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

OCTOBER 4, 2021

AGENDA

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

2. Salute to the Flag.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Leonard Baskin
Councilman Charles Dipierro
Councilman Terence Van Dzura
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider
Council President Miriam Cohen

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

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1. Posted on the Bulletin Boards within the Municipal Building on December 29, 2020 and remains posted at that location for public inspection;
2. Printed in the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE** and noticed to the **CRANBURY PRESS** on January 1, 2021;
3. Posted on the Monroe Township website; and
4. Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

In accordance with Chapter 3, Section 17 of the Monroe Township Code, Public Comment shall be limited to five (5) minutes unless further time is granted by the Council President.

5. **PROCLAMATIONS:**

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month – October 2021
Becker Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Week – October 3 – 9, 2021

6. **ORDINANCE(S)** for **SECOND READING** at the October 4, 2021 Regular Meeting:

O-8-2021-019 **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 108; ARTICLE 16.1 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO REQUIRE ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF LAND USE APPLICATIONS.**
(Tabled at the September 1, 2021 Council Meeting)

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7. **RESOLUTIONS for CONSIDERATION under CONSENT AGENDA at the October 4, 2021 Regular Meeting: (R-10-2021-207 – R-10-2021-218)**

R-10-2021-207 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSING OF A PORTION OF MONMOUTH ROAD FOR THE OCTOBERFEST CELEBRATION. (October 24, 2021 – 10:00am to 6:00pm)

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(\$45,100.53 – Clean Communities Grant Funding)**

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

OPEN: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

CLOSE: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

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

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

OCTOBER 4, 2021 REGULAR MEETING TO FOLLOW

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**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

OCTOBER 4, 2021

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 29, 2021.**

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

3. **ORDINANCE(S)** for **SECOND READING:**

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PUBLIC HEARING OPEN: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSE: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

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

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

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – October 4, 2021

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 Leonard Baskin, Councilman Charles Dipierro, Councilman Terence Van Dzura, Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider and Council President Miriam Cohen.

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

There were approximately twelve (40) members of the Public who joined remotely.

Council President Miriam Cohen requested the Township Clerk to read the following **SUNSHINE LAW** into the record:

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In accordance with Chapter 3, Section 17 of the Monroe Township Code, Public Comment shall be limited to a rolling five (5) minutes unless further time is granted by the Council President.

Township Clerk Patricia Reid read aloud the proclamations for the month of October noting that October 2021 is recognized as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Becker Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Week is October 3-9, 2021.

Township Clerk Patricia Reid read the following entitled **ORDINANCES** for **SECOND READING** at the **MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021** Regular Council Meeting:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lucille Panos, 1208C Lindera Plz. – Mrs. Panos asked regarding R-10-2021-209 what type of equipment will be shared and which of the Township’s insurance is responsible; Administrator Weinberg answered that if our equipment or Manalapan Township’s equipment is broken, we borrow each other’s. He went on to explain that shared services save the Township a lot of money.

Mrs. Panos asked regarding R-10-2021-210 if the Township has considered doing our own recycling; Administrator Weinberg answered that this is also a shared service with MCIA, where they collect the branches, grass, and other debris. He added that we are one of twenty-five towns that participate in this shared service.

Mrs. Panos asked in regard to R-10-2021-211 if we did an RFP for these services; Director Stroin answered that this is for patch paving, and it is the same price for the last three years but next year we will have to go out to bid.

Mrs. Panos asked regarding R-10-2021-214 for the specifics of where the funds come from; Attorney Rainone answered that this is the American Recovery Act which is a one-time revenue from the State.

Mrs. Panos asked regarding R-10-2021-215 if the Township would be reimbursed to which Administrator Weinberg answered that Township funds were used as there are no FEMA funds available. Mrs. Panos commented that that was an act of God, and it should be covered through our insurance to which Attorney Rainone answered that roads are not covered under the Township insurance, in fact no Township has roads covered under their insurance.

Michael Olesky, 15 Mayberry Ave. – Mr. Olesky commented that he anticipates during the reports that the Master Plan will be addressed along with a timeline of when a written report with everyone’s feedback can be expected.

