer as the “Blue Envelope” keeps all important driver documentation in one safe place to give to the officer in the event of being pulled over and on the flip side of the envelope explains what the driver’s issues are, ie. non-verbal or verbal. Sergeant Silvestri went on to say that this program is a positive one for the Township and invited anyone who is interested for either themselves, a friend or family member to contact the Police Department to set up an appointment to come in and receive a “Blue Envelope” and have an explanation of the program given to them. Chief Biennas added that Governor Murphy recently passed a law to allow a designation made on the license plates of those with autism spectrum disorder and this program will help compliment that.

Mayor Dalina alongside Councilwoman Siegel gave an overview of the Mayor’s Youth Advisory Committee, which started approximately six years ago by former mayor Gerald Tamburro. He went on to share that the Mayor’s Youth Advisory Committee has embarked on many learning ventures, such as learning about municipal government and Robert’s Rules of Order and meeting with various Department Heads of the Township to learn about their responsibilities within the Township. He went on to talk about the mock DUI crash and trial that the Mayor’s Youth Advisory Committee held that took place at the high

school to educate everyone on the dangers and reality of drunk driving. He went on to say that the members of this Committee have shown such enthusiastic interest in what we all love within the Township and extended congratulations for all their hard work.

Councilwoman Siegel shared that the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee is open to all MTHS students who are then invited to apply and submit a resume for consideration to be apart of the Committee. After careful consideration 20 students were picked to be a part of the Committee who then met once a month to learn about municipal government, as well as the Police, EMS and Clerk's departments. She went on to say that they also learned about mental health, engaging with seniors, and spent time presenting a project to the Mayor and Council as well. She extended congratulations to all the members for their hard work and enthusiasm.

Councilwoman Siegel presented certificates to the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee, which includes Committee Members: Jason Otoo Appiah, Narayani Atchutuni, Nia Cadogan, Anusree Deevi, Jayani Dutta, Monica Grace, Shreya Harish, Sydney Jackson, Chris Jaison, Trisha Joshi, Gabriel Kelmanskiy, Ruhi Kulkarni, Shriyaa Madineni, Tharika Madireddy, Thendrel Nirmal, Anokhi Patel, Ansh Patel, Reyna Patel, Gurbani Singh, Rohan Singh, Akash Talluri, Parth Tripathi, Jannat Zaanoun, Ryaan Zahidani.

A 2-minute recess was taken for pictures with the meeting reconvening at 6:47pm.

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- R-5-2023-163** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO ACCEPT CERTAIN DONATED ITEMS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR USE BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION.

- R-5-2023-164** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR DEER CARCASS REMOVAL WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE WITH KELLY WINTHROP, LLC. UNDER THE SOMERSET COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM.**
(\$35.00 per carcass - Effective through October 26, 2024)
- R-5-2023-165** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO R3M ENGINEERING, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE MOUNTS MILLS WATER MAIN RELOCATION PROJECT FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D).** (\$68,500)
- R-5-2023-166** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR UNIFORM RENTAL SERVICES TO CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2 (CINTAS) USING THE OMNIA PARTNERS NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.** (Annual price for all departments \$29,766.31 (based on estimated quantities at contract unit pricing)
- R-5-2023-167** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A FOAM CYCLE RECYCLING SYSTEM FROM FOAM CYCLE, LLC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.** (\$73,000 grant funded)
- R-5-2023-168** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS.**

Councilman Dipierro requested Resolutions R-5-2023-152 and R-5-2023-153 to be considered separately.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Markel and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the **PUBLIC COMMENTS** portion of the Meeting was opened. All were in favor, none opposed.

Public Comments:

Hy Grossman, 15 Doral Dr. – Mr. Grossman stated that he strongly supports the traffic control Ordinance for the Regency development and believes that most who live in the community will support it as well.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Siegel and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 6:53pm.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 6:53pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Michael Markel	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 Councilwoman Siegel, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **5/25/2022** were approved for payment as written and presented.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Markel and seconded by Councilman Dipierro the **MINUTES** of the **May 1, 2023 Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting** were approved as written and presented.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Charles Dipierro Aye
 Councilman Michael A. Markel 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-5-2023-017 ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 122, ARTICLE XIII OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO AUTHORIZE THE POLICE TO ENFORCE TITLE 39 OF THE NEW JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE CODE IN REGENCY AT MONROE.
 (Traffic Enforcement in Regency @ Monroe – Buckelew Avenue)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 39:5A-1 authorizes the enforcement of Subtitle 1, Title 39 of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey, the Motor Vehicle and Traffic Statutes, on private property upon receipt of a written request; and

WHEREAS, Regency at Monroe Homeowners’ Association, Inc. (the “Association”) has filed a written request for the Township of Monroe to enforce provisions of Subtitle 1, Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, in the roadways and parking areas throughout the Regency at Monroe community a residential subdivision with ingress and egress on Spotswood-Englishtown Road and Buckelew Avenue in the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 122, Article XIII of the Code of the Township of Monroe entitled “Subtitle 1 of Title 39” is hereby amended to include a new section enumerated § 122-53:

§ 122-53. Regency at Monroe

- A. General parking.
 - (1) All vehicles must park in designated areas and between the lines provided.
 - (2) No person shall park, stop or stand a vehicle in front of a fire hydrant, driveway, or within 25 feet of a crosswalk or sideline of a street.
- B. Stop intersections. The following described intersections are hereby designated as stop intersections.

Intersection	Stop Sign
All roads and aisles	As indicated on the site plan on file in the office of the Township Clerk

- C. Speed limits.
 - (1) The speed limit for both directions of travel on the following roadways are:

Name of Street	MPH	Limit
All roads	25	Entire Length

- (2) Regulatory and warning signs shall be erected and maintained to effect the above designated speed limits authorized by the Department of Transportation.
- D. Tow away zones. Any vehicle parked or standing as to obstruct or impede a normal flow of traffic, block entrances or exit ways, loading zones, oil fills, any grassy area, pedestrian walkway, or present in any way a safety or traffic hazard may be removed by towing the vehicle at the owner's expense.
- E. That all signs, posts, or other necessary materials be installed, paid for, and maintained by the Association. All signing shall conform to the current Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-198 and N.J.S.A. 39:4-183.27.
- F. Penalty. Unless another penalty is expressly provided by New Jersey Statute, every person convicted of a violation of this section or any supplement thereto shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$50 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 15 days or both.

