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

OCTOBER 3, 2022

AGENDA

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

2. Salute to the Flag.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

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

4. Council President Cohen to request the **SUNSHINE LAW** be read into the record.

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5. **PROCLAMATIONS:**

Becker Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Week – October 2-8, 2022

Rett Syndrome Awareness Month - October

6. **PRESENTATIONS:**

Hindu Heritage Month – October

*Presented to Nandu Balija & Suryanarayana Maddula
Founder and Chairman of Om Sri Sai Balaji Temple*

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month – October

Presented to Patricia Reid, Township Clerk

7. **ORDINANCE(S)** for **SECOND READING** at the October 3, 2022 Regular Meeting:

O-9-2022-018

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

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

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

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

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**REGULAR MEETING
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OCTOBER 3, 2022

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 **SEPTEMBER 27, 2022**.
MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes ___ Nays ___

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
MOTION to approve the **MINUTES** of the following meetings as written and presented:
September 7, 2022 – Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting
MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes ___ Nays ___

4. **ORDINANCE(S) for SECOND READING:**
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MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes ___ Nays ___

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: _____

Time: _____

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – October 3, 2022

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

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

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

ALSO, PRESENT: Mayor Stephen Dalina, Business Administrator Alan M. Weinberg, Township Attorney Lou Rainone, Utility Director Joseph Stroin, Engineer Mark Rasimowicz and Deputy Clerk Christine Robbins.

There were approximately six (6) members of the Public in attendance.

Township Clerk Patricia Reid read the following **SUNSHINE LAW** into the record:

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Council President Cohen shared that the Township recognizes the following:

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Mayor Dalina read aloud a proclamation recognizing October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month which was presented to Patricia Reid, Township Clerk. She thanked the Mayor, Council, Chief Biennas, her husband George, family, friends, work family and her office for their support and hard work in her absence. She thanked all for their continued genuine concern, love and support for her and her family during this time, as she is forever grateful.

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Councilman Dipierro requested Resolutions R-10-2022-248, R-10-2022-253 and R-10-2022-254 be removed and considered separately.

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

Public Comments:

Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio asked in reference to O-9-2022-020 how many acres the property/easement is and if this was for preservation only; Administrator Weinberg answered that this is on top of a flood easement from the NJDEP as well and Engineer Rasimowicz added that it is located between the Community Garden and the stream, along the flood plain. Mrs. Arminio asked if this is a conservation easement where the trees cannot be taken down and there is no building allowed; Attorney Rainone answered that it is limited to passive recreation and Engineer Rasimowicz added that it follows the flood line and has a list of restrictions attached to it.

Regarding R-10-2022-256, asked what properties were encompassed in this and if the amount was only for soft costs and in a specific area; Administrator Weinberg answered that this is at the DPW area and recycling yard, including the softball complexes as well.

Lastly, in reference to R-10-2022-257, asked whether or not we own the land and why we are doing this; Administrator Weinberg answered that we own the land, and the properties were being demolished because they are falling down.

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab commented that he was happy to see R-10-2022-249 for the electric vehicles and asked if that was a grant; Administrator Weinberg answered that this was a grant for two vehicles and a charging station.

George Gunkelman, 5 Kelly Ct. – Mr. Gunkelman asked in regard to R-10-2022-257 if the purpose was to just demolish these homes as there are other buildings that are in need of demolition; Administrator Weinberg answered that the Historical Commission wrote a letter to the Mayor and Council asking that the barn be saved and the DPW has stabilized it.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Schneider and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 6:50pm.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 6:50pm.

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

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **9/27/2022** were approved for payment as written and presented.

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

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the **MINUTES** of the **September 7, 2022 Combined Agenda and Regular Meeting** were approved as written and presented.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Renaissance at Monroe Homeowners’ Association, Inc. (the “Association”) has filed a written request for the Township of Monroe to enforce certain provisions of Subtitle 1, Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, in the roadways and parking areas throughout the Renaissance at Monroe community a residential subdivision located on Route 33 in the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 122, Article XIII of the Code of the Township of Monroe entitled “Subtitle 1 of Title 39” is hereby amended to include a new section enumerated § 122-52:

§ 122-52. Renaissance at Monroe

A. General parking.

- (1) All vehicles must park in designated areas and between the lines provided.
- (2) No person shall stop or stand a vehicle upon any of the streets or parts of streets described below:

Name of Street	Sides	Hours	Location
Valencia Drive	Interior lane	All	Interior lane of each of the four (4) curves of Valencia Drive

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

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

- C. Speed limits.