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

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 6:43pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 6:44pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Baskin, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **9/29/2021** were approved for payment as written and presented.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Abstain
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	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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BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 108; Article 16.1 of the Code of the Township of Monroe entitled “Application Checklists” is hereby amended as follows: (new text is in red and underlined)

Checklist for Required Submissions to the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment of Monroe Township

All required submissions are to be made to the Administrative Officer and are due at the time of submission of the application.

C = Complies; D = Deficient; W = Waiver sought.

I. Requirements for All Applications.		C	D	W
1.	Information sheet.	_____	_____	_____
2.	10 copies of the application form applicable to the type of approval requested, completely filled in. If any item is not applicable to the Applicant, it should be so indicated on the application form(s).	_____	_____	_____
3.	a) Applicant's affidavit that taxes are currently paid and up-to-date or b) Application for municipal determination of tax status and affidavit certifying that delinquent taxes shall be paid upon grant of approval by the Board and in conformance with ordinance requirements that the Board's final approval be conditioned upon payment of all subsequent taxes.	_____	_____	_____
4.	Receipt indicating that all required fees (as set forth in the fee ordinances of Monroe Township) are paid.	_____	_____	_____
5.	Fourteen (14) copies of any required plot plan, site plan or subdivision plan completed in conformance with the requirements of all applicable ordinances of Monroe Township and to be a maximum sheet size of twenty-four by thirty-six (24 x 36) inches.	_____	_____	_____
6.	If available prior to the hearing, 14 copies of any other supporting documentation which shall be presented to the Board in its consideration of the application.	_____	_____	_____
7.	If Applicant is other than the owner of the subject property, a consent form executed by the owner authorizing the applicant to proceed before the Board.	_____	_____	_____
8.	Information as to ownership. If applicant is a corporation or partnership, a list of the names and addresses of all stockholders or individual partners owning at least 10% of its stock of any class or at least 10% of the interest in the partnership as the case may be, as required by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-48.1 and 40-55D-48.2.	_____	_____	_____
9.	Names of proposed witnesses and their expertise, if any, if known at time of submission of application.	_____	_____	_____
10.	Listing of all approvals including any variances, and/or exceptions being sought, with reference to the specific applicable ordinance provision(s) and an explanation of the reasons why such variance or exception is being requested.	_____	_____	_____
11.	If public notice of the hearing on the application is required pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-12, and/or the ordinances of Monroe Township, applicant shall submit a list of property owners within 200 feet of the subject property. The list shall include the names and addresses as shown on the municipal tax records. Applicant may apply to the administrative officer for a municipally certified list of property owners within 200 feet of the subject property.	_____	_____	_____
12.	Copies of any prior resolutions or other documentation regarding past decisions involving the property.	_____	_____	_____
13.	Copies of any easements or deed restrictions or covenants affecting use of the premises.	_____	_____	_____
14.	If applicant is a corporation, name of attorney who shall be representing the applicant.	_____	_____	_____
15.	a) Applicant's affidavit that there are no delinquent water or sewer assessments levied against the property or b) Application made to the Monroe Township Municipal Utility Authority for a determination regarding the status of any water or sewer assessments and an affidavit certifying that delinquent assessments shall be paid upon approval by the Board of the application and in conformance with ordinance requirements that payments of such assessments be made a condition of final Board approval.	_____	_____	_____
16.	A schedule of zoning requirements applicable to the property and a showing of whether or not the application is in conformance with such requirements. The schedule shall be indicated on the site plan. (This shall not be a requirement on applications for final major subdivision or site plan approval.)	_____	_____	_____

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

O-9-2021-020 **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 44.1 ENTITLED “SCHEDULE XVA: SPEED LIMITS”.**
(Adding 35 mph on Spotswood Englishtown Rd from Matchaponix Ave. to Cornell Ave.)

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 122-44.1. entitled “Schedule XVA” of the Code of the Township of Monroe, which Section establishes “Speed Limits” within the Township of Monroe shall be amended as follows:

<u>NAME OF STREET</u>	<u>SPEED LIMIT (mph)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>ADD</u>		
Spotswood Englishtown Road	35	From Matchaponix Avenue to Cornell Avenue

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty days after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.

PUBLIC HEARING:

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-9-2021-020** was **open**. All were in favor, none opposed.