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 Councilwoman Siegel and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-5-2023-017** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Hy Grossman, 15 Doral Dr. – Mr. Grossman reiterated his support for this Ordinance, as he feels the entire Regency community will benefit from it.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-5-2023-017** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

O-5-2023-017 ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 122, ARTICLE XIII OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO AUTHORIZE THE POLICE TO ENFORCE TITLE 39 OF THE NEW JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE CODE IN REGENCY AT MONROE.
(Traffic Enforcement in Regency @ Monroe – Buckelew Avenue)

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

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

O-5-2023-018 ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 122, ARTICLE XIII OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO AUTHORIZE THE POLICE TO ENFORCE TITLE 39 OF THE NEW JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE CODE IN FAIRWAYS AT FORSGATE.
(Traffic Enforcement in Fairways @ Forsgate – Links Drive)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 39:5A-1 authorizes the enforcement of Subtitle 1, Title 39 of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey, the Motor Vehicle and Traffic Statutes, on private property upon receipt of a written request; and

WHEREAS, the Fairways at Forsgate Homeowners' Association, Inc. (the "Association") has filed a written request for the Township of Monroe to enforce provisions of Subtitle 1, Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, in the roadways and parking areas throughout the Fairways at Forsgate community, a residential subdivision with ingress and egress on Links Drive in the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 122, Article XIII of the Code of the Township of Monroe entitled "Subtitle 1 of Title 39" is hereby amended to include a new section enumerated § 122-54:

§ 122-54. Fairways at Forsgate

A. General parking.

- (1) All vehicles must park in designated areas and between the lines provided.
- (2) No person shall park, stop or stand a vehicle in front of a fire hydrant, driveway, or within 25 feet of a crosswalk or sideline of a street.

B. Stop intersections. The following described intersections are hereby designated as stop intersections.

Intersection	Stop Sign
All roads and aisles	As indicated on the site plan on file in the office of the Township Clerk

C. Speed limits.

- (1) The speed limit for both directions of travel on the following roadways are:

Name of Street	MPH	Limit
All roads	17	Entire Length

- (2) Regulatory and warning signs shall be erected and maintained to effect the above designated speed limits authorized by the Department of Transportation.

D. One-way streets. Portions of all streets are designated as One-way streets as indicated by "One-Way" and "Keep Right" signs, and as indicated on the site plan on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

E. Tow away zones. Any vehicle parked or standing as to obstruct or impede a normal flow of traffic, block entrances or exit ways, loading zones, oil fills, any grassy area, pedestrian walkway, or present in any way a safety or traffic hazard may be removed by towing the vehicle at the owner's expense.

F. That all signs, posts, or other necessary materials be installed, paid for, and maintained by the Association. All signing shall conform to the current Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-198 and N.J.S.A. 39:4-183.27.

G. Penalty. Unless another penalty is expressly provided by New Jersey Statute, every person convicted of a violation of this section or any supplement thereto shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$50 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 15 days or both.

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 Councilman Markel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-5-2023-018** 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 Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-5-2023-018** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

O-5-2023-018 **ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 122, ARTICLE XIII OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO AUTHORIZE THE POLICE TO ENFORCE TITLE 39 OF THE NEW JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE CODE IN FAIRWAYS AT FORSGATE.**
(Traffic Enforcement in Fairways @ Forsgate – Links Drive)

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

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

O-5-2023-019 **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 39 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED “FEES”.**
(MTUD annually required developer connection fee adjustment; 24x36 copies (maps) \$5.00, zoning map \$7.00 and cost of USB thumb drives \$4.73)

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

Council President Cohen read aloud the **2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET RESOLUTIONS:**

R-5-2023-147 **RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET BE READ BY TITLE AT THE TIME OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget be read by “Title Only” at the time of the Public Hearing if a Resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one (1) week prior to the date of Hearing, a complete copy of the approved budget, as advertised, has been posted in the Municipal Building and copies have been made available by the Township Clerk to persons requesting them; and

WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2023 Municipal Budget shall be read by “Title Only” at the Public Hearing scheduled for **May 31, 2023**.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

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

Copy of Resolution Duly Filed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the **PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET INTRODUCED ON MAY 1, 2023** portion of the Meeting was opened. All were in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Hy Grossman, 15 Doral Dr. – Mr. Grossman commented that he could not find the budget on the Township’s website.

Mr. Grossman asked what the trend was for the M.T.U.D.’s connection fees; Administrator Weinberg answered that it is steady at approximately \$2.3 billion. Mr. Grossman said he is concerned because of the dependency on the dollar and the tanking economy but otherwise feels the budget is great.

Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio asked how we arrived at the \$363,744 in private revenues; Administrator Weinberg answered that the amount is the sum of the previous page.

Mrs. Arminio asked if the UCC appropriations were for the salary and wages; Administrator Weinberg answered that the amount is just their department budget.

Mrs. Arminio asked where the collection of fees was in the budget; Attorney Rainone answered that they could be found on page 6.

Mrs. Arminio asked if the UCC fees of \$2.4 million collected are withheld in the budget for the first year it is collected and then put into the budget the following year, to which Administrator Weinberg answered that it rolls into the following years budget.

Mrs. Arminio asked if surplus is kept as surplus; Administrator Weinberg and CFO Lange explained.

Mrs. Arminio asked if there were any judgements against the Township; Administrator Weinberg answered that there are no judgements.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET INTRODUCED ON MAY 1, 2023** portion of the Meeting was closed. All were in favor, none opposed.

Attorney Rainone stated that the Township is still awaiting the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to finish their technical review of the budget and sign off, therefore the budget adoption must be tabled until our next meeting which is scheduled for June 26, 2023.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **ADOPTION OF THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET** was **TABLED** until the next scheduled Combined Agenda/Regular Meeting scheduled for June 26, 2023.

