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

**MAY 6, 2024**

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

2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG.**

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Charles Dipierro  
Councilman Michael Markel  
Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel  
Council Vice President Terence Van Dzura  
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4. Township Clerk reads the **SUNSHINE LAW** into the record.

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

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CLOSE:                      MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_                      SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_

10. **Agenda Meeting Adjournment.**                      Time: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_                      ROLL CALL: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_

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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 1, 2024**.

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_ ROLL CALL: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

**March 4, 2024 - Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting**

**April 1, 2024 - Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting**

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7. **RESOLUTIONS removed** from consent agenda for **CONSIDERATION (if needed)**.  
MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_ ROLL CALL: Ayes \_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_
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: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLOSE: MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_
13. **Adjournment.** MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – May 6, 2024**

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 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, Utility Director Joseph Stroin, Township Attorney Louis Rainone, Engineer Mark Rasimowicz and Deputy Clerk Tanya Pannucci.

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

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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.

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Mayor Dalina stated that this award ceremony is something that not only himself but all of Council and Administration looks forward to; he thanked all the students and their families for their hard work and commitment in exemplifying the 6 Pillars of Character.

A brief recess was taken for pictures with the meeting reconvening at 7:00pm.

Township Clerk Christine Robbins read the following entitled **ORDINANCES** for **SECOND READING** at the **MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024** Regular Council Meeting:

**O-4-2024-007**      **BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS AT OLD BRIDGE-ENGLISHTOWN ROAD AND MOUNTS MILLS ROAD IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,300,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,190,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

**O-4-2024-008**      **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 97 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED, “TREE PRESERVATION”.**  
(Amendments to comply with NJDEP recommendations)

Township Clerk Christine Robbins read the following entitled **ORDINANCES** for **INTRODUCTION** at the **MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024** Regular Council Meeting:

**O-5-2024-009**      **ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.**

**O-5-2024-010**      **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE SECTION 108-5.27 ENTITLED “STORMWATER MANAGEMENT.” (Privately Owned Salt Storage)**

Council President Cohen read the following entitled **RESOLUTIONS** for **CONSIDERATION** at the **MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024** Regular Council Meeting: (R-5-2024-128 – R-5-2024-150)

- R-5-2024-128**                    **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF GREGORY SLAVICEK AS DIRECTOR & SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.**
- R-5-2024-129**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX AND THE PROSECUTORS' OFFICE REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF AND RESPONSIBILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION (ALPR) DEVICES AND/OR VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS OWNED BY THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX. (Two Cameras)**
- R-5-2024-130**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ORION II MONROE 8A LOGISTICS CENTER II, LLC AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES FROM THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D."). (Rhode Hall Rd)**
- R-5-2024-131**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES FOR MATTHEW KISVER – W&S 1153, PB-1184-16 POSTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D."). (Mounts Mills Rd)**
- R-5-2024-132**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES FOR CT107 SHARED COMMERCIAL LLC & DT107 SHARE COMMERCIAL LLC (STARBUCKS), W&S 1131-2, BA-5204-21 POSTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D."). (Rt. 33)**
- R-5-2024-133**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSITNG OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES FOR TOLL BROTHERS INC. (MONROE PLACE) W&S 1010-4, PB-1118-12 POSTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D."). (Butcher Rd)**
- R-5-2024-134**                    **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES. (Christopher Ryan – 5 yr. term)**
- R-5-2024-135**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO WATER REMEDIATION TECHNOLOGY LLC. FOR CONTRACT NO. 538 "WRT Z-88 MEDIA REPLACEMENT" FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D."). (\$950,000)**
- R-5-2024-136**                    **RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AUTHORIZING REFUND OF UTILITY WATER CONNECTION FEE ("M.T.U.D.") (\$3,282.00)**
- R-5-2024-137**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2024 FORD F-250 FROM ALL AMERICAN FORD OF PARAMUS USING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. (Total Cost: \$73,360.33)**
- R-5-2024-138**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL SUBMITTED BY SCOZZARI BUILDERS INCORPORATED IN CONNECTION WITH THE VETERAN'S PARK ADA RESTROOM, PARK OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (Change Order No. 1 – Final; Contract decrease of \$12,088.21)**

- R-5-2024-139** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER STATE ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH 2024 COMMUNITY GARDEN IMPROVEMENTS – JAKE’S LAW PLAYGROUND, RESTROOM & SITE IMPROVEMENTS (Not to exceed \$195,000)
- R-5-2024-140** RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH.
- R-5-2024-141** RESOLUTION APPOINTING REGISTRAR, DEPUTY REGISTRAR AND ALTERNATE REGISTRARS OF VITAL STATISTICS.
- R-5-2024-142** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS TO THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GREEN TEAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (“G.T.A.C.”).
- R-5-2024-143** RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COMBINATION OF CERTAIN ISSUES OF GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, INTO A SINGLE ISSUE OF BONDS AGGREGATING \$22,986,000 IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT. (Combining Resolution – Twp.)
- R-5-2024-144** RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COMBINATION OF CERTAIN ISSUES OF WATER/SEWER UTILITY BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, INTO A SINGLE ISSUE OF BONDS AGGREGATING \$13,900,000 IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT. (Combining Resolution – Utility)
- R-5-2024-145** RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF \$36,886,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2024, CONSISTING OF \$22,986,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND \$13,900,000 WATER/SEWER UTILITY BONDS, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE. (Allows for permanent financing of notes)
- R-5-2024-146** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF FINAL CHANGE ORDER FOR DEMAIO ELECTRICAL COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEACHATE PUMP STATION PROJECT FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”). (\$40,000)
- R-5-2024-147** RESOLUTION AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 507, MTUD PUMP STATION NO. 2 UPGRADES TO SCAFAR CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”) (\$5,698,500)
- R-5-2024-148** RESOLUTION INTRODUCING THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.
- R-5-2024-149** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY 2024 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS.
- R-5-2024-150** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF APPROPRIATED GRANT RESERVES.

Councilman Dipierro requested Resolutions R-5-2024-131 and R-5-2024-134 to be considered separately.

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

**Public Comments:**

**George Gunkelman, 5 Kelly Ct.** – Mr. Gunkelman asked for clarification on O-4-2024-007 as to what the Township’s portion is; Administrator Weinberg answered that the Township will share half the cost with our responsibility being 50% of the design costs, 100% of the construction is the responsibility of the County and a 50/50 split of construction costs will be shared by the County and the Township. He went on to say that the overall cost is \$2.3 million which is the Township’s share and noted that the County is

the lead on the project. Mr. Gunkelman asked what the life expectancy of the traffic signal improvements are to which Engineer Rasimowicz responded that it is hard to give an estimate as it is dependent on the traffic in the area but he would guess approximately 20 years. Engineer Rasimowicz went on to explain that there will be full construction of the intersection done with underground storage for stormwater management.

Mr. Gunkelman asked in regard to R-5-2024-135 what the period of time is; Director Stroin responded that it depends on the flow of the media but typically is 7-8 years.

Mr Gunkelman asked for clarification on R-5-2024-145; Director Stroin responded that this is for the total rehabilitation of the existing pump station and gave an overview as to the necessity. Mr Gunkelman asked what the lifespan of the work being done will be to which Director Stroin responded 40 years.

Mr. Gunkelman asked in regard to R-5-2024-143 what we were bonding; Attorney Rainone responded that all is listed within Section 2 along with the useful life of each. Administrator Weinberg responded that the amount for R-5-2024-143 is for 14 years at \$22,986,000 and for R-5-2024-144 is for 25 years at \$13,900,000.

**Brittany Pompliano, 66N Disbrow Hill Rd.** – Ms. Pompliano stated that she is being harassed by a council member due to issues with a neighboring property; she added that she is working with the Township and Zoning to address issues on her property as she is doing her best to create a life for her and her daughter and continue being a contributing member to the community and hopes the harassment stops as it is unethical.

**Sadia Awwal, 13 Belmont Ct.** – Mrs. Awwal asked to speak about an issue she is having with creating a pollinator garden on her property to which she was asked to come back and speak during the second public comment portion of the meeting as this public comment period is for agenda items only.

**Brian Fabiano, 19 Patricia Pl.** – Mr. Fabiano asked what the difference is for the cameras being installed by the County opposed to the flock cameras we have purchased and installed throughout the Township; Administrator Weinberg answered that the County has a different provider and will install two additional cameras which will benefit our Township. He added that the County will be paying for these cameras as well. Mr. Fabiano asked why they want to install to which Administrator Weinberg and Mayor Dalina responded that they will coordinate with our Police Department to sync these cameras in real time allowing the County to disperse security measures throughout the County in helping towns that do not have flock cameras installed.

**Lucille Panos, 1208C Lindera Plz.** – Mrs. Panos asked if we will be reimbursed for Ordinance O-4-2024-007; Attorney Rainone responded that this is a public project with the cost passed down to the Township.