No Public Comment.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-9-2021-020** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

Councilman Van Dzura commented that this Ordinance is about moving the speed limit from 45mph to 35mph and explained that the Police Department did a traffic study where a speed trailer was set up near Suburban Plaza to collect data. That data showed that the average speed from June 2nd through June 8th was 41mph, so he does not understand the reason to reduce the speed limit to 35mph. He noted that he lives in that area and has not seen a lot of speeding. He added that a second trailer was put up at Tall Oaks Drive, near Baker’s Nursery, and the average speed was 39mph. He stated that the officer handling the study felt that with the consistency on that road it was a good idea but the science shows that it is not really necessary. He added that he is not on the roads all the time and not an expert so he could also be incorrect in his assessment.

Councilman Dipierro added that the speed limit near Suburban Plaza is currently at 35mph.

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

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ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Nay
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-9-2021-020

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

O-9-2021-021 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO ACQUIRE TITLE TO PROPERTY BY DEED OF DEDICATION TO BLOCK 35.03, LOT 27.01 LOCATED ON MOUNTS MILLS ROAD.

WHEREAS, MMR Real Estate Holdings, LLC (“MMR”) is the owner of property identified on the Township of Monroe (the “Township”) Official Tax Map as Block 35.03, Lot 27.01 (hereinafter referred to as the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, MMR received preliminary subdivision approval with bulk variances by Resolution of the Monroe Township Planning Board on June 22, 2006 and Final Subdivision approval by Resolution dated March 22, 2007 (the “approvals”); and

WHEREAS, a condition of the approvals required the dedication of the newly designated Block 35.03 Lot 27.01 to the Township for municipal and drainage purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to acquire fee simple ownership of the Property for municipal and drainage purposes; 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 acquire 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, a Deed of Dedication from MMR has been prepared and executed by the property owner which grants the Township with fee simple ownership of the Property as described in the Deed of Dedication appended hereto as Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, after analysis and review, the Township Engineer has determined it is in its best interest to accept the aforementioned Deed of Dedication in a form substantially similar to the forms attached hereto as Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has reviewed the aforementioned Deed of Dedication and agreed that it is in the best interests of the Township to accept the Deed of Dedication and acquire the Property; 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 Township of Monroe is hereby authorized to accept the Deed of Dedication to Block 35.03 lot 27.01 for municipal and drainage purposes and the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary for the acceptance of the Property as described in substantially the forms appended hereto as Attachment A, which set forth the terms and conditions pertaining to the acquisition of the Property.
2. If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance.
3. All ordinances or part of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

PUBLIC HEARING:

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Van Dzura and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-9-2021-021** was **open**. All were in favor, none opposed.

No Public Comment.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Baskin, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-9-2021-021** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

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ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Abstain
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-9-2021-021

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Councilman Dipierro the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:** (R-10-2021-207 – R-10-2021-218)

R-10-2021-207 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSING OF A PORTION OF MONMOUTH ROAD FOR THE OCTOBERFEST CELEBRATION. (October 24, 2021 – 10:00am to 6:00pm)

WHEREAS, the Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Recreation, in a letter dated August 9, 2019, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", has requested approval to close a portion of Monmouth Road from Cornell Avenue to Sheffield Avenue on ***Sunday, October 24, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.*** for the purpose of the ***Octoberfest Celebration***; and

WHEREAS, the temporary closing of a portion of Monmouth Road necessitates the detour of traffic which will exit Monmouth Road at 10th Avenue; and

WHEREAS, by copy of attached letter dated September 20, 2021, the Chief of the Monroe Township Police Department has reviewed and approved said closing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that a portion of Monmouth Road shall be temporarily closed on Sunday, October 24, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the Octoberfest Celebration and traffic will exit Monmouth Road at 10th Avenue.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2021-208 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 Twelve Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Three dollars and Seventy-Four cents (\$12,273.74) 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-10-2021-209 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MANALAPAN TOWNSHIP FOR THE SHARED USE OF PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT.