R-5-2023-148 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

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

Copy of Resolution Duly Filed.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:** (R-5-2023-149– R-5-2023-168) with the exception of R-5-2023-152 and R-5-2023-153.

R-5-2023-149 RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION. (Cathleen Norback, Member & Nancy Mitricsak, Alt I)

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated May 4, 2023 has appointed the following new members:

Cathleen Norback	Member	3-Year Unexpired Term 6/1/23 – 12/31/25
Nancy R. Mitricsak	Alternate I	2-Year Unexpired Term 6/1/23– 12/31/23

WHEREAS, the Administrative Code of the Township of Monroe requires the Advice and Consent of the Council for the above appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Township Council hereby provides its Advice and Consents to the above new appointments to the **CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-5-2023-150 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 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 Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred Forty dollars and Seventy-Nine cents (\$17,640.79) for the amounts described on Schedule A and attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, good cause has been shown; and

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-5-2023-151 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING OF MAINTANENCE GUARANTEES FOR TOLL NJ II, LP. (REGENCYAT MONROE) -W&S 684.8a, 684.8b, 684.8cde, 684.8fgj, 684.hi, 684.9 & 684.10r PB # 1100-11, 1157-14, 1151-14 POSTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.).

WHEREAS, Performance Guarantees have been posted with the Monroe Township Utility Department ("M.T.U.D.") for Toll NJ II,LP. W&S 684.8a, 684.8b, 684.8cde, 684.dgj, 684.8hi, 684.9, 684.10r, PB #1100-11, 1157-14, 1151-14; and

WHEREAS, Toll NJ II, LP. has requested a release of the Performance Guarantee upon posting and acceptance of a Maintenance Guarantee; and

WHEREAS, defined in 40:55d-53 et seq., the Monroe Township Utility Department (MTUD) has inspected the work performed and the work to be completed and has recommended that the Township Council approve the release of the performance guarantee as detailed in a letter dated May 10, 2023, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A":

Release sewer reduced Performance Bond #0499940 in the amount of \$4,568.40 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$2,284.20 (15% of the original bond) and release the cash portion in the amount of \$507.60.

Release water reduced Performance Bond #0587098 in the amount of \$15,133.20 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$7,566.60 (15% of the original bond) and release the cash portion in the amount of \$1,684.80.

Release sewer reduced Performance Bond #58697107 in the amount of \$21,546.00 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$10,773.00 (15% of the original bond) and release the cash portion in the amount of \$2,394.00.

Release water reduced Performance Bond #0587099 in the amount of \$18,759.60 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$9,379.80 (15% of the original bond) and release the cash portion in the amount of \$2,084.40.

Release sewer reduced Performance Bond #0602665 in the amount of \$66,744.00 and replace with a maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$33,372.00 (15% of the original bond) and release the cash portion in the amount of \$7,416.00.

Release water reduced Performance Bond #0602666 in the amount of \$65,772.00 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$32,886.00 (15% of the original bond) and release the cash portion in the amount of \$7,308.00.

Release sewer reduced Performance Bond #019044639 in the amount of \$40,872.60 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$20,436.30 (15% of the original bond) and release the cash portion in the amount of \$4,541.40.

Release water reduced Performance Bond #019044638 in the amount of \$45,295.20 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$22,647.60 (15% of the original bond) and release the cash portion in the amount of \$5,032.80.

Release sewer reduced Performance Bond #1103130 in the amount of \$50,437.00 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$25,218.60 (15% of the original bond) and release the cash portion in the amount of \$5,604.00.

Release water reduced Performance Bond #1103131 in the amount of \$45,036.00 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$22,518.00 (15% of the original bond) and release the cash portion in the amount of \$5,004.00.

Release water reduced Performance Bond #0707125 in the amount of \$51,516.00 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$25,758.00 (15% of the original bond) and release the cash portion in the amount of \$5,724.00.

Release sewer reduced Performance Bond #0707126 in the amount of \$46,008.00 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$23,004.00 (15% of the original bond) and release the cash portion in the amount of \$5,112.00.

Release sewer reduced Performance Bond #0707124 in the amount of \$119,134.80 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$59,567.40 (15% of the original bond) and release the cash portion in the amount of \$13,237.20.

Release water reduced Performance Bond #0707123 in the amount of \$67,035.60 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$33,517.80 (15% of the original bond) and release the cash portion in the amount of \$7,448.40.

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the MTUD Director's recommendation.

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 Performance Guarantee posted for W&S 684.8a, 684.8b, 684.cde, 684.fgj, 6848hi, 684.9 684.10r and be released as reflected above and the MTUD letter annexed hereto. This approval to release a Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the provision of replacement maintenance guarantees and/or riders and the resolution of any outstanding balances attached to project escrow accounts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Monroe Township Utility Department is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the developer, and to his attorney, if applicant has been represented by counsel in this matter.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2023-154 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROCUREMENT OF
WATER & SANITARY SEWER SERVICE REPAIR PLANS FOR
MONROE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS
THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS.
(Optional Home Service Line Program)**

WHEREAS, the Township’s previous contract for water and sanitary sewer service repair plans is expiring, and it is necessary to continue to provide the qualifying residents of the Township both high quality services and savings by soliciting this service on behalf of these residents; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1(b)(3), the Township, may use a competitive contracting process which will be administered by a Qualified Purchasing Agent in lieu of public bidding for procurement of specialized goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to evaluate such services from vendors within the procedures as set forth in the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A.40A:114.1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 5:34-4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15(5) the Township desires to enter into a no cost to the Township contract for up to a seven (7) year period and will enter into a contract with the vendor whose proposal scores the highest in satisfying the needs of the Township residents.

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 Qualified Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to commence the competitive contract procurement process as allowable under the New Jersey Local Public Contract Law allowing for a minimum of 20 days’ notice after advertisement to receive responses, per N.J.S.A. 40A:114.5(a).