In regard to O-5-2024-009, Mrs. Panos asked how much we were exceeding and what is the established CAP; Administrator Weinberg answered that the allowable increase is 2 ½ % and went on to explain that every town is allowed to ask for an additional 1% and must pass an Ordinance to be allowed to do so.

Mrs. Panos asked what the specifics of the developer's agreement is in regard to R-5-2024-130; Administrator Weinberg explained that this is for a logistics center to which Director Stroin added that this agreement outlines the responsibility of the Township and the developer.

Mrs. Panos commented that the Township needs to step up their game with their purchase of a non-electric 2024 F-250 as posed in R-5-2024-137.

Mrs. Panos asked who the Deputy Registrar is as noted in R-5-2024-141; Township Clerk Christine Robbins explained that the deputy registrars are within the Clerk's Office who handles the issuance and processing of vital records.

Mrs. Panos asked if questions could be submitted regarding the budget prior to the next meeting and asked if department meetings were held to which Council President Cohen responded that department meetings were not held, and any questions can be addressed during the public hearing which is scheduled for the next meeting.

**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 Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 7:22pm.

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 Markel and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 7:23pm.

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

Councilman Dipierro asked for clarification on the Cell Tower payments listed on pages 24 and 25 of the bill list; Administrator Weinberg answered that these are escrow payments received for cell towers that have been installed.

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **5/1/24** 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 Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Markel, the **MINUTES** of the following meetings as written and presented:

**March 4, 2024 - Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting**

**April 1, 2024 - Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting**

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-4-2024-007            ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS AT OLD BRIDGE-ENGLISHTOWN ROAD AND MOUNTS MILLS ROAD IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,300,000 THERFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,190,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1.        The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Township") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$2,300,000, including the sum of \$110,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$2,190,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is signal improvements at Old Bridge-Englishtown Road and Mounts Mills Road, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Township may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 10 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$2,190,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$547,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

Section 7. The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3(a) hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the

Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Markel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-4-2024-007** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Public Comment.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-4-2024-007** 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-4-2024-007                      ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS AT OLD BRIDGE-ENGLISHTOWN ROAD AND MOUNTS MILLS ROAD IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,300,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,190,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

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-4-2024-008                      ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 97 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED, "TREE PRESERVATION".**  
(Amendments to comply with NJDEP recommendations)

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 97 of the Code of the Township of Monroe is hereby amended as follows: (new text is in **red and underlined**, text to be deleted is ~~struck~~)

**Chapter 97**  
**TREE PRESERVATION**

- § 97-1. Findings; purpose.**
- § 97-2. Definitions.**
- § 97-3. Establishment of Conservation Officer.**
- § 97-4. Cutting or removal restricted.**
- § 97-5. Tree removal permits.**
- § 97-6. Tree Escrow Fund established.**
- § 97-7. Replacement trees.**
- § 97-8. Criteria for tree removal without replacement trees.**
- § 97-9. Enforcement.**



**§ 97-10. Violations and penalties.**

**§ 97-11. Appeal.**

**§ 97-2. Definitions.**

The following words and expressions used in this Chapter shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

ARBORIST – A professional in the practice of arboriculture, which is the cultivation, management, and study of individual trees, shrubs, vines, and other perennial woody plants in dendrology and horticulture. An arborist is sometimes referred to as a "tree surgeon" or less commonly "arboriculturist and must be licensed as a Tree Expert or Tree Care Operator. [NJ Statute 45:15C-11.]

CRITICAL ROOT ZONE – The minimum volume of roots necessary for the maintenance of tree health and stability.

DIAMETER AT POINT OF MEASUREMENT BREAST HEIGHT (DBH) - The diameter of a tree measured four and one half (4 1/2) feet (forestry method) above the ground level on the downhill side for existing trees. Trees utilized in the replacement of existing trees or proposed as part of a landscape plan, shall be measured twelve (12) inches above ground level for trees over a four (4) inch caliper. The measurement shall be six (6) inches above grade for trees up to four (4) inch caliper (nursery method). Diameter at point of measurement may appear as the abbreviation "DPM." The diameter of the trunk of a tree greater than 4" generally measured at a point four and a half feet above ground level from the uphill side of the tree. For species of trees where the main trunk divides below the 4 1/2 foot height, the DBH shall be measured at both stems and when divided above the 4 1/2 foot height the measurement is taken as a single stem. When tree forks at 4 1/2" measurement is taken at the point representative of the tree true diameter.

HAZARD TREE – Dead, dying, diseased, defective or decayed trees, or trees that obstruct, causing damages to structures or of a public health, safety and welfare as determined by a NJ LTE.

RISK TREE – the likelihood of a conflict and severity of the potential consequences or tree failure occurring and affecting a target – personal injury, property damage, or disruption of activities.

SOLAR – All trees removed for solar installations will be replaced in accordance with §97-7

SPIKES – Arborist spurs or spikes, commonly referred to as "gaffs," "spurs," "hooks," etc., used for the primary means of ascending a tree that was destined for removal or personnel rescue operation.

TOPPING – The practice of removing whole tops of trees or large branches and/or trunks from the tops of trees, leaving stubs or lateral branches that are too small to assume the role of a terminal leader. Other common names for the practice include "hat-racking," "heading," "rounding over," and "tipping." Some species of trees are more likely to recover from topping than others.

TREE REMOVAL – "Tree removal" means to kill or to cause irreparable damage that leads to the decline and/or death of a tree. This includes, but is not limited to, excessive pruning, application of substances that are toxic to the tree, over-mulching or improper mulching, and improper grading and/or soil compaction within the critical root radius around the base of the tree that leads to the decline and/or death of a tree. Removal does not include responsible pruning and maintenance of a tree, or the application of treatments intended to manage invasive species.

**§ 97-5. Tree removal permits.**

A. Permit Required.

- (1) No person shall remove or destroy or cause to be or allow to be removed or destroyed any tree of 2 1/2" or greater for street trees or any other tree four (4) inch caliper or larger without first obtaining a tree removal permit unless exempt under this Chapter. Tree removal permits shall be issued by the Conservation Officer.

(4) ~~Less than four (4) inches in caliper.~~ less than 2 ½” for street trees and 4” for all others.

**§ 97-7. Replacement trees.**

F. Trees shall be monitored by the applicant for a period of 2 years and be replaced within 1 year from the verified date of decline.

**§ 97-8. Criteria for tree removal without replacement trees.**

A. Existing residential property.

(1) If the application is on behalf of an existing homeowners association or a developed property not exempt from the provisions of this Chapter, and the total number of trees, other than

A. Trees to be Removed	Replacement Trees		
Caliper	# of Trees	Caliper or Dollar Amount	
<u>One tree greater than 2 ½” for street trees, for 4” and up to 8” for others</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2 — 2 ½”</u>	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
One tree greater than 8" and up to 12"	2	2 - 2 ½”	<del>\$ 480.00</del> <u>\$ 600.00</u>
One tree greater than 12" and up to 16"	4	3”	\$ 1,680.00 <u>\$ 1,920.00</u>
One tree greater than 16" and up to 20"	5	3”	\$ 2,100.00 <u>\$ 2,400.00</u>
One tree greater than 20" – 24"	6	3 ½ ” – 4”	\$ 2,880.00 <u>\$ 3,000.00</u>
One tree greater than 24 - 28"	7	3 ½ - 4”	\$ 3,360.00 <u>\$ 3,500.00</u>
One tree greater than 28 - 32"	8	4”	\$ 3,840.00 <u>\$ 4,200.00</u>
One tree greater than 32"	10	4”	\$ 4,800.00 <u>\$ 5,250.00</u>

Specimen Trees, to be removed or destroyed on the property or open space area in question which is the subject of the application is ~~ten (10) or less, the permit shall be issued without replacement trees required.~~ 4 or less per acre over a 5 year period, the applicant must submit justification by a NJ LTE as per 45:15C – 11.

(2) ~~Within any one (1) year period, permits may be used for removal of a total of no more than ten (10) trees on the same property without replacement trees being required.~~

Hazard trees may be removed with no fee or replacement requirement as verified by a NJ LTE.

**§ 97-9. Property Maintenance. Public areas.**

A. All sidewalks, steps, driveways, parking spaces and similar paved areas for or used by the public shall be kept in a proper state of repair free of all snow, ice, mud, overhanging trees and shrubs which obstruct walkways, and other debris, and shall be maintained free of hazardous conditions. It shall be the owner's responsibility to maintain such areas, except that the occupant shall remain responsible for such areas bordering or on the premises of any single-family dwelling, including mitigation of dead, dying, diseased, defective or decaying trees. If any sidewalk driveway or portion thereof, by virtue of its state of repair shall constitute a danger to the public health and safety, the sidewalk driveway or portion thereof shall be replaced.