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe and the Township of Manalapan wish to assist each other to the extent possible and alleviate their mutual needs in a variety of areas; and

WHEREAS, at various times the Townships may share Public Works equipment and other items subject to the attached agreement; 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 Township Business Administrator and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the attached Shared Services Agreement with Manalapan Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Monroe Township Business Administrator and Director of Public Works and the Manalapan Township Business Administrator and Director of Public Works.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2021-210 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR THE PROVISION OF YARD WASTE RECYCLING AND MARKETING SERVICES. (3-year Agreement – unit pricing per ton)

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Solid Waste Management Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1, et seq., each county within the State of New Jersey is deemed a solid waste management district; and

WHEREAS, each solid waste management district is responsible for developing a solid waste management plan that sets forth the strategy for disposing and/or recycling of solid waste generated within the geographic boundaries of the respective county; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders (the “Board”) of the County of Middlesex (the “County”) has adopted the Middlesex County Solid Waste Management Plan, as the same has been amended from time to time (the “County Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, is desirous of contracting with the Middlesex County Improvement Authority, as more fully set forth in the attached “Agreement for the Provision of Yard Waste Recycling and Marketing Services”;

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 above referenced and attached Agreement with the Middlesex County Improvement Authority be executed by the Mayor and Township Clerk, nunc pro tunc as of September 1, 2021 and shall continue until August 31, 2024, unless earlier terminated or extended as provided within attached Agreement.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2021-211 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT #2 TO CONTRACT NO. 487 “PATCH PAVING & CONCRETE REPAIR” WITH L & L PAVING CO. EXTENDING THE TERMINATION DATE TO SEPTEMBER 5, 2022 FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”). (1 year contract extension – same pricing)

WHEREAS, the M.T.U.D. is currently under contract with L & L Paving Co. For as needed paving and concrete installation and repair; and

WHEREAS, the current contract term expires on September 5, 2021, and the Monroe Township Utility Department has been very satisfied with the performance of L& L Paving Co. over the last two contract terms; and

WHEREAS, Section 16.0 "Contract Term" of the current contract Specifications, allows for a second and final (12) twelve-month extensions, with the agreement of the vendor; and

WHEREAS, the M.T.U.D. Purchasing Agent has determined that L & L Paving has performed very well during the initial contract term, and feels it is in the best interest of the Monroe Township Utility Department to extend the current contract for the second extension term of (12) twelve months, and has notified L & L Paving Co. of the M.T.U.D.'s intention to extend said contract via a letter dated September 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, L & L Paving Co. has indicated their acceptance of the amendment and extension by signing and returning the above referenced letter, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the M.T.U.D.'s Township Chief Financial Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-180021 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, that it hereby authorizes and approves the M.T.U.D. extending its open-ended contract for Patch Paving and Concrete Repair with L & L Paving Co., based on the unit pricing and estimated quantities, for the (12) twelve-month extension term. The new termination date shall be September 5, 2022. The existing unit pricing, terms and conditions of the agreement shall remain unchanged.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2021-212 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 One-Hundred Thousand Nine-Hundred dollars and no cents (\$100,900.00),

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-10-2021-213 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE LOAN REPAYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT 1079 MORNING GLORY DRIVE, MONROE TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY
(Down payment assistance - \$18,840.00).

WHEREAS, **SAMARA MCCORMACK** is about to be the owner of property located at 1079 Morning Glory Drive, 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 **\$18,840.00**; 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 4th day of October 2021, 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 1079 Morning Glory Drive, Monroe Township, New Jersey, Block 1, Lot 10.2, C-1079.
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 \$18,840.00 shall be made payable to **FOUNDATION TITLE, LLC** and mailed to the Attention of Jerome J. Convery, Attorney at Law, 272 Highway 34, Suite 3, Matawan, NJ 07747.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-10-2021-214 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948).
(American Rescue Plan Act and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – \$900,000)**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for Year 2021 in the sum of \$900,000.00, which is now available as a revenue from the American Rescue Plan Act-State and Local Fiscal Recovery funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$900,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

“AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT-STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS”

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this funding is to be used to provide Public Health Emergency/Covid-19 assistance to homeowners/seniors impacted by Tropical Storm Henri flooding.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2021-215 RESOLUTION APPROVING EMERGENCY CONTRACT WITH J. GATARZ & SONS, INC. FOR EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIRS TO GRACE HILL ROAD AND DOCKS CORNER ROAD DAMAGED BY TROPICAL STORM HENRI. (\$112,340.18)