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2023-155 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF UTILILTY
DEPARTMENT FEES (\$1,359.96)**

WHEREAS, the Utility Department, by copy of letter dated May 15, 2023, which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, has recommended the Council approve the following Utility account fee refund:

Refund to:	Reason	Amount
Mohammad Uddin 115 Morgan Way Bldg. 25 Monroe Twp., NJ 08831	Acct # 14735-0 Request refund due to overpayment	\$ 1,359.96

WHEREAS, Council has reviewed the recommendation of the Utility Department and finds the request for the above refund to be reasonable;

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 request is hereby authorized and that a refund be made to **Mohammad Uddin in the amount of \$1,359.96**.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2023-156 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO
PRIMEPOINT, LLC. FOR A HUMAN RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (HRMS), FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF
MONROE.
(Year 1 - \$43,905, Year 2 - \$36,555)**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., when the cost of goods and/or services are under the Township’s bid threshold but exceed \$17,500.00 a resolution to approve that the contract is compliant with the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Laws; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe requires, and solicited proposals for, said system to perform numerous Human Resource related tasks and functions; and

WHEREAS, the Township received proposals from Primepoint, LLC and ADP for the aforementioned Human Resources Management System; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Manager has reviewed each with the Township's Director of Health & Human Resources and find it to be in the best interest of the Township to award a two (2) year contract to the low bidder Primepoint, LLC, 2 Springside Rd., Westhampton, NJ 08060 for their proposal in the amount of \$43,905.00 for the initial year which includes services and the implementation fee, and year two (2) in the amount of \$36,555.00 for services, the recommendation of award with a breakdown of proposals is attached hereto as Exhibit B" ; and

WHEREAS, Primepoint, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies the business entity has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Monroe in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the above named vendors from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; 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. C-2300060, a 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) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a two (2) year contract with Primepoint, LLC in accordance with their proposal;
- (2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for materials supplied by Primepoint, LLC. in accordance with their proposal;
- (3) The contract is awarded through the competitive bidding process as a fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law;

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-5-2023-157 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RELEASE OF REDUCED PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE POSTING OF MAINTANENCE GUARANTEES FOR D.R. HORTON (GATEWAY AT MONROE) W&S 1103.1, 1103.2, 1103.3 BA-5096-14 POSTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.)

WHEREAS, Performance Guarantees have been posted with the Monroe Township Utility Department ("M.T.U.D.") for D.R. Horton. W&S 1103.1, 1103.2, 1103.3, BA-5096-14; and

WHEREAS, D.R. Horton. has requested a release of the Performance Guarantee upon posting and acceptance of a Maintenance Guarantee; and

WHEREAS, defined in 40:55d-53 et seq., the Monroe Township Utility Department (MTUD) has inspected the work performed and the work to be completed and has recommended that the Township Council approve the release of the performance guarantee as detailed in a letter dated May 16, 2023, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A":

Release the reduced deep sewer Performance Bond #21BSBHI5919 in the amount of \$279,553.20 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount \$139,776.60 (15% of the original bond) and release the cash portion in the amount of \$31,061.70.

Release the shallow sewer Performance Bond #21BSBHI5922 in the amount of \$463,502.00 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount \$69,525.30 (15% of the original bond) and release the cash portion in the amount of \$51,500.00.

Release the east tract water Performance Bond #21BSBHI5921 in the amount of \$126,364.00 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount \$18,954.60 (15% of the original bond) and release cash portion in the amount of \$14,040.00.

Release the reduced west tract water Performance Bond #21BSBHI5920 in the amount of \$101,065.50 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount \$50,532.75 (15% of the original bond) and release the cash portion in the amount of \$11,229.60.

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the MTUD Director's recommendation;

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 Performance Guarantee posted for W&S 1103.1, 1103.2, 1103.3 and be released as reflected above and the MTUD letter annexed hereto. This approval to release a Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the provision of replacement maintenance guarantees and/or riders and the resolution of any outstanding balances attached to project escrow accounts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Monroe Township Utility Department is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the developer, and to his attorney, if applicant has been represented by counsel in this matter.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2023-158 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE
REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT
AND LIEN ON BLOCK 160.5 LOT 6.**

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2013, Edduil A. Camacho and Nichola A. Syphus (“Camacho/Syphus”) entered into a Rehabilitated Affordable Housing Agreement with the Township of Monroe restricting Camacho/Syphus from selling or conveying title to the property for a period of ten years pursuant to Monroe Ordinance 131-8 and N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq, said Agreement having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on September 16, 2013, in Mortgage Book 15447 on Page 0432; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Lien states that “the terms, restrictions and covenants of this Agreement shall automatically expire ten (10) years from the date that the housing rehabilitation work was completed”; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Affordable Housing Board advises of the successful completion of the Affordable Housing Lien and has consented to the termination of the Affordable Housing Lien annexed hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Affordable Housing Lien held by Camacho/Syphus is hereby satisfied and the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Release of Rehabilitated Affordable Housing Agreement, annexed hereto as Exhibit “B”.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2023-159 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND
THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX PROVIDING FOR A
MIDBLOCK RAPID FLASHER CROSSWALK ON
APPLEGARTH ROAD BETWEEN PROSPECT PLAINS ROAD
AND CRANBURY HALF ACRE ROAD.**

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe and the County of Middlesex (collectively the “Parties”) both desire the installation of a midblock rapid flasher crosswalk on Applegarth Road between Prospect Plains Road and Cranbury Half Acre Road; and

WHEREAS, the above mentioned parties in discharge of their public duties are desirous of jointly providing for the improvements as set forth in the attached agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute original copies of the Agreement providing for a midblock rapid flasher crosswalk on Applegarth Road between Prospect Plains Road and Cranbury Half Acre Road, Monroe, New Jersey, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**R-5-2023-160 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP
CLERK TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH INTERNATIONAL FIREWORKS
MANUFACTURING COMPANY. (July 4th \$20,500)**

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Department of Recreation seeks professional services in connection with a public display of fireworks on July 4, 2023 at Thompson Park in Monroe Township; and

WHEREAS, **International Fireworks Manufacturing Company** possesses the professional expertise needed for such an activity; and