**§ 97-9. § 97-10. Enforcement.**

**§ 97-10. § 97-11. Violations and Penalties.**

**Section 2.** If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the Courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall only apply to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

**Section 3.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

**Section 4.** 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 Dipierro, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-4-2024-008** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Public Comment.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-4-2024-008** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Markel 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-4-2024-008                      ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 97 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED, "TREE PRESERVATION".**  
(Amendments to comply with NJDEP recommendations)

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 Councilman Markel 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-5-2024-009                      ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.**

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

**O-5-2024-010                      ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE SECTION 108-5.27 ENTITLED "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT." (Privately Owned Salt Storage)**

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 Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:** (R-5-2024-128– R-5-2024-150 with the exception of R-5-2024-131 and R-5-2024-134 which will be considered separately)

**R-5-2024-128                      RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF GREGORY SLAVICEK AS DIRECTOR & SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-43 and Chapter 3, Article IX of the Code of the Township of Monroe has appointed Gregory Slavicek as *Director and Superintendent of the Monroe Township Department of Public Works*; and

**WHEREAS**, the appointment of *Director and Superintendent of the Monroe Township Department of Public Works* shall be effective May 1, 2024 and shall run coterminous with the term of Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, expiring December 31, 2027, or until the appointment and qualification of their successor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administrative Code of the Township of Monroe requires the Advice and Consent of the Council for such appointments;

**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 appointment of Gregory Slavicek as *Director and Superintendent of the Monroe Township Department of Public Works*.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2024-129                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX AND THE PROSECUTORS' OFFICE REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF AND RESPONSIBILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION (ALPR) DEVICES AND/OR VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS OWNED BY THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX. (Two Cameras)**

**WHEREAS**, The County of Middlesex is committed to supporting its local municipalities and government agencies within the County in their efforts to provide for the public safety and welfare of its residents by ensuring that the law enforcement agencies within the County have access to state of the art equipment in furtherance of public safety duties and efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Middlesex has received funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and has allocated a portion to support public safety efforts within its border, in order to work cooperatively and in partnership with Federal, State, County and local jurisdictions to support public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, with the authorization of the Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners has entered into a contract for the purchase and installation of ALPRs and video surveillance equipment utilizing the American Recovery Act Grant funding to support these public safety initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the ALPR and video surveillance equipment owned by the County of Middlesex, at the Prosecutor's discretion through the coordination and consultation with State, County and local law enforcement professionals, may be deployed in jurisdiction in the County of Middlesex based upon crime statistics, public safety needs and crime prevention efforts and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement agencies and their respective governing bodies that wish to be considered for the deployment of this investigative equipment within their respective jurisdiction are hereby required to execute this Memorandum of Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, by execution of this Memorandum of Agreement, Middlesex County and the Middlesex County Prosecutors' Office will establish a partnership for collaborative efforts with the Township of Monroe and the State of New Jersey to provide for the detection and deterrence of crime and promote the safety and welfare of the citizens of Middlesex County.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, that the Mayor and Chief of Police are hereby authorized to execute the Memorandum of Agreement with Middlesex County and the Middlesex County Prosecutors' Office regarding the installation of and responsibilities associated with automated license plate recognition (ALPR) Devices and/or Video Surveillance Cameras owned by the County of Middlesex in accordance with the terms set forth in the attached Agreement.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2024-130**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER’S AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ORION II MONROE 8A LOGISTICS CENTER II, LLC AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES FROM THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).  
(Rhode Hall Rd)**

**WHEREAS**, ORION II MONROE 8A LOGISTICS CENTER II, LLC (the “**Developer**”) is the developer of certain real property generally located on Rhode Hall Road, also known as Lots 2.02, 4.01, and a portion of 4.02 in Block 82 and Lots 19-42 in Block 82.15 on the Tax Map of the Township of Monroe (the “**Subject Property**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Developer, proposes to construct a 409,598 sq. ft., 46.01-foot-high warehouse on the Subject Property comprising 381,038 sq. ft. of warehouse use and 28,560 sq. ft. of office use (the “**Project**”), as outlined in the Preliminary Site Plan Approval with (d)(1) use variance, a (d)(6) height variance, bulk variances, and design exceptions, under Application No. BA-5226-22, adopted by the Township of Monroe Zoning Board on May 30, 2023 and memorialized on June 27, 2023 (the “**Resolution**”); and

**WHEREAS** the Project will be developed in proximity to multiple communities, including the existing circular residential development at Woodcrest Circle (said development referred to herein as “**Woodcrest Circle**”), and as part of the Developer’s prior construction of a warehouse project on property at Lot 3.01 in Block 82, adjacent to the Subject Property, a sanitary sewer line was constructed beneath Lincoln Boulevard and a portion of Woodcrest Circle; and

**WHEREAS**, as a condition of the Approvals and as part of the Project, Developer has agreed and will be required to provide sanitary sewer service to Woodcrest Circle pursuant to the conditions of the Resolution, which include but are not limited to constructing a sewer lateral to connect the dwellings in Woodcrest Circle to the existing sanitary sewer line, which said construction is to commence before or immediately upon commencement of the Project, paying any connection fees due for connection of the dwellings in Woodcrest Circle to the sanitary sewer line, restoring any damage to the properties in the dwellings in Woodcrest Circle caused by the installation of the sanitary sewer line and/or the connection of the dwellings to the sanitary sewer line, and milling and paving Woodcrest Circle (from curb-to-curb) at the completion of the installation of the sanitary sewer line and/or the connection of the dwellings to the sanitary sewer line, as set forth in the Developer’s Agreement and further outlined in the Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Developer has requested water and sewer service for the Project from the Monroe Township Utility Department (“**M.T.U.D.**”), and has agreed to comply with all conditions and requirements of all prior adopted approving Resolutions; and

**WHEREAS**, after analysis and review, M.T.U.D. has determined it is in its best interest to enter into a Developer’s Agreement in a form substantially similar to the form attached hereto in order to provide the Project with water and sewer service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Attorney has reviewed the agreement attached hereto as **Attachment A**; and

**WHEREAS**, execution of the attached agreement in a form substantially similar to the form attached hereto, subject to the approval of the Township Attorney, is in the best interests of the Township of Monroe; and

**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 Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute a Developer’s Agreement with ORION II MONROE 8A LOGISTICS CENTER II, LLC, in a form substantially similar to the form attached hereto as **Attachment A**, subject to the review and approval of the Township Attorney, for the purpose of providing water and sewer services to the warehouse project being developed by ORION II MONROE 8A LOGISTICS CENTER II, LLC.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2024-132**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES FOR CT107 SHARED COMMERCIAL LLC & DT107 SHARE COMMERCIAL LLC (STARBUCKS), W&S 1131-2, BA-5204-21 POSTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).  
(Rt. 33)**

**WHEREAS**, Performance Guarantees have been posted with the Monroe Township Utility Department (“M.T.U.D.”) for CT107 Shared Commercial LLC & DT107 Shared Commercial LLC. W&S 1131-2, Block, 4.01 lot 15.01; and

**WHEREAS**, CT107 Shared Commercial LLC & DT107 Shared Commercial LLC have 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 April 16, 2024, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A":

Reduce sewer cash Letter of Credit in the amount of \$27,960.00 to a cash Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$4,194.00 (15% of the original Letter of Credit).

Reduce water cash Letter of Credit in the amount of \$15,960.00 to a cash Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$2,394.00 (15% of the original Letter of Credit).

**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 1131-2 to 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-5-2024-133                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSITNG OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES FOR TOLL BROTHERS INC. (MONROE PLACE) W&S 1010-4, PB-1118-12 POSTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”). (Butcher Rd)**

**WHEREAS**, Performance Guarantees have been posted with the Monroe Township Utility Department (“M.T.U.D.”) for Toll Brothers Inc. W&S 1010-4, Block 1.14, lot 13.02; and

**WHEREAS**, Toll Brothers Inc. 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 April 16, 2024, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A":

Release reduced water Performance Bond #9273365 in the amount of \$72,511.20 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$36,255.60 (15% of the original bond) and release cash portion in the amount of \$8,056.80.

Release reduced sewer Performance Bond #9273364 in the amount of \$49,442.40 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$24,721.20 (15% of the original bond) and release cash portion in the amount of \$5,493.60.