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2021, Grace Hill Road and Docks Corner Road located in the Township of Monroe received extensive damage from a storm known as Tropical Storm Henri; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 authorizes the award of contract without public bidding, notwithstanding that the contract price will exceed the bid threshold, when an emergency affecting the public health, safety or welfare requires the immediate delivery of goods or the performance of services; and

WHEREAS, due to the extensive damage to the roads, the Business Administrator approved the repair work due to the nature of the emergency, so as to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Monroe Township; and

WHEREAS, J. Gatarz & Sons, Inc. thereafter performed the required repairs and on September 24, 2021, submitted invoices in the amount of \$38,262.34 for the repairs to Grace Hill Road and \$74,077.84 for the repairs to Docks Corner Road totalling repair services in the amount of **\$112,340.18**; and

WHEREAS, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated September 29, 2021, has recommended that council authorize the emergency repair work, nunc pro tunc.

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

(1) The Township Council of the Township of Monroe hereby authorize the emergency contract with J. Gatarz & Sons, *nunc pro tunc*; for the emergency road repairs on Grace Hill Road and Docks Corner Road totalling \$112,340.18 and

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by **J. Gatarz & Sons, Inc.**; in an amount not to exceed **\$112,340.18** in accordance with the attached invoices;

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an “emergency contract” in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6* to meet the immediate needs of the emergency caused by Tropical Storm Henri.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-10-2021-216 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INSERTION OF A SPECIAL
ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.
40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948).
(\$8,000.00 - Middlesex County Office on Aging – Senior Outreach)**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for Year 2021 in the sum of \$8,000.00, which is now available as a revenue from the Middlesex County Office on Aging – Senior Outreach.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$8,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

“MIDDLESEX COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING – SENIOR OUTREACH”

NOW, FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED that the sum of \$16,600.00 representing the amount required for the municipality’s share of the aforementioned undertaking or improvement is provided in the budget of the year 2021 under the caption “Senior Services – Salaries and Wages; and

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-10-2021-217 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF
COMPUTERS UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT FOR
VARIOUS DEPARTMENT WITHIN MONROE TOWNSHIP.
(\$33,898.08)**

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, has the need to purchase new computers for various departments within Monroe Township under the NJ State Contract No. M0483/TELE00656 from **Dell Technologies** an authorized vendor under the NJ State Contract; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, the Quotations received are for computer systems to upgrade four (4) offices with the purchase price totaling thirty three thousand seven hundred forty seven dollars and fifty seven cents (**\$33,898.08**) as reflected in the quotations attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2100039, 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, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes a contract be entered into with **Dell Technologies, One Dell Way Bldg. 8 Box 872 Round Rock, Texas 78682** for the purchase of computer systems to upgrade four offices, at a total contract price in the amount of **\$33,898.08**.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-10-2021-218 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1)
ROLL OFF FROM OMAHA STANDARD, LLC. USING THE
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY
(ESCNJ) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE
MONROE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
(\$45,100.53 – Clean Communities Grant Funding)**

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Public Works Department has the need for one (1) ARB-75-SM Roll Off mechanism to be installed on an existing Freightliner cab and chassis; and

WHEREAS, the State Approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCP) has awarded a contract for the Roll Off under its contract number ESCNJ 20/21-55; and

WHEREAS, the total price of the Roll Off is forty five thousand one hundred dollars and fifty three cents (**\$45,100.53**); and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Financial Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2100040 copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

(1) Authorizes the Public Works Department to purchase said Roll Off from Omaha Standard, LLC. using the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program contract 20/21-55; and

(2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said Roll Off delivered by Omaha Standard, LLC., respectively; and

(3) The contracts are awarded through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCP) 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.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Administrator's Report – Administrator Weinberg reported on the force main for the BFI Landfill with Director Stroin stating that the design is almost complete, and the plan is to go out to bid soon with an award at the November 3rd Council Meeting.

Regarding the Energy Aggregation program, Administrator Weinberg stated that at the last Council meeting we were unable to award as the rates this round were higher than the tariff rate. He noted that we will go out to bid again in the Spring and hope to have better success then, adding that we have had five straight rounds of savings which is remarkable.

Commented that shared services are so important and the ones on tonight's agenda are great.

He wanted to give a shout out to the DPW Department for storm clean up and Parks Department on our fields.