WHEREAS, the fees for such services will not exceed **\$20,500.00** for the July 4th display of fireworks; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for such an engagement in Certificate No. C-2300061, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)) authorizes the award of contracts for “professional services” without competitive bids and further provides that the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, no agreement that is subject to the requirements of Article III of the Affirmative Action Regulations pursuant to P.L. 1975, Chapter 127 (N.J.S.A. 17:27-1 et seq.) shall be awarded by the Township of Monroe, nor shall any monies be paid thereunder, to any contractor, subcontractor or 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 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, State of New Jersey as follows:

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached contract with **International Fireworks Manufacturing Company**, P.O. Box 6, 242 Sycamore Road, Douglassville, PA 19518;

(2) The Finance Department is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by **International Fireworks Manufacturing Company** in an amount not to exceed **\$20,500.00** for the July 4th display of fireworks;

(3) This contract is awarded without competitive bidding 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) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that the International Fireworks Manufacturing Company contract shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language, and shall submit to the Township of Monroe a Business Registration Certificate and Certificate of Insurance within thirty days of contract execution; and

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

R-5-2023-161 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED BY FISCHER CONTRACTING, INC. UPON THE POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE NORTH STATE HOME, LOWER MATCHAPONIX & SPOTSWOOD GRAVEL HILL ROAD PEDESTRIAN & ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

WHEREAS, **Fischer Contracting Inc.** has posted Performance Guarantees for the North State Home, Lower Matchaponix & Spotswood Gravel Hill Road Pedestrian and Roadway Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS **Fischer Contracting, Inc.** has requested a release of the Performance Guarantees posted for this project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated April 26, 2023, has recommended, release of the Performance Guarantees; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the recommendations of the Township Engineer.

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 Performance Guarantees posted for the North State Home, Lower Matchaponix & Spotswood Gravel Hill Road Pedestrian and Roadway Improvements Project, be released as reflected in the Township Engineer’s letter dated April 26, 2023, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantees is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$80,520.80**. Such maintenance guarantee shall run for a period of not less than two years from the date of memorialization of such action by the Council.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2023-162 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF 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 Eighteen-Thousand Five-Hundred dollars and no cents (\$18,500.00),

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-5-2023-163 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
TO ACCEPT CERTAIN DONATED ITEMS OF PERSONAL
PROPERTY FOR USE BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION.**

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Historic Preservation Commission has adopted policies and procedures for the collection and acceptance of donated personal property; and

WHEREAS, the Borsuk family of the Township of Monroe has approached representatives of the Historic Preservation Commission seeking to donate items of personal property identified in **Attachment A** to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe is seeking authority from the Monroe Township Council to accept the donations of items of personal property identified in **Attachment A**, and thereafter appropriate the items of personal property identified in **Attachment A** for use by the Monroe Township Historic Preservation Commission; 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 accept all donated items of personal property identified in Attachment A to this resolution, at no cost to the Township of Monroe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 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 appropriate all donated items of personal property identified in Attachment A for use and appropriate caretaking by the Monroe Township Historic Preservation Commission; and

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2023-164 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR DEER
CARCASS REMOVAL WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
WITH KELLY WINTHROP, LLC. UNDER THE SOMERSET
COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM.
(\$35.00 per carcass - Effective through October 26, 2024)**

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, is a member of the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System #2SOCCP; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Somerset entered into a two-year agreement for Deer Carcass Removal with Kelly Winthrop, LLC, 1110 New Parkview Place, West Palm Beach, FL 33417 effective October 27, 2022 through October 26, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe wishes to utilize Kelly Winthrop, LLC for deer carcass removal effective immediately and expiring October 26, 2024, under the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System Bid #2-SOCCP for the removal and sanitary disposal at a disposal facility licensed to receive carcasses as follows:

<u>Bid No.</u>	<u>Bid/Contract Title</u>	<u>Pricing Info.</u>
CC-0058-22	Deer Carcass Removal	\$35.00 per deer carcass; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units without public bidding is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to utilize Kelly Winthrop, LLC for deer carcass removal within the Township of Monroe, under the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System effective immediately and expiring on October 26, 2024.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-5-2023-165 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO R3M ENGINEERING, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE MOUNTS MILLS WATER MAIN RELOCATION PROJECT FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D). (\$68,500)

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Utility Department (M.T.U.D.) has the need for Professional Engineering Design and Construction Services in connection to the Mount Mills Water Main Relocation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq, after advertisement on the M.T.U.D. and Township’s website for not less than 10 days, Statements of Qualifications for General Water & Sewer Engineering Services were publicly opened for calendar Year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the R3M Engineering, Inc was selected as a qualified firm to perform these services; and

WHEREAS, R3M Engineering, Inc. has submitted a proposal dated May 22, 2023 for the required work totaling \$68,500.00, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the M.T.U.D. Director has found the proposal to be acceptable, and recommends a contract be awarded to R3M Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$68,500.00; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-230017, a 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) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with R3M Engineering, Inc. for Professional Engineering Design and Construction Services, in accordance with the proposal submitted in the amount of \$68,500.00.
- (2) The Township Chief Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by R3M Engineering, Inc. in accordance with the attached proposal;
- (3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding 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) The contract award is subject to R3M Engineering, Inc. providing the required valid certificate of insurance is provided.
- (5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-5-2023-166 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR UNIFORM RENTAL SERVICES TO CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2 (CINTAS) USING THE OMNIA PARTNERS NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE. (Annual price for all departments \$29,766.31 (based on estimated quantities at contract unit pricing)

WHEREAS, various departments of the Township of Monroe are to be provided uniform rental services; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe is permitted to join national cooperative purchasing agreements under the authority of N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b)(3), and is a member of the National Purchasing Cooperative Omnia Partners National Cooperative Purchasing Program with authorization by Council Resolution No. R-12-2022-297; and

WHEREAS, the Omnia Partners Cooperative Purchasing Program has, after competitively bidding, awarded a contract under its contract #R-BB-19002 titled “Facilities management Products and Solutions” for said uniform rental services; and