**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 1010-4 to 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-5-2024-135                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO WATER REMEDIATION TECHNOLOGY LLC. FOR CONTRACT NO. 538 “WRT Z-88 MEDIA REPLACEMENT” FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”). (\$950,000)**

**WHEREAS**, on April 23, at 10:00 AM, one (1) sealed bid was received, publicly opened and read aloud, for the “538 WRT Z-88 Media Replacement” bid, as required by the M.T.U.D.; and

**WHEREAS**, the low bidder was Water Remediation Technology, LLC. in the amount of \$950,000.00, a copy of the bid tabulation sheet is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, the M.T.U.D. Purchasing Manager has reviewed the low bid of Water Remediation Technology, LLC. with the MTUD Director and has determined it to be correct, reasonable and responsible, has recommended that a contract be awarded to Water Remediation Technology, LLC. based on their low bid of \$950,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has reviewed the recommendations made regarding said bid; 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 W Water Remediation Technology, LLC. in accordance with their submitted bid;
- (2) The Township Chief Municipal Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services provided by Water Remediation Technology, LLC in accordance with their bid;
- (3) The contract is awarded through the competitive bid process in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law;

This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Water Remediation Technology, LLC. shall provide the required bonds and properly executed certificate of insurance as required by the specifications, as aforesaid.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2024-136                    RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AUTHORIZING REFUND OF UTILITY WATER CONNECTION FEE (“M.T.U.D.”) (\$3,282.00)**

**WHEREAS**, the Utility Department, by copy of a letter dated March 27, 2024, copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, has recommended the Council approve the following utility water connection fee:

Refund to:	Reason	Amount
Narender Kanuganti 58 Begonia Lane Bldg. 19 Monroe Twp., N.J. 08831	requesting refund of water connection fee for 169 Applegarth Road as home will no longer be built on property.	\$3,282.00

**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 **Narender Kanuganti in the amount of \$3,282.00.**

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2024-137                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1)  
2024 FORD F-250 FROM ALL AMERICAN FORD OF PARAMUS  
USING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF  
NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING  
PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT  
OF PUBLIC WORKS. (Total Cost: \$73,360.33)**

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Department of Public Works has the need for one (1) 2024 Ford F-250 4x4 SD Crew Cab Truck to replace an existing 2005 F-250 SD Crew Cab Truck; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) has awarded a contract for such vehicles under its contract number ESCNJ 23/24-11, from *All American Ford of Paramus, 375 Route 17, Paramus, NJ 07652* for the purchase as follows:

<b>1 - 2024 Ford F-250 4x4 SD Crew Cab Truck (without equipment) -</b>	<b>\$63,717.88</b>
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$63,717.88; and</b>

**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 this vehicle exceeds 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 Purchase Order No. C-2400048\_ a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase an *emergency lighting package* to outfit this new vehicle under Whelan, New Jersey State Contract (17-FLEET-00761 with the installation to be performed by *East Coast Emergency Lighting, 200 Meco Drive, Millstone Township, NJ 08535*, an authorized vendor under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) contract number ESCNJ 23/24-11 , for the Monroe Township Department of Public Works as hereinbelow set forth:

<b>2024 F-250 XLT Emergency Lighting Package (equipment only) -</b>	<b>\$9,642.45</b>
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$9,642.45; and</b>

**WHEREAS**, the detailed accessories for the vehicle is attached hereto and made a part of; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in **Certificate No. C-2400049**, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B";

**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 Department of Public Works to purchase said vehicle from All American Ford of Paramus using the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program contract 23/24-11; and
- (2) Authorizes the Department of Public Works to have the new vehicle outfitted with an emergency lighting package by East Coast Emergency Lighting; and
- (3) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said vehicles delivered by All American Ford of Paramus, respectively; and
- (4) 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-5-2024-138                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL SUBMITTED BY SCOZZARI BUILDERS INCORPORATED IN CONNECTION WITH THE VETERAN’S PARK ADA RESTROOM, PARK OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (Change Order No. 1 – Final; Contract decrease of \$12,088.21)**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. R-12-2022-325, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on December 5, 2022, a contract was awarded to Scozzari Builders Incorporated in connection with the Veteran’s Park ADA Restroom, Park Operations and Maintenance Facilities Improvements Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the original total contract amount was \$950,998.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer, in a letter dated January 26, 2024, requested approval of Change Order No. 1 and Final for the Veteran’s Park ADA Restroom, Park Operations and Maintenance Facilities Improvements Project reflecting a **decrease of \$12,088.21** in the contract amount, as a result of reductions of unnecessary bid items, as described in the attached change order; and

**WHEREAS**, the current contract price including this change order decrease is **\$938,909.79**; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 1 and Final, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2024-139                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER STATE ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH 2024 COMMUNITY GARDEN IMPROVEMENTS – JAKE’S LAW PLAYGROUND, RESTROOM & SITE IMPROVEMENTS (Not to exceed \$195,000)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe seeks professional engineering services for the surveying, construction administration and inspection services necessary in connection with the **2024 Community Garden Improvements – Jake’s Law Playground, Restroom & Site Improvements**; and

**WHEREAS**, Center State Engineering possesses the technical expertise required to perform said professional engineering services for this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the fees for such services will not exceed One Hundred and Ninety Five Thousand dollars (**\$195,00.00**); and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for such an engagement in Certificate No. C-2400050, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) 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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the 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 *Center State Engineering, 481 Spotswood-Englishtown Road, Monroe Township, NJ 08831*, in accordance with the Agreement annexed hereto.
- (2) The Department of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to pay Invoices for services rendered by Center State Engineering for professional engineering services in connection with the project design, preparation of plans and specifications and contract preparation (Design Phase Only) necessary in connection with the **2024 Community Garden Improvements – Jake’s Law Playground, Restroom & Site Improvements** in an amount not to exceed Nine Thousand Five Hundred dollars (**\$195,000.00**).

- (3) The Contract is awarded with the stipulation that *Center State Engineering* shall include within the Contract Mandatory Affirmative Action language and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action document within the time period prescribed by law.
- (4) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2024-140                      RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council, at a meeting held on March 1, 2021, adopted Ordinance No. O-2-2021-002 establishing an Advisory Board of Health; and

**WHEREAS**, the Advisory Board of Health shall consist of seven (7) members and two alternates and such representation shall be filled by appointments of the Mayor and Township Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council appointments to the Advisory Board of Health shall be as follows *nunc pro tunc*:

<u>Appointed</u>		<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Miriam Cohen, Council Representative	01/01/2024	1 yr.	12/31/2024
Brian Fletcher	01/01/2024	3 yrs.	12/31/2026
Harold Herskowitz	01/01/2024	3 yrs.	12/31/2026
Shesha Desai - Alternate	01/01/2024	2 yrs.	12/31/2025

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the above membership of the Advisory Board of Health has been duly moved, seconded, and approved by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on May 6, 2024.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2024-141                      RESOLUTION APPOINTING REGISTRAR, DEPUTY REGISTRAR AND ALTERNATE REGISTRARS OF VITAL STATISTICS.**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 26:8-13 requires that each municipality designate one of its officers as the Township Registrar of Vital Statistics, a Deputy Registrar, and, in addition Alternate Deputy Registrars of Vital Statistics as needed;

**WHEREAS**, the term of office for these titles is three (3) years; and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of the Registrar, Deputy Registrar and Alternate Deputy Registrars currently expire on December 31, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, Cassandra Achille was recently hired as Deputy Township Clerk for the Monroe Township Clerk's Office and holds a CMR certification; and

**WHEREAS**, Cassandra Achille shall be appointed as Alternate Deputy Registrar and added to the following appointments listed below effective immediately:

Registrar	Christine Robbins	Expiring 12/31/2026
Deputy Registrar	Tanya Pannucci	Expiring 12/31/2026
Alternate Deputy Registrar	Cassandra Achille	Expiring 12/31/2026
Alternate Deputy Registrar	Lorena Thompson	Expiring 12/31/2026

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, that it hereby appoints **CASSANDRA ACHILLE** Alternate Deputy Registrars of Vital Statistics to fill the three (3) year term, said terms ending on December 31, 2026.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2024-142 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS TO THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GREEN TEAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (“G.T.A.C.”).**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe (“Township”), in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey has made a commitment to optimize the quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

**WHEREAS**, in an attempt to achieve the sustainable goals and in support of Green Initiatives, the Township Council, at a meeting held on July 1, 2013, adopted Resolution No. R-7-2013-175 establishing a Sustainable Jersey Green Team Advisory Committee (“GTAC”) to work towards Sustainable Jersey certification and to advise the Township on means to enhance municipal operations with “Green” initiatives which are economically and environmentally sound through research and evaluation; and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of the appointments to the Green Team Advisory Committee have expired;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Environmental Commission, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe does hereby approve and authorize the appointments of the following members to the Green Team Advisory Committee, effective January 1, 2024 *nunc pro tunc*, through December 31, 2024 as hereinbelow set forth:

- Charles Dipierro, Council Representative
- Joseph Slomian, DPW, Recycling Coordinator
- Renee Haider, Environmental Commission and Green Team Chair
- Carolyn Barna, DPW
- Theresa Zamorski, Environmental Commission Secretary
- Mihir Mujumdar, Environmental Commission Chair
- Surabhi Agarwal, Environmental and Shade Tree Commission
- Roger Dreyling, Environmental Commission
- Sudha Radhakrishnan, Resident
- Catharine Hunt, Resident
- Pradeep Byram, Resident
- Sadia Awwal, Resident

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2024-143 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COMBINATION OF CERTAIN ISSUES OF GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, INTO A SINGLE ISSUE OF BONDS AGGREGATING \$22,986,000 IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT. (Combining Resolution – Twp.)**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:**

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(f), the Bonds of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Township"), authorized pursuant to the bond ordinances of the Township heretofore adopted and described in Section 2 hereof shall be combined into a single and combined issue of General Improvement Bonds in the principal amount of \$22,986,000.