Asked Director Stroin for his report on the Master Plan; Director Stroin stated that the public survey has closed with over 82,000 comments received. He reported that once the comments are collated a public document will be put together and the planning consultant will review. He anticipates the Master Plan to come before final review of the Planning Board in the beginning of 2022, adding that if there are any land use changes they would need to be reviewed and approved by Council.

Engineer's Report – Engineer Rasimowicz reported that the installation of the crossing on Federal Road should be up by next month.

Reported that almost 20 roads including the Camelot Dev. were completed with the Township wide paving project.

Council's Reports –

Council Vice-President Schneider –

- Reported that the Office on Aging had 5,714 participants for the month of August with 369 being medical transports, 126 to the Senior Center and 31 within the Township. Also mentioned a new bus was purchased.
- A food drive was held at Stop & Shop that will include the residents of Rossmoor who were victims of the flooding due to Henri. Shared how she has been blessed by being able to stay with her daughter and son-in-law as she is a flood victim herself.
- Invited all to attend the Octoberfest being held on October 24th from 12pm-4pm; shared that the Human Relations Commission will have a booth at the Octoberfest, and anyone interested in joining can stop by the booth to join.

Councilman Baskin –

- As liaison to the Historical Committee, Councilman Baskin reported that the old timer's baseball game was a success with the weather being nice and sunny. Mentioned that there was also an exhibit of Civil War surgery and an exhibit on the collection of rainwater.
- Stated that the Star Ledger reports that there are several unscrupulous individuals pretending to be JCP&L and urged all to be vigilant and not get suckered in by the scammers.

Councilman Dipierro –

- Asked for updates on the Prospect Plains and Applegarth Road intersection project; Engineer Rasimowicz answered that this is a County project and they are working through the land acquisitions now. He added that there is no estimate of time because they are dealing with multiple property owners.
- Asked for updates on the Mounts Mills Road and Spotswood-Englishtown Road project; Engineer Rasimowicz answered that this is in the land acquisition phase (13 parcels) and the Council authorized the funds last month.
- Asked for updates on the railroad crossing; Engineer Rasimowicz answered that this is scheduled to be a 2022 project.
- Thanked the League of Women Voters for the forum they had with the candidates; extended thanks to the Clerk's Office for their hard work for all they do for the towns and residents.
- Asked for an update on the transportation question that came up at a prior meeting regarding disabled individuals; Administrator Weinberg answered that at the direction of Mayor Dalina, and with the support of the Council, we will be putting some items in the budget to be able to help disabled individuals get to and from work.
- Commented that Octoberfest is a big event for the community, and he hopes to see a lot of residents come together and attend. He added that the roadway is closed for safety reasons.
- Wished Mayor Dalina's mother a happy birthday.

Councilman Van Dzura –

- Commented that the candidate's forum held by the League of Women Voters was very professional and nicely handled.
- Expressed concern over the revenue that we would receive from marijuana in the Township and noted that he does not want this to fall off the radar and revisit in the near future.
- Stated that he would like to see the Council Meetings be made available via ZOOM for those to participate virtually if they are unable to attend in person.
- Commended the Administration for working as fast as they have regarding the BFI landfill and the force main project. Stated that it is nice to see that they have taken the bull by the horns to get the residents some relief.
- Commended the Administration for their efforts with shared services as this saves money for the residents and constitutes good government.
- Commented that the September 3, 2021 fireworks display was great.
- Shared that it would be incumbent to look into renewable energy such as solar, electric cars and buses as it is important to save our environment in every way that we can. Shared that Red Bank is trying to implement their police department to go all electric and added that we need to keep the environment in the front mirror and not the back mirror, not excluding storm water systems and infrastructure and now is the time to do whatever we can to try and keep ourselves safe.

Council President Cohen –

- Commented that regarding the placement of the charging stations, several years ago the Township received grant funding to have charging stations at our library.
- Cultural Arts Commission will be having the juried art show happening soon.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dalina mentioned that Councilman Dipierro wished his mother a happy birthday as today she turned 89 years old and last year she had a quadruple bypass. She was very successful in raising 5 men = 4 Sons and his Father.