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

Name of Street	MPH	Limit
All roads	25	Entire Length

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

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

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

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

SO, ORDAINED as aforesaid.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-9-2022-018** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio asked what this was specifically for; Attorney Rainone answered that this allows our Police Department to enforce the traffic laws within the community. Councilman Dipierro asked if this will now set the precedent for other communities to which Attorney Rainone answered that this can only be done at the request of the property owner and if others request then we would evaluate. Councilman Dipierro then asked if golf carts would be subject to this, to which Attorney Rainone responded that if it was requested then we would evaluate.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-9-2022-018** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

O-9-2022-018 **ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE UNDER CHAPTER 122 ARTICLE XIII TO AUTHORIZE THE POLICE TO ENFORCE TITLE 39 OF THE NEW JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE CODE IN RENAISSANCE AT MONROE.**
 (Traffic Enforcement in Renaissance @ Monroe – Route 33)

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-9-2022-018

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

O-9-2022-019 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT”, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 50 ENTITLED “DIVISION OF POLICE”. (Authorizing additional Command Officer positions)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 3-50 entitled “Division of Police” of the Code of the Township of Monroe, shall be amended as follows: additions in blue deletions in red

§3-50 Division of Police.

A. Establishment; Division head; appropriate authority; duties of the Chief of Police. There shall be a Division of Police, the head of which shall be the Chief of Police. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118, the Mayor is the appropriate authority. The following titles and positions shall exist within the Police Department: One (1) Chief of Police, not to exceed ~~One (1)~~ Two (2) Captains, not to exceed ~~Four (4)~~ Five (5) Lieutenants, not to exceed Fourteen (14) Sergeants and not to exceed Fifty-five (55) Patrol Officers. The Chief of Police shall be directly responsible to the appropriate authority for the efficiency and routine day-to-day operations, and shall, pursuant to policies established by the appropriate authority:

SECTION 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty days after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-9-2022-019** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio asked how many and what positions; Administrator Weinberg answered that it is going from 1 to 2 Captains and from 4 to 5 Lieutenants.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Schneider and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-9-2022-019** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

O-9-2022-019 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT”, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 50 ENTITLED “DIVISION OF POLICE”. (Authorizing additional Command Officer positions)

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-9-2022-019

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

O-9-2022-020 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF A STREAM CORRIDOR CONSERVATION EASEMENT TO THE DELAWARE AND RARITAN CANAL COMMISSION OVER A PORTION OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY (BLOCK 4, LOTS 6.01 & 6.02) AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT AGREEMENT.
(Applegarth Rd – adjacent to Community Garden)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe (the “Township”) is the owner of that certain parcel of land identified on the Township’s Official Tax Map as Block 4, Lots 6.01 and 6.022 (hereinafter referred to as the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, a stream corridor of the Millstone River is located on the Property (the “Stream Corridor”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to regulations set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:45-9.1, et seq., the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission (the “Commission”) regulates projects for stream corridor impacts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(1) of the Local Lands and Buildings Law, the Township is authorized to convey any real property, or interests therein, by ordinance, to any political subdivision, board or body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township and Commission have agreed that it is in the best interests of the parties for the Township to grant to the Commission a stream corridor conservation easement (the “Conservation Easement”) over the Property, as described within the Conservation Easement Agreement appended hereto as Attachment A, to insure against any adverse impacts on the Stream Corridor and to otherwise comply with the Commission’s requirements and with the Master Plan for the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the proposed form of a Conservation Easement Agreement appended hereto as Attachment A will preserve the Stream Corridor and permit recreational paths within the Stream Corridor and various already existing improvements; and

WHEREAS, after analysis and review, the Township has determined it is in its best interest to grant to the Commission the Conservation Easement over the Property and enter into the aforementioned Conservation Easement Agreement in a form substantially similar to the form attached hereto as Attachment A, subject to the review and approval of the Township Attorney; and