The principal amount of Bonds authorized by each bond ordinance to be combined into a single issue as above provided, the bond ordinances authorizing the Bonds described by reference to the number, the improvement description and the date of adoption, and the period or average period of usefulness determined in each of the bond ordinances are respectively as follows:

<b>Bond Ordinance Number</b>	<b>Principal Amount of Bonds</b>	<b>Description of Improvement and Date of Adoption of Ordinance</b>	<b>Useful Life</b>
O-6-2011-17	\$89,000	Various 2011 capital improvements, finally adopted June 27, 2011.	11.27 years
O-8-2012-29	\$131,500	Various 2012 capital improvements, finally adopted August 27, 2012.	13.24 years
O-7-2015-10	\$276,000	Various 2015 capital improvements, finally adopted July 6, 2015.	8.75 years
O-6-2016-22	\$420,000	Various 2016 capital improvements, finally adopted July 6, 2016.	11.78 years
O-6-2017-14	\$300,000	Various 2017 capital improvements, finally adopted July 5, 2017.	12.24 years
O-2-2020-03	\$1,200,000	Pedestrian and roadway improvements, finally adopted March 2, 2020.	15 years

<b>Bond Ordinance Number</b>	<b>Principal Amount of Bonds</b>	<b>Description of Improvement and Date of Adoption of Ordinance</b>	<b>Useful Life</b>
O-8-2020-17	\$2,700,000	Various 2020 capital improvements, finally adopted September 2, 2020.	7.94 years
O-3-2021-06	\$1,850,000	Various capital improvements, finally adopted May 3, 2021.	10 years
O-6-2021-18	\$2,244,500	Various capital improvements, finally adopted August 2, 2021.	11.23 years
O-2-2022-06	\$2,000,000	Various capital improvements, finally adopted February 7, 2022.	10 years
O-2-2022-07	\$100,000	Various capital improvements, finally adopted March 7, 2022.	10.57 years
O-6-2022-16	\$1,600,000	Open space improvements, finally adopted August 1, 2022.	15 years
O-6-2022-17	\$1,014,000	Various capital improvements, finally adopted August 1, 2022.	11.15 years
O-2-2023-07	\$4,000,000	Various capital improvements, finally adopted March 6, 2023.	23.41 years
O-2-2023-08	\$300,000	Open space recreation improvements, finally adopted March 6, 2023.	15 years
O-2-2024-05	\$4,761,000	Improvements to Applegarth School, finally adopted March 4, 2024.	15 years
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,986,000</b>		

The following matters are hereby determined with respect to the combined issue of Bonds:

The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of Bonds presently authorized to be issued pursuant to each of the bond ordinances and the respective periods or average period of usefulness therein determined, is not less than 14.04 years.

The Bonds of the combined issue shall be designated "General Improvement Bonds" and shall mature within the average period of usefulness herein determined.

The Bonds of the combined issue shall be sold and issued in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law applicable to the sale and issuance of bonds authorized by a single bond ordinance and, accordingly, may be sold with other issues of bonds.

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

None of the Bonds described in Section 2 hereof have been sold or issued heretofore, and the several bond ordinances described in Section 2 have not been rescinded and now remain in full force and effect as authorizations for the respective amounts of Bonds set opposite the descriptions of the bond ordinances in Section 2.

The several purposes or improvements authorized by the respective bond ordinances described in Section 2 hereof are purposes for which bonds may be issued lawfully pursuant to the Local Bond Law and are all purposes for which no deduction may be taken in any annual or supplemental debt statement.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2024-144                      RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COMBINATION OF CERTAIN ISSUES OF WATER/SEWER UTILITY BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, INTO A SINGLE ISSUE OF BONDS AGGREGATING \$13,900,000 IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT.**  
 (Combining Resolution – Utility)

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:**

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(f), the Bonds of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Township"), authorized pursuant to the bond ordinances of the Township heretofore adopted and described in Section 2 hereof shall be combined into a single and combined issue of Water/Sewer Utility Bonds in the principal amount of \$13,900,000.

The principal amount of Bonds authorized by each bond ordinance to be combined into a single issue as above provided, the bond ordinances authorizing the Bonds described by reference to the number, the improvement description and the date of adoption, and the period or average period of usefulness determined in each of the bond ordinances are respectively as follows:

<b>Bond Ordinance Number</b>	<b>Principal Amount of Bonds</b>	<b>Description of Improvement and Date of Adoption of Ordinance</b>	<b>Useful Life</b>
O-12-2015-24	\$2,900,000	Acquisition of water allocation rights and improvements to Well #25, finally adopted December 28, 2015.	33.10 years
O-6-2016-21	\$400,000	Various 2016 water-sewer improvements, finally adopted July 6, 2016.	19.69 years
O-6-2017-15	\$450,000	Various 2017 water-sewer utility improvements, finally adopted July 5, 2017.	13.87 years
O-8-2020-16	\$3,200,000	Various 2020 water-sewer improvements, finally adopted September 2, 2020.	17.32 years
O-3-2021-05	\$2,825,000	Water-sewer improvements to Well #25, finally adopted March 3, 2021.	40 years
O-6-2021-17	\$3,625,000	Various improvements to the water-sewer utility, finally adopted August 2, 2021.	37.02 years
O-6-2022-15	\$500,000	Various improvements to the water-sewer utility, finally adopted August 1, 2022.	12.77 years
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,900,000</b>		

The following matters are hereby determined with respect to the combined issue of Bonds:

The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of Bonds presently authorized to be issued pursuant to each of the bond ordinances and the respective periods or average period of usefulness therein determined, is not less than 30.15 years.

The Bonds of the combined issue shall be designated "Water/Sewer Utility Bonds" and shall mature within the average period of usefulness herein determined.

The Bonds of the combined issue shall be sold and issued in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law applicable to the sale and issuance of bonds authorized by a single bond ordinance and, accordingly, may be sold with other issues of bonds.

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

None of the Bonds described in Section 2 hereof have been sold or issued heretofore, and the several bond ordinances described in Section 2 have not been rescinded and now remain in full force and effect as authorizations for the respective amounts of Bonds set opposite the descriptions of the bond ordinances in Section 2.

The several purposes or improvements authorized by the respective bond ordinances described in Section 2 hereof are purposes for which bonds may be issued lawfully pursuant to the Local Bond Law.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2024-145                      RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF \$36,886,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2024, CONSISTING OF \$22,986,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND \$13,900,000 WATER/SEWER UTILITY BONDS, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE. (Allows for permanent financing of notes)**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1.        The \$22,986,000 General Improvement Bonds of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Township"), referred to and described in the resolution adopted by the Township Council pursuant to the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey on May 6, 2024, and entitled, "Resolution Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues of General Improvement Bonds of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Into a Single Issue of Bonds Aggregating \$22,986,000 in Principal Amount" shall be issued as "General Improvement Bonds" (the

"General Improvement Bonds"). The General Improvement Bonds shall mature in the principal amounts on June 1 as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
2025	\$ 926,000	2032	\$1,850,000
2026	1,025,000	2033	1,850,000
2027	1,050,000	2034	1,850,000
2028	1,650,000	2035	1,850,000
2029	1,750,000	2036	1,850,000
2030	1,800,000	2037	1,850,000
2031	1,835,000	2038	1,850,000

Section 2. The \$13,900,000 Water/Sewer Utility Bonds of the Township referred to and described in the resolution adopted by the Township Council pursuant to the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey on May 6, 2024, and entitled, "Resolution Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues of Water/Sewer Bonds of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Into a Single Issue of Bonds Aggregating \$13,900,000 in Principal Amount" shall be issued as "Water/Sewer Utility Bonds" (the "Water/Sewer Utility Bonds"; and together with the General Improvement Bonds, the "Bonds"). The Water/Sewer Utility Bonds shall mature in the principal amounts on June 1 as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
2025	\$365,000	2038	\$565,000
2026	365,000	2039	585,000
2027	375,000	2040	610,000
2028	400,000	2041	635,000
2029	410,000	2042	650,000
2030	425,000	2043	685,000
2031	450,000	2044	710,000
2032	460,000	2045	730,000
2033	475,000	2046	730,000
2034	500,000	2047	730,000
2035	510,000	2048	730,000
2036	525,000	2049	730,000
2037	550,000		

Section 3. The Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity in accordance with the Notice of Sale attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Notice of Sale").