WHEREAS, Cintas has submitted a proposal dated May 16, 2023, which meets the requirements of the Township, at a total annual price for all departments of \$29,766.31 (based on estimated quantities at contract unit pricing), a copy of the proposal is attached hereto as **Exhibit “C”**; 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. C-2300062 copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**; 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-230016 copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit "B"**; and

WHEREAS, after consultation with the Assistant Superintendent of Public Works, the Township Purchasing Manager has recommended a (3) three-year contract be awarded to Cintas based on their proposal in a letter dated May 22, 2023. Supporting documentation required by the Division of Local Government Services via LFN 2012-10 for purchasing via National Purchasing Cooperatives, a copy of which shall be kept on file at the Township, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “D”:

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 Township enter into a (3) three-year contract with Cintas Corporation using the Omnia Partners Cooperative Purchasing Program for Uniform Rental Services; and
- (2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said uniform rental services from Cintas.; and
- (3) The contracts is awarded through a National 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-5-2023-167 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A FOAM CYCLE RECYCLING SYSTEM FROM FOAM CYCLE, LLC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. (\$73,000 grant funded)

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2023, the Township Council adopted Resolution No. R-2-2023-065, authorizing the submission of the 2023 Special Recycling Enhancement Grant Application for the purchase of a foam recycling machine; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Middlesex adopted Resolution No. 23-450-R, authorizing the award of the Foam Municipal Recycling Enhancement Grant to the Township of Monroe in the total amount of \$73,000 (grant funded); and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Department of Public Works, has the need to purchase 1 (one) Foam Recycling System to combat the polystyrene (Styrofoam) concerns throughout the Township, from *Foam Cycle LLC, P.O. Box 181, Augusta, N.J. 07822*; and

WHEREAS, the details are as follows:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>
1	Complete Foam Cycle Recycling System Including delivery, installation and onsite training	\$73,000.00

WHEREAS, the Township QPA by copy of letter dated May 24, 2023, recommends the award of contract to *Foam Cycle LLC, P.O. Box 181, Augusta, N.J. 07822*, in the amount of **\$73,000.00** for the purchase of one complete foam cycle recycling system; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. C-2300063, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

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 to the purchase of one complete foam cycle recycling system from Foam Cycle LLC at a total purchase price of \$73,000.00 (grant funded); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay *Foam Cycle LLC*. in accordance with the contract entered into between the parties.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-5-2023-168 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY 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 2023 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 2023, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20), including this Resolution, is **\$50,198,329.88**;

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:

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

<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION AMOUNT</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:	
<u>Council</u>	
Other Expenses	\$ 3,000.00
<u>Clerk</u>	
Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE:	
<u>Administration</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 38,000.00
<u>Human Resources</u>	
Other Expenses	\$ 40,000.00
<u>Transportation</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 20,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 25,000.00
<u>Insurance</u>	
General Liability	\$ 20,000.00
<u>Recreation</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 240,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 25,000.00

Human Relations

Salaries & Wages	\$	450.00
Other Expenses	\$	300.00

Parks

Salaries & Wages	\$	60,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	25,000.00

Finance

Other Expenses	\$	5,000.00
Data Processing	\$	30,000.00

Police Department

Other Expenses	\$	50,000.00
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Police Department-911

Salaries & Wages	\$	10,000.00
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Streets and Roads

Other Expenses	\$	100,000.00
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Vehicle Maintenance

Salaries & Wages	\$	25,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	100,000.00

Solid Waste

Other Expenses	\$	6,000.00
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Building and Grounds

Salaries & Wages	\$	75,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	100,000.00

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE:

Animal Control

Other Expenses	\$	5,000.00
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OTHER TOWNSHIP AGENCIES:

Zoning Board

Other Expenses	\$	10,000.00
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Open Space and Farmland Preservation Commission

Salaries & Wages	\$	250.00
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Environmental Commission

Salaries & Wages	\$	700.00
Other Expenses	\$	1,000.00

Cultural Arts Commission

Salaries & Wages	\$	4,400.00
Other Expenses	\$	10,000.00

Economic Development Commission

Salaries & Wages	\$	500.00
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Health Advisory Board

Salaries & Wages	\$	300.00
Other Expenses	\$	100.00

Senior Services
 Other Expenses \$ 20,000.00

Recreation Advisory Board
 Salaries & Wages \$ 300.00
 Other Expenses \$ 1,300.00

Construction Official
 Other Expenses \$ 10,000.00

Celebrated Public Events
 Other Expenses \$ 37,000.00

OTHER TOWNSHIP AGENCIES:

Utilities \$ 420,000.00

Central Mail \$ 10,000.00

Defined Contribution Retirement Plan \$ 1,500.00

Storm water Management
 Other Expenses \$ 25,000.00

Ambulance Service
 Salaries & Wages \$ 200,000.00
 Other Expenses \$ 200,000.00

Debt Service \$ 1,635,418.96

Subtotal \$ 3,595,518.96

Water-Sewer Operations
 Salaries & Wages \$ 790,000.00
 Other Expenses \$ 2,400,000.00
 Social Security \$ 35,000.00
 Debt Service \$ 310,000.00

Subtotal \$ 3,535,000.00

TOTAL BUDGET \$ 7,130,518.96

2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2023 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.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Michael A. Markel	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 Councilman Markel, the following Resolutions were removed from the **CONSENT AGENDA** and considered separately: (R-5-2023-152 and R-5-2023-153)

R-5-2023-152 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES FOR W&S 1153, BLOCK 35, LOT 31.05 & 31.06 – PB-1184-16 POSTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.). (Mounts Mill Road)

WHEREAS, Matthew Kisver has posted a Performance Guarantee for W&S 1153, Block 35, lot 31.05 & 31.06; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Kisver has requested a 70% reduction in the Performance Guarantee posted for the project; and

WHEREAS, defined in 40:55d-53 et seq., the Monroe Township Utility Department (MTUD) has inspected the work performed and the work to be completed and has recommended that the Township Council approve the request for a 70% reduction in the bond, as detailed in a letter dated May 12, 2023, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A":

Performance Bond #BX21007891600067 in the amount of \$53,643.60 to be reduced to \$16,093.08 and the cash performance guarantee in the amount of \$5,960.40 to be reduced to \$1,788.12.