Reported that 17 residents have been able to take advantage of the Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Program; the Library has raised \$2,500 for the residents in need and our DPW has removed thousands of pounds of debris thus far. Mentioned that those who need heat, hot water, walls, and insulation repaired can be helped by the Township and urged all to reach out. Mayor Dalina also noted that we did not receive any FEMA funding but we feel responsible in helping those in need.

Discussing with the State legislators to have a truck study looked into as this is a regional issue with truck traffic and hopes that the truck study will have a positive effect for our residents. He stated that as more details come to him he will communicate with all.

Shared that information on the booster shots are available on the website and extended thanks to all the residents for being over 90% vaccinated, proud of Monroe.

Thanked everyone who participated in the 9/11 ceremonies.

Attended the cricket cup tournament that took place at Veteran's Park held by the Garden State Cricket Organization and we were very happy to have it held in the Township.

Fall is here and urged all to get out and enjoy the programs that the Recreation Center and the Parks Department have to offer.

Very proud to have participated in the League of Women Voter's great event and great candidate forum. You can always go to Vote411.org for all information.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gary Busman, 7 Monarch Rd. – Mr. Busman said it is a pleasure to be back after 18 months.

Commented that as a member of the Parks and Recreation Board he is in favor of more recreation facilities in the Township and stated that they should be placed west of Federal Road where there are no parks currently and nowhere for residents to go.

Noted that the Community Garden has been used by residents to picnic, but more areas are needed. Also shared that the Community Garden completed its 6th year with no spots available, 55 people are on the waiting

list and there are 174 sites. He added that a second garden may be needed in the north side of town. He commended the Administration and Council for making the garden the success that it is.

Peter Tufano, 10 Catherine St. – Mr. Tufano extended birthday wishes to Mayor Dalina's mother.

Shared that in early July he woke up to his shed being flooded and reached out to Zoning Officer Bevins to notify him that his neighbor had put several inches of soil onto his property in turn causing his property to flood. He stated that there was approximately 2 feet of water in his shed with everything being destroyed and Zoning Officer Bevins found the neighbor to be at fault for this. Mr. Tufano stated that he took his neighbor to court and court had given him an extension to remove the dirt and asked why it is taking so long for this violation to be remedied. Director Stroin stated that this has been a very stressful time for everyone including the Township and noted that a significant amount of dirt has been removed from the property with more scheduled to be removed. He noted that we are working with the court system and was advised by Zoning Officer Bevins that the Judge will not tolerate if this is not remedied within the next 60 days. He added that we will press forward as a Township to ensure this matter is resolved. Mr. Tufano commented that the dirt was put there illegally within one afternoon but now the violator has 120 days to remedy and feels that it should take the same amount of time that it did to place it there to remove it. He added that he has thousands of dollars in damages and asked who is responsible as it is not fair, and something needs to be done; Attorney Rainone responded that Mr. Tufano has more rights than the Township does and encouraged him to take any personal recourse because it was not the Township that caused this. He added that it may have been rectified quicker if he exercised his personal rights since the Township can only issue fines. He added that by going through the civil process he can recover his damages from his neighbor.

Jay Foye, 431 Hoffman Station Rd. – Mr. Foye extended thanks to Administrator Weinberg, Engineer Rasimowicz, Councilman Dipierro and Director Stroin for stepping up to the plate and taking care of his issue that is like the situation Mr. Tufano is experiencing. He added that this was not a republican or democrat thing, this was a Monroe thing, and it is the people that we need to take care of. He stated that when it comes to the people of the Township, Director Stroin set up a meeting with everyone involved along with Engineer Rasimowicz and got it all done. He added that there is still damage to the property, but he is not looking to sue anyone he just wants to have it corrected and again thanked everyone for all of their efforts.

Steve Martin, 24 North Disbrow Hill Rd. – Mr. Martin thanked the Council, candidates, and Mayor Dalina for participating in the forum held by the League of Women Voters as it was very professional and controlled.

He stated that a Township Ordinance was passed in 2007-2008 regarding the Pay-to-Play law which was put into place by then Mayor Richard Pucci. He noted that in reading through the Ordinance it states that any donation over \$300 would result in that company not being awarded for a contract for a year. He added that there was slew of awards made that following January and wants all of our Council members and candidates running to understand that we have a Pay-to-Play Ordinance in effect, and we need to not only read it but obey it or change it but not violate it. Attorney Rainone responded that the ordinance was repealed back in 2018 as we adopted the State regulations.