Section 4. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(g), the Township hereby designates the Chief Financial Officer to adjust the actual principal amounts of the Bonds. Any such adjustment shall not exceed 10% of the principal for any maturity of the Bonds with the aggregate adjustment to maturity not to exceed 10% of the principal for the overall Bond issue.

Section 5. At the discretion of the Township's Chief Financial Officer, to the extent an original issue premium is received as part of the bid, it may be applied to any purpose permitted under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), including the costs of other capital projects previously authorized.

Section 6. The General Improvement Bonds shall be fourteen in number, with one certificate being issued for each year of maturity, and shall be numbered GIB-1 to GIB-14, inclusive. The Water/Sewer Utility Bonds shall be twenty-five in number, with one certificate being issued for each year of maturity, and shall be numbered WSUB-1 to WSUB-25, inclusive.

Section 7. The Bonds shall be dated their date of issuance and shall bear interest payable semiannually on the first day of June and December in each year until maturity or prior redemption, commencing on December 1, 2024, at a rate or rates per annum, expressed in a multiple of 1/8 or 1/20 of 1%, proposed by the successful bidder in accordance with the Notice of Sale.

Section 8. The Bonds shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer under the official seal (or facsimile thereof) affixed, printed, engraved or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Township Clerk.

Section 9. (a) The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form. One certificate shall be issued for the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds of each series maturing in each year. Both principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable in lawful money of the United States of America. Each certificate will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, Brooklyn, New York, which will act as securities depository (the "Securities Depository"). The certificates will be on deposit with the Securities Depository. The Securities Depository will be responsible for maintaining a book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants or the transfers of the interests among its participants. The participants will be responsible for maintaining records recording the beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds on behalf of individual purchasers. Individual purchases may be made in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof through book-entries made on the books and records of the Securities Depository and its participants.

(b) The principal of and interest on the Bonds will be paid to the Securities Depository by the Township on the respective maturity dates and due dates and will be credited on the respective maturity dates and due dates to the participants of the Securities Depository as listed on the records of the Securities Depository as of each next preceding May 15 and November 15 (the "Record Dates" for the Bonds).

Section 10. The Bonds shall be substantially in the following form with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Township to market the Bonds and/or in accordance with the requirements of the Securities Depository:

[Form of Bond begins on next page]

REGISTERED  
NUMBER A. \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTERED  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

B. \_\_\_\_\_

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REGISTERED OWNER: Cede & Co.  
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: \$  
DATED DATE: June 3, 2024  
MATURITY DATE: June 1, 20\_\_  
RATE OF INTEREST PER ANNUM: %  
INTEREST PAYMENT DATES: June 1 and December 1  
INITIAL INTEREST PAYMENT DATE: December 1, 2024  
RECORD DATES: May 15 and November 15  
CUSIP NUMBER:

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, a body politic and corporate of the State of New Jersey (the "Township"), hereby acknowledges itself indebted and for value received promises to pay to the REGISTERED OWNER, or registered assigns, on the MATURITY DATE, upon presentation and surrender of this bond, the PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, and to pay interest on such sum from the DATED DATE until it matures at the RATE OF INTEREST PER ANNUM specified above semiannually on the INTEREST PAYMENT DATES in each year until maturity, commencing on the INITIAL INTEREST PAYMENT DATE. Principal of and interest due on this bond will be paid to the REGISTERED OWNER by the Township or its designated paying agent and will be credited to the participants of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") as listed on the records of DTC as of the RECORD DATES next preceding the respective INTEREST PAYMENT DATES. The principal of and interest on this bond are payable in lawful money of the United States of America.

This bond is not transferable as to principal or interest except to an authorized nominee of DTC. DTC shall be responsible for maintaining the book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants or the transfers of the interests among its participants. The participants are responsible for maintaining records regarding the beneficial ownership interests in the bonds on behalf of individual purchasers.

The bonds of this issue maturing prior to June 1, 2032 are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. The bonds of this issue maturing on or after June 1, 2032 are redeemable at the option of the Township, in whole or in part, on any date on or after June 1, 2031 at 100% of the principal amount outstanding (the "Redemption Price"), plus interest accrued to the date of redemption upon notice as required herein.

Notice of redemption shall be given by mailing by first class mail in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid to the registered owners of the bonds not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption. Such mailing shall be to the owners of such bonds at their respective addresses as they last appear on the registration books kept for that purpose by the Township or a duly appointed bond registrar. Any failure of the securities depository to advise any of its participants or any failure of any participant to notify any beneficial owner of any notice of redemption shall not affect the validity of the redemption proceedings. If the Township determines to redeem a portion of the bonds prior to maturity, the bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the Township; the bonds to be redeemed having the same maturity shall be selected by the securities depository in accordance with its regulations.

So long as Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC, is the registered owner of the Bonds, the Township shall send redemption notices only to Cede & Co.

If notice of redemption has been given as provided herein, the bonds or the portion thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable on the date fixed for redemption at the Redemption Price, together



with accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. Interest shall cease to accrue on the bonds after the date fixed for redemption and no further interest shall accrue beyond the redemption date. Payment shall be made upon surrender of the bonds redeemed.

C. \_\_\_\_\_

The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on this bond according to its terms.

It is hereby certified and recited that all conditions, acts and things required by the Constitution or statutes of the State of New Jersey to exist, to have happened or to have been performed precedent to or in the issuance of this bond exist, have happened and have been performed, and that the issue of bonds of which this is one, together with all other indebtedness of the Township, is within every debt and other limit prescribed by such Constitution or statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the TOWNSHIP OF MONROE has caused this bond to be executed in its name by the manual or facsimile signatures of its Mayor and its Chief Financial Officer, its corporate seal to be hereunto imprinted or affixed, this bond and the seal to be attested by the manual signature of its Township Clerk, and this bond to be dated the Dated Date as specified above.

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

[SEAL]

By:           [executed upon issuance]            
Mayor

ATTEST:

By:           [executed upon issuance]            
Township Clerk

By:           [executed upon issuance]            
Chief Financial Officer

[End of Form of Bond]

Section 11. In each of the General Improvement Bonds, the following language should be inserted in the places indicated by the corresponding letter in form of the General Improvement Bonds.

- A. GIB-\_\_.
- B. GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BOND

C. This bond is one of an authorized issue of bonds issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, a resolution of the Township duly adopted May 6, 2024, and entitled, "Resolution Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues of General Improvement Bonds of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Into a Single Issue of Bonds Aggregating \$22,986,000 in Principal Amount", and the various bond ordinances referred to therein, each in all respects duly approved and published as required by law.

Section 12. In each of the Water/Sewer Utility Bonds, the following language should be inserted in the places indicated by the corresponding letter in form of the Water/Sewer Utility Bonds.

- A. WSUB-\_\_.
- B. WATER/SEWER UTILITY BOND

C. This bond is one of an authorized issue of bonds issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, a resolution of the Township duly adopted May 6, 2024, and entitled, "Resolution Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues of Water/Sewer Utility Bonds of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Into a Single Issue of Bonds Aggregating \$13,900,000 in Principal Amount", and the various bond ordinances referred to therein, each in all respects duly approved and published as required by law.

Section 13. (a) The Bonds shall be sold on May 21, 2024, or such other date as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer, via the "PARITY Electronic Bid System" ("PARITY") upon the terms and conditions set forth and described in the Notice of Sale for the Bonds. The Notice of Sale shall be posted on PARITY.

(b) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-34, the Township hereby designates the Chief Financial Officer to sell and award the Bonds in accordance with the Notice of Sale with such changes as to date or the terms as deemed advisable or necessary by Phoenix Advisors, LLC, the Township's Municipal Advisor, and McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, the Township's Bond Counsel, to access effectively the market for the sale of the Bonds, and such Chief Financial Officer shall report in writing the results of the sale to this Township Council as required by law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed, consistent with the terms of the Notice of Sale, to retain the good faith deposit of the successful bidder and to return immediately such good faith deposits, whether by wire or check, to the unsuccessful bidders.

Section 14. The Notice of Sale shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Township to market the Bonds, including in accordance with the requirements of the Securities Depository and PARITY. The Summary

Notice of Sale shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Township to market the Bonds (the "Summary Notice of Sale"), including in accordance with the requirements of the Securities Depository and PARITY. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to arrange for the publication of the Notice of Sale in the form provided herein in the Home News Tribune or such other authorized newspaper of the Township, such publication to be not less than seven days prior to the date of sale, and any actions taken by the Township Clerk prior to the date of adoption of this resolution in connection with the publication of the Notice of Sale are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved. McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC is hereby directed to arrange for the publication of the Summary Notice of Sale in the form provided herein in The Bond Buyer, a financial newspaper published and circulating in the City of New York, New York, such publication to be not less than seven days prior to the date of sale.

Section 15. The Bonds shall have printed thereon a copy of the written opinion with respect to the Bonds that is to be rendered by the law firm of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, complete except for omission of its date.