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary for the conveyance of the Conservation Easement, which shall include a Conservation Easement Agreement setting forth the terms and conditions pertaining to the Conservation Easement, in substantially the form appended hereto as Attachment A, subject to the Township Attorney’s review and approval.
2. All ordinances or part of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

SO, ORDAINED as aforesaid.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-9-2022-020** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-9-2022-020** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was passed on Second Reading and Final Adoption:

O-9-2022-020 **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF A STREAM CORRIDOR CONSERVATION EASEMENT TO THE DELAWARE AND RARITAN CANAL COMMISSION OVER A PORTION OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY (BLOCK 4, LOTS 6.01 & 6.02) AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT AGREEMENT.**
(Applegarth Rd – adjacent to Community Garden)

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-9-2022-020

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-10-2022-021 **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 39 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED, “FEES”.**
(Road Opening Permit application fee increased to \$150)

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was Introduced on First Reading for Final Passage:

O-10-2022-022 **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 108 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO ADD ARTICLE 17 ENTITLED “ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY/SERVICE EQUIPMENT” TO ALLIGN WITH STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY/SERVICE EQUIPMENT (EVSE) & MAKE-READY PARKING SPACES.** (Codifying new State Law)

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

Councilman Dipierro asked in regard to R-10-2022-256 if there was grant money awarded towards this; Administrator Weinberg answered that grant money will be used from the Tonnage and Clean Communities Grant received.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Siegel and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:** (R-10-2022-248 – R-10-2022-259 with the exception of R-10-2022-248, R-10-2022-253 and R-10-2022-254 which will be voted upon separately)

R-10-2022-249 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM THE CLEAN FLEET ELECTRIC VEHICLE INCENTIVE PROGRAM.
(Awarded \$14,500)

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

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

WHEREAS, On May 2, 2022, the Monroe Township Council authorized the Township to apply for grant funding from the NJBPU Clean Fleet Electric Vehicle Incentive Program to seek funding toward non-emergency light duty electric vehicles for the Township’s fleet.; and

WHEREAS, the NJBPU has awarded the Township of Monroe \$14,500.00 in grant funding from the Clean Fleet Electric Vehicle Incentive Program to be applied toward the purchase of two electric vehicles and one electric vehicle charging station specifically for the Township’s non-emergency light duty fleet; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey authorizes the Mayor of the Township of Monroe, or his designee, to take all necessary steps and enter into the agreement attached hereto to accept grant funding from the NJBPU Clean Fleet Electric Vehicle Incentive Program in the amount of \$14,500.00 and comply with all requirements in said agreement; and

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2022-250 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF THIRD PARTY TAX LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS.

WHEREAS, Premiums have been paid for various properties for the purchase of Tax Lien Certificates for properties listed on the Tax Map of the Township of Monroe, in the amount of Thirty-Four Thousand Eight-Hundred dollars and no cents (\$34,800.00),

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

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

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2022-251 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS.

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector for the Township of Monroe has recommended this Council’s approval to make refunds for tax overpayments in the amount of Thirty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty-Nine dollars and Twenty-Six cents (\$37,739.26) for the amounts described on Schedule A and attached hereto

WHEREAS, good cause has been shown

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2022-252 RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION. (Nancy Mitrocsak – Alternate II, Cathleen Norback – Alternate I, Tanya Mulligan – Member)

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated September 19, 2022 has appointed the following new member:

Nancy R. Mitrocsak	Alternate II	2-Year Term	10/3/22 – 12/31/22
Cathleen Norback	Alternate I	2-Year Term	10/3/22 – 12/31/23
Tanya Mulligan	Member	3-Year Term	10/3/22 – 12/31/23