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the MTUD Director's recommendation.

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 Performance Guarantee posted for W&S 1153 be reduced as reflected above and the MTUD letter annexed hereto. This approval for a 70% Reduction is conditioned upon the provision of replacement guarantees and/or riders and the resolution of any outstanding balances attached to project escrow accounts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Monroe Township Utility Department is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the developer, and to his attorney, if applicant has been represented by counsel in this matter.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-5-2023-153 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM THE TREE ESCROW FUND (\$7,450.00)

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 96 of the Monroe Township Code entitled "Shade Trees and Shrubbery; Landscaping", a Tree Escrow Fund has been created to hold and disburse fees paid in lieu of tree replanting by developers or property owners removing trees; and

WHEREAS, the Fund is to be used to maintain, preserve and protect the municipal tree cover; and

WHEREAS, the overall health and vitality of Monroe Township's tree cover is at risk due to the Emerald Ash Borer infestation, which has spread to ash trees throughout the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that purposes of the Tree Escrow Fund are served by funding the removal of dead or diseased ash trees within the Township, which pose a danger to healthy trees and to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds within the Tree Escrow Fund in Certificate No. C-2300059, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe authorizes the expenditure of not more than \$7,450.00 for the removal of approximately 14 Ash trees, when invoices are tendered by RKD, from the Tree Escrow Fund;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Finance Department is hereby authorized and directed to pay Power Saws of America, Inc. t/a RKD Tree Service from the Tree Escrow Fund, for the services provided.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

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

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

Administrator's Report – Before giving his report, Administrator Weinberg invited Director Stroin up to give an update on the BFI project; Director Stroin stated that the pump station is complete with the exception of the control panel. He added that the control panel has shipped and will take approximately 1 week to install, therefore he is confident that this will be completed before school lets out.

Administrator Weinberg reported that a preconstruction meeting has been held for the 2023 Roadway Improvement Project.

The DPW yard, softball complex and Construction parking lot upgrades have been completed and look beautiful. He extended thanks to Engineer Rasimowicz for all his hard work and involvement in this project.

The Senior Center will have a ribbon cutting for their new outdoor pavilion which will allow for more activities to be held outside.

Engineer's Report – Engineer Rasimowicz reported that the demolition on Mounts Mills Road has been completed and the demolition on Docks Corner Road is nearing completion.

The ADA restrooms at Veterans Park are near completion, we are still awaiting materials to finish.

The 2023 Roadway Improvement Project is set to begin in July/August. This project encompasses 16 roadways and includes the municipal, police and EMS lots.

The Spotswood Gravel Hill Road Roadway Improvement Project has been sent to the NJDEP for approval and it is his hope that it will be awarded at the next Council meeting.

Council President Cohen added that she toured the newly improved DPW yard and saw the new foam machine which is a game changer for the Township's recycling process. She added that the yard is nice, clean and bright with employees who truly enjoy being there.

Council's Reports –

Councilman Dipierro –

- Asked for an update on the Prospect Plains/Applegarth Road project; Engineer Rasimowicz responded that this is a County sponsored project with the Township in the process of acquiring the land. Councilman Dipierro asked if there was an idea of when this would be ready to which Engineer Rasimowicz answered that it all depended on how long it takes to acquire the various land necessary for the project to move forward.
- Commented that the Old Bridge/Mounts Mills Road project seems to have taken years and with R3M handling the water conflict he asked if there was an update; Engineer Rasimowicz stated that this is a County project which they bid and plan to award at the next County meeting. He added that he does not have time of completion but will be meeting shortly for a preconstruction meeting and will report back once he finds out. Councilman Dipierro stated that he would like to attend the preconstruction meeting to which Attorney Rainone answered that the County does not allow members of Council or the public to attend those meetings as the attendance is strictly meant for the professionals.
- Noted that June 1st through the 7th is First Aid Awareness Week and extended thanks to all the First Responders for the work that they do to help us.
- Commented that the new foam machine at the DPW will be very beneficial to the Township. He added that the employees are dedicated and appreciative and they have made the DPW what it is today. He noted that the contractor, DPW and Center State did a phenomenal job completing that project as it looks beautiful.
- Extended thanks to the Finance Department for their work on the budget as he met with them to have his questions answered noting that it is a budget that makes sense and makes everyone aware of our reality.
- Thanked the Clerk's Office for their hard work during election season.
- Reported that the County would remill and repave Spotswood Englishtown Road to take care of the standing water and waviness of the paving and was wondering if there were any updates about the status of that; Engineer Rasimowicz commented that there is no schedule for them to come back. Councilman Dipierro stated that in going forward we should have our inspectors go over their

work and put the County on notice for work that they have done that is not up to par. He added that during the last project they were in charge of, there were M.T.U.D. valves that were paved over and paving done during the cold, which ends with results that were not what was expected.

- Attended the Memorial Day ceremony at Veteran's Park, commenting that there was a nice turnout with everyone paying their respects to those who put their lives on the line for our freedom.
- Thanked Director Stroin and his staff for the hydrant flushing.
- As liaison for the Shade Tree Committee, he noted that Arbor Day was yesterday and was invited to attend an event at Oak Tree School that was organized and educational. Thanked Pam Broskie and the Administration at Oak Tree for putting it together.
- Shared that May 25th holds significance to him as not only is it Armed Forces Day but he lost his dad 28 years ago on that day as well. He shared that he attended the Armed Forces Day ceremonies held at the high school which were very touching and nicely done.
- Wished all the father's a very Happy Father's Day.

Engineer Rasimowicz added that the Spotswood Englishtown Road project noted in Councilman Dipierro's report had an equipment malfunction and he is working with the County to have that, as well as various other issues addressed.

Councilman Markel –

- Reported that his first month on the Council has been interesting as he attended a plethora of events and extended thanks to the Administration for keeping him going.
- As liaison to the Commission on Aging and Open Space he has learned a lot so far including that thousands of residents walk through the Senior Center building to attend activities and events there. He also shared that our transportation services help transport thousands of residents each month. He advised those looking to register at the Senior Center to come earlier in the day. Regarding Open Space, he noted that the Committee analyzes where to put Open Space within the Township which includes things like wetlands, horse trails and passive recreation.
- Attended Interfaith Prayer Day, Om 5K Walk/Run, Indian Culture Day at Barclay Brook School, Armed Forces Day and the Memorial Day ceremonies.