Section 16. The law firm of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC is hereby authorized to arrange for the printing of the Bonds and the Official Statement to be prepared by McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, Phoenix Advisors, LLC and Township officials. The Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to execute any certificates necessary in connection with the distribution of the Official Statement. Such Official Statement may be distributed in preliminary form and deemed final for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission on behalf of the Township by the Chief Financial Officer or by the Mayor. Final Official Statements shall be delivered to the purchaser of the Bonds within the earlier of seven business days following the sale of the Bonds or to accompany the purchaser's confirmations that request payment for the Bonds.

Section 17. The Township hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequent imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on the Bonds, including the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the Bonds, if necessary.

Section 18. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make representations and warranties, to enter into agreements and to make all arrangements with The Depository Trust Company, Brooklyn, New York, as may be necessary in order to provide that the Bonds will be eligible for deposit with the Securities Depository and to satisfy any obligation undertaken in connection therewith.

Section 19. In the event that the Securities Depository may determine to discontinue providing its service with respect to the Bonds or is removed by the Township and if no successor securities depository is appointed, the Bonds that were previously issued in book-entry form shall be converted to registered bonds in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. The beneficial owner under the book-entry system, upon registration of the Bonds held in the beneficial owner's name, will become the registered owner of the registered bonds. The Township shall be obligated to provide for the execution and delivery of the registered bonds in certificated form.

Section 20. Solely for purposes of complying with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, as amended and interpreted from time to time (the "Rule"), and provided that the Bonds are not exempt from the Rule and provided that the Bonds are not exempt from the following requirements in accordance with paragraph (d) of the Rule, for so long as the Bonds remain outstanding (unless the Bonds have been wholly defeased), the Township shall provide for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds and the beneficial owners thereof:

(a) On or prior to September 30 of each year, beginning September 30, 2024, electronically to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system or such other repository designated by the Securities and Exchange Commission to be an authorized repository for filing secondary market disclosure information, if any, annual financial information with respect to the Township, consisting of the audited financial statements (or unaudited financial statements if audited financial statements are not then available, which audited financial statements will be delivered when and if available) of the Township and certain financial information and operating data, consisting of (i) Township and overlapping indebtedness, including a schedule of outstanding debt issued by the Township, (ii) property valuation information and (iii) tax rate, levy and collection data. The audited financial information will be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as modified by governmental accounting standards as may be required by New Jersey law.

(b) If any of the following events occur regarding the Bonds, a timely notice not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event sent to EMMA:

- (1) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) Non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (3) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;

- (4) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (6) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
- (7) Modifications to the rights of holders of the Bonds, if material;
- (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) Defeasances;
- (10) Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
- (11) Rating changes;
- (12) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Township;
- (13) The consummation of a merger, consolidation or acquisition involving the Township or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Township, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (14) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (15) Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Township, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation, any of which affect holders of the Bonds, if material; and
- (16) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms or other similar events under a Financial Obligation of the Township, if any such event reflects financial difficulties.

The term "Financial Obligation" as used in subparagraphs (b)(15) and (b)(16) above means a (i) debt obligation, (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii); *provided, however*, that the term "Financial Obligation" shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board consistent with the Rule.

(c) Notice of failure of the Township to provide required annual financial information on or before the date specified in this resolution shall be sent in a timely manner to EMMA.

If all or any part of the Rule ceases to be in effect for any reason, then the information required to be provided under this resolution, insofar as the provisions of the Rule no longer in effect required the provision of such information, shall no longer be required to be provided.

The Chief Financial Officer shall determine, in consultation with Bond Counsel, the application of the Rule or the exemption from the Rule for each issue of obligations of the Township prior to their offering. Such Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to enter into additional written contracts or undertakings to implement the Rule and is further authorized to amend such contracts or undertakings or the undertakings set forth in this resolution, provided such amendment is, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, in compliance with the Rule.

In the event that the Township fails to comply with the Rule requirements or the written contracts or undertakings specified in this resolution, the Township shall not be liable for monetary damages. The sole remedy is hereby specifically limited to specific performance of the Rule requirements or the written contracts or undertakings therefor.

Section 21. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2024-146                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF FINAL  
CHANGE ORDER FOR DEMAIIO ELECTRICAL COMPANY IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE LEACHATE PUMP STATION  
PROJECT FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY  
DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D."). (\$40,000)**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. R-3-2022-106, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on March 7, 2022, a contract was awarded to DeMaio Electrical Co., Inc., in connection with the Leachate Pump Station Project at Lani Drive in the Township of Monroe; and

**WHEREAS**, the original total contract amount was \$1,224,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Utilities Department requested approval of Change Order No. 4 and Final for the Leachate Pump Station Project reflecting an increase of \$40,000.00 in the contract amount, as described in the attached change order; and

**WHEREAS**, the current contract price including this change order is \$1,264,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has reviewed the request and has found same to be reasonable; 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-220019, 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 that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 4 and Final, attached hereto and made a part hereof, in the total amount of \$40,000.00.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2024-147                      RESOLUTION AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 507, MTUD PUMP STATION NO. 2 UPGRADES TO SCAFAR CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.") (\$5,698,500)**

**WHEREAS**, on April 23, 2024 at 11:00 AM, five (5) sealed bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud, for the "MTUD Pump Station No. 2 Upgrades" project, as required by the M.T.U.D.; and

**WHEREAS**, the low bidder was Scafara Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$5,698,500.00 including alternates, a copy of the bid tabulation sheet is attached hereto as Exhibit C; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Purchasing Manager has reviewed the bid and has determined it to be complete with all required forms submitted, a copy of the review checklist is attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

**WHEREAS**, the M.T.U.D. Consulting Engineer Weston & Sampson Engineers, PC (WSE), has reviewed their bid and has determined to be reasonable and responsible and by a letter dated 4/30/2024 addressed to the M.T.U.D Director, has recommended that all a contract be awarded to Scafara Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$5,698,500.00, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "C"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Utility Department Director, after consultation with the WSE, concurs that the contract should be awarded to the low bidder in a memo dated May 2, 2024, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit D; 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-240017, 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 Scafara Contracting, Inc. in accordance with their submitted bid;
- (2) The Township Chief Municipal Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services provided by Scafara Contracting, 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 Scafara Contracting, Inc. shall provide the valid required bonds and properly executed certificate of insurance as required by the specifications.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2024-148                      RESOLUTION INTRODUCING THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.**

**Section 1.**

**Municipal Budget of the TOWNSHIP of MONROE, County of MIDDLESEX for Fiscal Year 2024.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the Year 2024;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said Budget be published in the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE** in the issue of **MAY 24, 2024**.

The Governing Body of the **TOWNSHIP of MONROE** does hereby approve the Budget for the Year 2024;

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-5-2024-149                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY 2024 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 2024 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 2024, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20), including this Resolution, is **\$58,406,605.00**;

**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:

- 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>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>	
<u>Public Information and Public Advocate</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 10,000.00
<u>Parks</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 50,000.00
<u>Data Processing</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 20,000.00
<b>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:</b>	
<u>Building and Grounds</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 50,000.00
<b>OTHER TOWNSHIP AGENCIES:</b>	
<u>Health Advisory Board</u>	
Other Expenses	\$ 150.00

<u>2024 Distracted Driving Grant</u>	\$	8,750.00
<u>Subtotal</u>	\$	138,900.00
 <u>Water-Sewer Operations</u>		
Other Expenses	\$	4,200,000.00
Social Security	\$	50,000.00
State Unemployment	\$	10,000.00
<u>Subtotal</u>	\$	4,260,000.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,398,900.00</b>

2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2024 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-5-2024-150                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF APPROPRIATED GRANT RESERVES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township appropriated American Rescue Plan Act funds to the 2022 Budget to be utilized for certain purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, certain amounts appropriated remain unencumbered and are no longer needed for the original intended purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township wishes to formally cancel said unencumbered ARP balances that remain available and to return said funds to the unappropriated grant reserves account entitled “American Rescue Plan Act” effective December 31, 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following unencumbered ARP balances be cancelled of record and be returned to the unappropriated grant reserves account entitled “American Rescue Plan Act”.

American Rescue Plan Act	\$573,774.89
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**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Nay
	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 Councilwoman Siegel, the following Resolutions were removed from **CONSENT AGENDA** to be considered separately:

**R-5-2024-131                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES FOR MATTHEW KISVER – W&S 1153, PB-1184-16 POSTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”). (Mounts Mills Rd)**

**WHEREAS**, Performance Guarantees have been posted with the Monroe Township Utility Department (“M.T.U.D.”) for Matthew Kisver. W&S 1153, Block 35, lot 31.05 & 31.06; and

**WHEREAS**, Matthew Kisver 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 April 16, 2024, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A":

Release reduced sewer Performance Bond #BX21007891600067 in the amount of \$16,093.08 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$8,046.54 (15% of the original bond) and release cash portion in the amount of \$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 to 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-5-2024-134                      RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES. (Christopher Ryan – 5 yr. term)**

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated April 5, 2024, has appointed the following member to the **LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES** commencing January 1, 2024, *nunc pro tunc*;

**Christopher Ryan      Member    5-year term      1/1/2024 to 12/31/2028**

**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 appointment of **Christopher Ryan** to the **LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES** for the term as defined above, commencing January 1, 2024, *nunc pro tunc*.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Abstain
	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** – Administrator Weinberg thanked Director Stroin and his team for their continued hard work and noted that the bid for Pump Station #2 received five bids which is great.