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

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2022-255 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC AUCTION OF THREE (3) ABANDONED VEHICLES BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, either through abandonment or the failure of owners to claim the same, the Township of Monroe Police Department came into possession of three vehicles as listed in Schedule A, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:10A-1, the Police Department has followed the Township and State policies to determine that these vehicles have been abandoned; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (NJMVC) has informed the Police Department that in order to dispose of said vehicles the Township must hold a public auction and publish a Notice of the Auction at least (5) days before the date of the auction in one or more newspapers in this State and circulating in the Township; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to conduct a public auction for the sale of these vehicles to the highest bidder; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that the Township Business Administrator or his designated representative shall conduct a public auction for the sale of these vehicles on October 20, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Monroe Auto Body, 31 Bordentown Turnpike, Monroe Township, New Jersey 08831; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the minimum opening bid for each vehicle is listed in Schedule A. At the end of the auction, the highest bidder shall deposit an amount equal to 10% percent of the final bid price in cash. There shall be no other forms of payment accepted. The balance shall be paid by certified check delivered to the Township Clerk's office between the hours of 9:00 am and 12 noon within five (5) days after the conclusion of the auction. Upon payment in full, the Clerk's office shall provide the purchaser with the signed documents necessary to complete the transaction with the Motor Vehicle Commission. In order to obtain the title for each vehicle, the highest bidder shall be responsible for submitting the appropriate documents and payments to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission in accordance with the Notice of Public Auction issued by the Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to reimburse Monroe Auto Body, 31 Bordentown Turnpike, Monroe Township, New Jersey 08831 for each vehicle sold at auction from the proceeds of the auction. In the event that no bids are received by the Township, Monroe Auto Body shall be awarded ownership of the vehicle(s) in lieu of payment of fees to which it is entitled.

R-10-2022-256 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER STATE ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH 2022 MILLING AND PAVING PROJECTS. (\$58,000 – DPW, Construction and Softball lots)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe seeks professional engineering services in connection with *2022 Milling and Paving (Facilities) Projects*; and

WHEREAS, Center State Engineering possesses the technical expertise required to perform said professional engineering services for this project which includes project design, preparation of plans and specifications, contract preparation, contract administration and construction inspection; and

WHEREAS, the fees for such services will not exceed fifty eight thousand dollars (**\$58,000.00**); and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for such an engagement in Certificate No. C-2200062 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 the professional engineering, surveying and planning services in connection with *2022 Milling and Paving (Facilities) Projects* in an amount not to exceed fifty eight thousand dollars (**\$58,000.00**).
- (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-10-2022-257 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER STATE ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2022 BUILDING DEMOLITION, MOUNTS MILLS ROAD & DOCKS CORNER ROAD PROJECTS. (\$13,000 – 1 single family home on Mount’s Mills Rd and 1 single family home on Dock’s Corner Rd)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe seeks professional engineering, surveying and planning services in connection with the *2022 Building Demolition, Mounts Mills Road & Docks Corner Road Projects*; and

WHEREAS, Center State Engineering possesses the technical expertise required to perform said professional engineering services for this project which includes project design, preparation of plans and specifications, contract preparation, contract administration and construction inspection; and

WHEREAS, the fees for such services will not exceed thirteen thousand dollars (**\$13,000.00**); and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for such an engagement in Certificate No. C-2200063 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 the professional engineering, surveying and planning services in connection with *2022 Building Demolition, Mounts Mills Road & Docks Corner Road Projects* in an amount not to exceed thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000.00).
- (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-10-2022-258 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ALEN SECURITY FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE MAIN COMPUTER BOARDS FOR THE ELECTRONIC DOOR SYSTEMS FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP EMS DEPARTMENT. (\$11,992.20)

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township EMS Department has been experiencing intermittent issues with the opening of the security doors; and

WHEREAS, Alen Security, who supports and maintains the systems, has identified the cause of the problems to be the main computer boards starting to fail and are no longer supported due to their age and they recommended replacing the boards at the following locations:

EMS Station 1 – 47 Monmouth Road, EMS Station 2 – 2 Municipal Plaza,
EMS Station 3 – 16 Centre Drive, EMS Station 4 – 10 Halsey Reed Road; and

WHEREAS, as per the attached quote from Alen Security, the cost for the replacement of the four main computer boards at the above locations are as follows: (4) Honeywell PRO421C intelligent Controllers, installation, configuration, programming of the devices and client training at a total cost not to exceed \$11,992.20; and

WHEREAS, the Township QPA has reviewed the proposals received and by copy of letter dated September 23, 2022, recommends the award of contract to *Alen Security, 1010 Eastpark Blvd Cranbury, N.J. 08512* in the amount of **\$11,992.20**; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of contract, to *Alen Security* for replacement of the main computer boards that control the electronic doors at four (4) EMS facilities, for a total contract price of **\$11,992.20**; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. C-2200064, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