Councilwoman Siegel –

- Commended the Mayor, Finance Department and Administration on the budget as it is very comprehensive and responsible.
- Visited the DPW and saw the foam machine which is a game changer for the Township's recycling operations.
- Commented that the Senior Center pavilion is beautiful and allows for more outdoor activities to take place.
- Attended the 11th Annual Indian Culture Heritage Day which is always a fun and educational event that highlights the beauty and diversity within the Indian culture.
- Attended the Memorial Day ceremonies which had a nice turnout and honored those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.
- Attended the Oak Tree School Arbor Day Celebration which was very educational, noting that the Kindergarteners and 3rd graders were so knowledgeable.
- The Cultural Arts Commission will host a 1970's rock show at the Performing Arts Center on June 4th. Also, the Summer Concert Series will be returning in July for the concerts in the park.
- The Historic Preservation Committee will have a guest speaker on June 4th from 1-4pm. They also have put together an exhibit honoring the Veteran's which she invited all to come out and see.

Council Vice-President Van Dzura –

- Attended the Armed Forces Day ceremonies at the high school, noting that this event involved all to show and tell what they have been through which was eye opening.
- Attended the Memorial Day ceremonies to honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.
- Noted that the War in Ukraine has been going on for 1-1/2 years now.
- Toured the DPW yard, commenting that it looks fantastic.
- Excited to see the implementation of the Blue Envelope Program as getting pulled over is nerve wracking for anyone and even more so for those who have autism spectrum disorder.
- Attended the Indian Heritage Day event at Barclay Brook School which was very educational.
- Shared that the high school's lacrosse team has won their 5th straight GMC title.
- The Recreation Advisory Committee has announced that there is now a cricket club.
- Complimented the Administration and Finance Department for their hard work on the budget.
- Noted that Sean Dowling is no longer the Athletic Director of the high school and wished him well on his future endeavors as he will be missed.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dalina commented that in addition to Memorial Day being held in May, it is also Military Appreciation Month. He shared that he watched a movie called “Devotion” which is based off a true story about the Navy’s first black pilot, Jesse Brown and his wingman Tom Hudner who fought in the Korean War. He added that this movie encompasses heroism, friendship and sacrifice and recommended all to watch it.

Commented on the budget, stating that it is a process that is continuously ongoing and extended thanks to the Administration, Council, and citizens of the Township. He asked for patience while we await the DCA to review and sign off on it.

Shared that he toured the newly paved DPW yard, commenting that it is not only clean but less intimidating to the residents utilizing it.

Received \$118,000 in Clean Communities grant money which is exciting. Also shared that the Township has applied and received \$76,000 in grant monies for two volleyball courts which will be placed at Veteran’s Park.

Thanked Bill, Kim and Matthew for bringing the Blue Envelope Program to the attention of the Police Department; also extended thanks to Chief Biennas and his department for their due diligence in getting this important program implemented.

Reported that we are partnering up with the County’s Surrogate’s Office to have the County Surrogate at the Library providing their services for wills, probates, and trusts.

Excited to share that the Monroe Senior Softball League kicked off their season and invited all to come out and watch them play.

The Fishing Derby will be held on June 10th and the Spray Park is officially open for the summer season.

Our Library will once again host a Farmer’s Market which is set to begin on June 22nd and run through September 14th.

The Mayor’s Wellness Commission will embark on a lesson in Tai-Chi which is set for June 3rd at 10:30am at Veteran’s Park. Mayor Dalina also shared that he participated in the TD Five Boro Bike Tour on May 7th where he biked 40 miles.

Noting that tomorrow is June 1st, Mayor Dalina encouraged everyone to get out and enjoy the weather and lastly wished all the father’s a Happy Father’s Day.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **PUBLIC COMMENTS** portion of the Meeting was opened. All were in favor, none opposed.

Public Comments –

Beth Dipierro, 404 Spotswood-Gravel Hill Rd. – Mrs. Dipierro reported that Verizon users are not receiving the Monroe channels and when inquiring as to what the problem was she was told that it is a Township issue with the Verizon hookup at the high school; Administrator Weinberg responded that the server is no longer functioning, and we are currently partnering with the school to purchase a new server. With that being said, this will take a bit of time so in the meantime all information can be accessed on Township’s YouTube channel and will also be placed on the Township’s website.

Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio asked in regard to the NJDOT grant what roadway will that cover; Engineer Rasimowicz answered that this will cover Spotswood Gravel Hill Road to Avenue K and Matchaponix Avenue.

Mrs. Arminio asked for clarification on R-5-2023-165, which is the professional services contract with R3M, and asked why the water main is being relocated; Engineer Rasimowicz answered that this is part of the intersection improvement project with the County, and we are responsible for relocating.

Mrs. Arminio asked if there is a fee to join the coop regarding R-5-2023-166; Administrator Weinberg answered that we contract every year for employee uniforms and cleaning services and joining this coop gives us the best pricing to provide that service.

Thanked the Mayor and Council for the work at the DPW yard and for the foam recycling machine.

Wished everyone a Happy Spring and Summer.

Harold Kane, 480B Newport Way – Mr. Kane stated that he wanted to pick Engineer Rasimowicz’s brain regarding the issue with Prospect Plains Road stating that years ago there was a proposal to widen that roadway from the Cranbury line with Phase I beginning on Applegarth Road and asked if this was ever approved and if there were any updates; Engineer Rasimowicz answered that the proposal was discussed 20+ years ago where it was talked to widen the roadway to five lanes but currently the proposal is to widen it to three lanes with no proposal for the Rossmoor culvert crossing to be widened as it was done already.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the **PUBLIC COMMENTS** portion of the Meeting was closed. All were in favor, none opposed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Siegel and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 8:14pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Michael A. Markel	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 26, 2023.