Extended thanks to the Parks Department for their continued hard work in keeping up with the fields.

Mentioned that DPW Director and Superintendent, Wayne Horbatt, has retired and will be recognized at the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting for his 22 years of service with the Township.



Thanked Council for allowing us to go to permanent financing which was mentioned earlier as this is something we do every few years and with our AA+ bond rating it helps us achieve better results.

**Engineer's Report** – Engineer Rasimowicz reported that the Police Department renovations are underway with the old cell tower being removed and work ongoing.

Briefly overviewed work being done on Halsey Reed Road, stating that the drainage and concrete work is done with paving set to be done soon, as well as the project at the intersection of Applegarth Road and Joan Warren Way beginning today.

### **Council's Reports –**

#### **Councilman Dipierro –**

- Happy Nurse's Week and Teacher's Appreciation Week.
- The Monroe Chorus will be performing at the Senior Center a concert entitled "Live, Laugh and Love" on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.
- Suggested looking into grants for walkway lights from Mill Lake School to the Rec Center as it is a safety concern with children crossing in that area.
- Noted that Lori Street has not had any repairs to the curbing done and that needs to be addressed.
- Top paving needs to be done on Schoolhouse Road near the firehouse.
- Attended the community clean up event where many DPW employees, volunteers and employees from Stop and Shop partook in helping clean up the area. Special shoutout to Stop and Shop as they were gracious to help and offered whatever needed to get the job done.
- Attended an event at the Community Garden where the NJDEP awarded a grant to us and extended thanks to Center State for helping us get the grant as the playground will be a great addition to the garden and the community.
- Asked if the Township website can include Open Space information, such as how many acres are wetlands, tillable, uplands, etc.
- Sent a few emails regarding electric scooters being used around Avenue K asking for the enforcement of the use of helmets and safety in the area.
- Asked for Director Stroin to look at the risers and valves on Applegarth Road to ensure they are not filled with debris and asphalt as the County is guilty of doing that.

#### **Councilman Markel –**

- Attended a National Prayer Day event held at Rossmoor which was very nice and brought many people of different faiths together.
- The Henry Ricklis Foundation held a Holocaust Remembrance Day event at the Senior Center with over 400 attendees, noting that it was a beautiful event.
- Wished all the teachers a very happy "Teacher's Appreciation Week" and shared that he spent some time at the schools reading and being interviewed by the students which was a lot of fun.
- Commented that it is also National Police Week and nothing bothers him more than police officers being disrespected as they put their lives on the line each and everyday to keep all of us safe and protected.

#### **Councilwoman Siegel -**

- Recognized all of tonight's proclamations.
- Congratulated Greg Slavicek on being appointed the new DPW Director and Superintendent.
- Thanked Kevin McGowan for his presentation on local government.
- Cultural Arts will begin their concert series in the park beginning on July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The Historical Commission has begun their open house tours of the Dey Farm which are held on the first Sunday of every month beginning May and running through October from 1:00pm – 4:00pm.
- The Youth Advisory Commission will be holding a "Wellness Fair" on May 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00am at the Senior Center.
- Monroe Township Bootcamp had their grand opening.
- Extended thanks to Administrator Weinberg as he was the first person to let everyone know what was happening when the earthquake occurred a few weeks back.

#### **Council Vice-President Van Dzura –**

- Commented of the importance of being nice in conjunction with tonight's award ceremony recognizing those who embody the 6 Pillars of Character. He stated that you never know what someone is going through, so it is important to just be nice as it really is not that hard to do.
- The Om Parikh Memorial 5K Walk/Run, will be held on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> in Thompson Park.

- Memorial Day remembrance ceremonies will be held on May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Spoke at length with Director Stroin regarding water safety and is pleased to report that our water is very safe.
- Continued prayers for Ukraine.

**Council President Cohen** –

- Shared that she is looking forward to participating in various events that the Health Advisory is planning.
- Thanked Administrator Weinberg for his hard work and diligence as he works 6 days a week and probably owns a Starbucks by now with how often he goes there to work after hours.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Dalina shared that it is the end of the academic semester, so he apologizes for being a little tired as he has been grading many papers all due by Tuesday.

Mentioned that Councilman Dipierro talked about the importance of wearing helmets, so he spoke with Chief Banos who shared that the police has a program where children are “ticketed” for wearing their helmets and being safe. He went on to explain that those “tickets” are actually coupons for free pizza donated by local pizzerias in the Township and because of how successful it was last year many of the pizzerias did not want to participate again but have agreed to do so because of the importance of putting safety first.

Attended the Holocaust Remembrance Day at the Senior Center which was exceptionally moving.

NJDEP issued a statewide press release and chose our Township to do that in which took place at the Community Garden. Thanked Kevin McGowan for working diligently to find grants.

Presented veterans a proclamation at Stonebridge where the movie the “Last Full Measure” was shown.

Attended the Monroe Baseball Association opening day ceremonies at James Monroe Park where he played catcher to one of our talented youths pitching.

Attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of Monroe Township Bootcamp.

Asked to speak to the Monroe Township Highschool Student Council on leadership. He shared that the best trait he stressed was in order to be a good leader you must be a good listener and progress equals action.

Thanked Council for approving the appointment of Greg Slavicek as our new DPW Director and Superintendent as he will do a great job.

Noted that we will have two additional cameras installed and paid for by the County making it a total of 22 throughout the Township now.

Our DPW will now have shredding available at their yard beginning on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month, with the first being this Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 12:00pm or until the truck is full.

May 24<sup>th</sup> the Spray Park opens on Avenue K.  
May 18<sup>th</sup> is the Township's Townwide Yard Sale.

Recognized that it is Municipal Clerk's Week and thanked township Clerk Christine Robbins and her staff for all their hard work.

Township Clerk Christine Robbins announced that the Combined Agenda/Regular Meeting scheduled May 29<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled to June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Siegel 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** –

**Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St.** – Mrs. Arminio extended thanks to the Clerk's Office for always being helpful and courteous.

Regarding R-5-2024-129, Mrs. Arminio shared her concerns with being over surveillance as she stated that

while some are willing to sacrifice their freedom for safety she is not and she does not advise. She went on to say that this is a very democratic thing to do and is not happy about this as we should respect our citizens and their right to privacy.

Thanked the Township and Councilman Dipierro for the various environmental programs and encouraged more citizens to be proactive especially when it comes to recycling as recyclables should not be placed in plastic bags.

Recognized Kevin McGowan for a job well done as Director of Planning and stated that regarding both the Master Plan and Affordable Housing we need to have a plan going forward to ensure that this does not become containerized.

**Brian Fabiano, 19 Patricia Pl.** – Mr. Fabiano rebutted Mrs. Arminio’s comment regarding R-5-2024-129 stating that these cameras should not be viewed as active surveillance so if nothing is being done wrong then there should be nothing to worry about.

Mr. Fabiano commented that he is disturbed by a prior speaker claims that they are being harassed by a sitting council member. He went on to share that in an OPRA finding, Councilman Dipierro made a complaint about a dead tree on private property where a sign for the opposing political party was situated and he feels that this is retaliation. He noted that it is important to not overstep the roles of council and retaliate because political views do not align with his own, stating that this is systemic and cowardly and needs to stop.

**Lucille Panos, 1208C Lindera Plz.** – Mrs. Panos stated that she was pleased to see the turnout at the community cleanup.

Mrs. Panos congratulated the recipients of the 6 Pillars of Character.

As a former councilwoman, Mrs. Panos stated that other Ward representatives should be as concerned with what is happening around the Township as well.

**Sadia Awwal, 13 Belmont Ct.** – Mrs. Awwal stated that she has lived in the Township for 20 years and is very upset about a notice received regarding dead trees on her property that need to be removed; Mrs. Awwal proceeded to read the section of the code regarding the cleanup of debris and litter on the property and the trees do not pose a safety threat whatsoever. She stated that the trees are approximately 8’ – 9’ tall and are not a safety concern or impede on anyone’s view while traveling and have purposely been kept there as she is in the process of creating a pollinator friendly garden as the pollinating population is declining and she would like an exception to this notice made.

**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 Councilman Markel and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 8:20pm.

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*  
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CHRISTINE ROBBINS, Township Clerk

*Miriam Cohen*  
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MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

Minutes were adopted on June 5, 2024.