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

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2022-259 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE LOAN REPAYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT 15 CASSELBERRY WAY, MONROE TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY. (\$20,016)

WHEREAS, RAMESH RAJANA is about to be the owner of property located at 15 Casselberry Way, Monroe Township, New Jersey, which property is governed by the statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations restricting ownership and use of the property as an Affordable Housing unit which, among other restrictions, restricts the property owner in financing the property or otherwise encumbering the property by way of mortgage, home equity loan, or other form of financing; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has requested a *Down Payment Assistance Loan Program* loan from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe is willing to extend a loan to the property owner toward the payment of a down payment in the amount of \$20,016.00; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the Township of Monroe to enter into an Agreement with the property owner setting forth the terms of the agreement at this time.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 3rd day of October 2022, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The Mayor, Business Administrator, Clerk and/or Attorney are hereby authorized to execute a Down Payment Assistance Loan Program Agreement with the owner of an Affordable Housing unit located at 15 Casselberry Way, Monroe Township, New Jersey, Block 14, Lot 12.51.
2. A copy of the fully executed Agreement shall be kept on file with the Clerk. The original shall be kept in the unit file by the Administrative Agent.
3. Check in the amount of \$20,016.00 shall be made payable to “*The Law Office of Lee R. Lederman, Attorney Trust Account*” and mailed to the Attention of Jerome J. Convery, Attorney at Law, 272 Highway 34, Suite 3, Matawan, NJ 07747.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

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

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Siegel and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the following Resolutions were removed from the **CONSENT AGENDA** and considered separately: (R-10-2022-248, R-10-2022-253 and R-10-2022-254)

R-10-2022-248 RESOLUTION REVISING RESOLUTION NO. R-9-2022-223 ENTITLED “AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TRICIA MERCADO AS TAX ASSESSOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE”. (Term amended to September 1, 2022 and for a four year term commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2027)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-146 requires every Municipality to provide for the appointment of a Tax Assessor; and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2022, per Resolution No. R-9-2022-223, the Monroe Township Council appointed Tricia Mercado as Tax Assessor for the Township of Monroe commencing September 1, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe was notified by the State of New Jersey, Division of Taxation that the appointing resolution must be amended because the term was incorrect.

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 Consent to the appointment of **TRICIA MERCADO** as **TAX ASSESSOR** commencing September 1, 2022 and for a four (4) year term, commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2027.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution was duly adopted by the Township Council at a public meeting held on September 7, 2022 to appoint a full time Tax Assessor, and further amended at a public meeting held on October 3, 2022 to revise the term of office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the following:

1. Director, Division of Taxation
2. Administrator, Board of Taxation
3. Administrator of the Municipality
4. Tax Assessor

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2022-253 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR GEORGE TARANTINO – BA-5103-15.
(Mott Avenue)

WHEREAS, George Tarantino has posted Performance Guarantees for the Mott Avenue, Block 95, Lot 1 and Block 92, Lot 1 project (BA-5103-15); and

WHEREAS, a request was made for the release of the Performance Guarantees posted for this project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated September 15, 2022, has recommended, release of the Performance Guarantees; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that release of the project performance guarantees shall be conditioned upon resolution of all outstanding escrow balances associated with the administration of this project by Township officials, as well as the posting of maintenance guarantees for 15% of the project total (\$288,664.42), or \$43,299.66. Such maintenance guarantee shall run for a period of not less than two years from the date of memorialization of such action by the Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with the Monroe Township Code, the developer shall maintain funds in the engineering inspection escrow account in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of the original deposit” however in lieu of this, the Township Engineer’s office feels that the funds currently being held in escrow with the Township will be sufficient.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2022-254 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR DANLEY PROPERTIES, LLC. – BA-5191-20.
(Federal Road)

WHEREAS, Danley Properties has posted Performance Guarantees for the Block 24, Lot 2.01 project (BA-5191-20); and

WHEREAS, a request was made for the release of the Performance Guarantees posted for this project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated September 15, 2022, has recommended, release of the Performance Guarantees; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that release of the project performance guarantees shall be conditioned upon resolution of all outstanding escrow balances associated with the administration of this project by Township officials, as well as the posting of maintenance guarantees for 15% of the project total (\$39,210.41), or \$5,881.56. Such maintenance guarantee shall run for a period of not less than two years from the date of memorialization of such action by the Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with the Monroe Township Code, the developer shall maintain funds in the engineering inspection escrow account in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of the original deposit” however in lieu of this, the Township Engineer’s office feels that the funds currently being held in escrow with the Township will be sufficient.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

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

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

Administrator’s Report – Reported that the recycling yard project will spruce up the area as it is a high volume area.

ANCHOR Rebate Program gives \$1,500 back to those making under \$150,000 and \$1,000 back to those making under \$250,000. They have begun mailing out ID #'s and Pin #'s and residents have until December 30th to apply. The Township will be helping residents apply for this with an announcement coming in the next few weeks. He also noted that you must have been a resident on October 2019 and is also available to renters and will be a check or direct deposit.

Engineer’s Report – Reported that the improvement project at the railroad crossing on Gravel Hill Road has been funded but there is no construction schedule yet.

The 2022 Roadway Improvements Project is complete, but we are waiting on the guide rails which are a few weeks out.

Council’s Reports –

Councilman Dipierro –

- Commented that the guard rails are important, and we must get them done.
- Thanked the County and DPW for keeping our roadways clean of grass and weeds.
- Attended the Master Plan meeting held at the Library which was very interesting. Nice to see the employees interacting and our community coming together; extended thanks to Director Stroin and Administrator Weinberg.
- Attended the ribbon cutting with the Board of Education for the beautiful new turf field. Noted that it was done on time and on budget and the ceremony was very nice.
- Stated that the intersection of Matchaponix Avenue and Pergola Avenue still has issues and asked what could be done about it as we will not get through the Winter with it in the condition that it is in. He added that the work is not even a year old and is already in need of repairs.
- Asked for an update on BFI; Attorney Rainone reported that an agreement for the easement for the Pump Station was signed and Director Stroin is looking to have it finished by the end of the year.
- Attended the League of Women Voters “meet and greet” of the Board of Education candidates and wished everyone well in the upcoming election.
- Asked if there was anything scheduled by JCP&L for tree maintenance over the roadways; Administrator Weinberg answered that they work their way through the Township and then send the schedule. Councilman Dipierro suggested putting that schedule on the Township website so our residents are aware.
- Asked if the street lights were installed on Municipal Plaza; Administrator Weinberg stated that should be coming within the next few months.

Councilwoman Schneider –

- Commended the Library staff and friends for the success of the Farmer’s Market, noting that it was a great event that the residents were thrilled with. She added that they will have a one-day market before Thanksgiving.
- Attended the Commission on Aging meeting and gave an update that 8,000 residents have attended various programs and 2,000 residents have utilized the transportation services. Shared that the Senior Center held a Car Show and received food donations and over \$2,000 in monetary donations.
- Reported Princeton shuttle has low usage on weekends.
- The Regency will be donating turkeys for Thanksgiving.
- The Green Health & Wellness Fair on October 15th at the high school.
- Octoberfest will be held on October 23rd from 12pm – 4pm at the Rec Center.

Councilwoman Siegel –

- The Cultural Arts Commission will be holding their Juried Arts Show at the Library from October 8th – 15th.
- The Historic Preservation Commission held their old-time baseball game at the Dey Farm with a great turnout of over 175 people. The Dey Farm has had a record number of visitors this year and it is great to see all the youth getting involved, “it’s a beautiful collaboration”. She thanked the DPW and all other Departments involved to make it a success.
- The Township will be hosting its 1st Diwali Event being held on October 30th at 4pm at Thompson Park with fun, food and fireworks.

Council Vice-President Van Dzura –

- Commented that the all-inclusive playground has been very popular as it has been used a lot.
- Attended the Dey Farm vintage baseball game.
- Monroe Recreation Baseball has held a Make-A-Wish tournament for its 6th year where 80 teams participated, and they raised \$15,000.
- Monroe Twp. Rec. fall sports are starting over 700 children involved; the High School will start to play Cricket.
- Love the collaboration of the Board of Education and the Township in regard to the turf field, teamwork.
- Attended the Master Plan update where Administrator Weinberg gave an update on affordable housing and Director Stroin gave an update on water.
- The Township will be hosting its 1st Diwali celebration on October 30th.
- Octoberfest will be held on October 23rd.
- Commented on the loss of life due to Hurricane Ian; also noted that there were a few deaths of Township residents, one being Cassidy Cutler who was killed on September 19th in a car accident, she was only 21 years old, as well as, his neighbor Pete Kowal, who was 59 years old and a retired State Trooper, this is truly devastating. He noted Mr. Kowal was the kind of person who would go out of his way to help others and was an all-around good person. He reminded everyone that life does not last forever and to appreciate every moment.
- Reminded all to keep Ukraine in their prayers.

Council President Cohen –

- In reference to the discussion of hurricanes and emergency events that it was good advice to have a preparedness plan; also noting that a list of important documents can be found on the Red Cross website.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Dalina shared that he knew Pete Kowal for over 20 years as they coached t-ball and played softball together, he was the epitome of Monroe, commenting that God needed a second baseman on his team.

Regarding the turf field, thanked Michele Arminio and their communication in getting that done.

The next Mayor’s Wellness Event was a bike ride with the Mayor of Cranbury joining us. It was a pleasure to be out with the residents and extended thanks to FD #2 for their drone coverage and their truck waving the flag. He stated that although the weather is getting cooler in the spirit of health and wellness it is important to get out and move.

On October 27th the Master Plan public comment session will be held and urged all to check out the website for more information.

Middlesex County will be paving Forsgate Drive from the Turnpike to the railroad crossing.

Wished all of our Jewish residents a prosperous Yom Kippur.

Octoberfest will be held on October 23rd and Avery & Her Bravery will be at the Township’s Police tent to help raise money for childhood cancer.

October 30th the Township will be hosting our 1st Diwali celebration with fireworks held at dusk. There will be a lot of Indian food and we are open to any other recommendations to make this celebration a hit.

Last week a baby boy was born in Monroe Manor with both mom and baby doing well.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab thanked the Mayor and Council for hosting the Diwali celebration on October 30th. The Diwali food drive started on September 12th and there are approximately 250 Monroe and Jamesburg families who are in need.

Mr. Parab asked when the traffic light at Spotswood-Englishtown Road will be done; Engineer Rasimowicz responded that the design is in process now and we have secured the land acquisitions.

Commented that the Master Plan presentation was very informative, asked further about the affordable housing obligations to which Attorney Rainone responded.

Electric bills are going up.

Brian Fabiano, 19 Ariana Pl. – Mr. Fabiano commended Mayor Dalina and Michele Arminio for their collaboration on the turf field, stating that it is nice to see good leadership coming together.

This year is the Board of Education election and urged residents to do their research as 55% of taxes goes towards the school and noted that it is important to pay attention and come out and vote.

Thanked all for their leadership here in the Township.

Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio commented that it is nice to work together for the betterment of the community. She commented that sometimes she asks difficult questions but is pleased to see that Mayor Dalina has made a new era of cooperation.

Mrs. Arminio went on to comment that the new leadership and opportunities for the public to be involved in the Master Plan and stated that it is exceptional that all the professionals were brought out to answer questions. Thanked Councilman Dipierro for asking questions and asked if the Master Plan will be adopted or just discussed at the meeting held on October 27th; Attorney Rainone stated that the Master Plan is voted on by the Planning Board and not the Council. The master Plan is the blueprint of our community, we need to look forward and not backward.

Lastly, Mrs. Arminio added that she would like to see more safe places to ride bikes.

George Gunkelman, 5 Kelly Ct. – Mr. Gunkelman noted that Oktoberfest has not yet been added to the Township calendar and asked why it starts on Monday.

Commented that the Post Office is a disaster area with ugly and dead trees and weeds everywhere, can the Township help.

Lastly commented that he has a streetlight out on his road, and he reported it 2 months ago to JCP&L and still no response from them.

Gary Busman, 7 Monarch Rd. – Mr. Busman commented that approximately 3 years ago we discussed the Veteran's Housing Project and asked why it has not begun being built; Administrator Weinberg answered that the plans are finished and there is a meeting in two weeks to go over. Mr. Busman commented that this is very important to have done.

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

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 8:00pm.

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

Patricia Reid

PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

Miriam Cohen

MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

Minutes were adopted on November 2, 2022.