Melody Henry, 264A Glen Rd. – Mrs. Henry extended birthday wishes to Mayor Dalina's mother.

Asked how many units in Rossmoor were condemned or damaged; Administrator Weinberg answered that close to 160 units had some level of impact in Rossmoor. Our Construction Department has been in full force in trying to get the power restored to prevent mold from setting in and noted that none of the units within Rossmoor have structural damage, only flooding damage. He added that there are 17 participants of the Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Program, and the American Recovery Act was approved at tonight's meeting to help the other residents. He added that no units were condemned but 6 units are without power inside of Rossmoor, as well as two outside of Rossmoor making them uninhabitable.

Mrs. Henry asked what the total cost of the dumping fees were for the damage; Administrator Weinberg responded, and Attorney Rainone added that the damage is incurred by each property owner and is not something that we keep track of. He added that it is between the homeowner, insurance and HOA and we are not keeping a running tally.

Mrs. Henry asked what the Township has spent thus far; Administrator Weinberg answered that the Township has spent approximately \$30,000 in dumping fees and we are in discussion with the County to have some of those fees waived.

Lastly, Mrs. Henry asked what is being done to prevent this from happening again; Mayor Dalina answered that this will be looked at as a regional issue, so a meeting with all of the other Mayor's will take place to address this issue as a whole instead of piecemeal.

Brian Fabiano, 19 Patricia Pl. – Mr. Fabiano asked if there is a phone number for people to call regarding the booster shot; Administrator Weinberg responded to call the Administration Office.

Mr. Fabiano asked if there were any updates on the shared services with the Board of Education; Administrator Weinberg answered that an agreement has not come before us from the Board of Education. Mr. Fabiano commented that the Board of Education is stating that they are in discussions with Mayor Dalina to which Council President Cohen stated that they are the facilitator and we have yet to receive anything from them to which Administrator Weinberg concurred.

Mr. Fabiano asked why the Pay-to-Play ordinance was repealed when it was an extra safety measure; Council President Cohen answered that we repealed to adopt the State's ordinance. Administrator Weinberg added that we thought we would become more widespread in using the State's ordinance.

Mr. Fabiano commented that during the candidate's forum, Council Vice-President Schneider stated that she was unaware of any contributions made to her campaign but there were two companies who gave money in political contributions, one being Delaware Raritan Engineering and they have done work for the fire district. Mr. Fabiano asked how we allow Center State who gives \$2,500 per year to be awarded contracts; Attorney Rainone responded that they are awarded contracts under the fair and open process.

Mr. Patel, 29 Imperial Ct. – Mr. Patel stated that he had a car jacking while he was in his car on Old Forge Road and he called the police which took approximately 15 minutes for an officer to respond. He asked what is being done to avoid car jackings in the Township and commented that the officers did a wonderful job. He also added that car jackings are becoming an issue in our Township and in the surrounding towns as well. Administrator Weinberg commented that this is becoming a common occurrence as people are leaving their keys in their vehicles and he will follow up with the Chief to get an answer to Mr. Patel's questions.

George Gunkelman, 5 Kelly Ct. – Mr. Gunkelman commented that in regard to the flooding he made an effort to help with neighbors where he could and added that the Township did a great job with their resources but unfortunately there is still a big gap for those hardest hit as some are amongst the poorest living in our Township. He added that some are going to unfortunately be forced to sell partially because of age and not wanting to deal with contracts and scheduling. He stated that if this was declared a FEMA disaster area we would have had more resources available and we need to get our legislators to address this as there are some real victims out there.

Mr. Gunkelman asked who the contact is to see who is on the Master Plan Committee; Administrator Weinberg commented that it is either himself or Director Stroin.

Mr. Gunkelman asked regarding the force main if we will be refunded the cost; Administrator Weinberg commented that the Township is moving forward primarily but will see that the responsible party reimburses after. He added that we took the lead in fixing this issue.

Mr. Gunkelman commented in regard to Superstorm Sandy some units were purchased because they were more likely to be impacted again and asked if there are any homes that will fall into this category from the flooding as he is aware that Rossmoor gets complicated on many levels but it is worth looking into mitigating; Administrator Weinberg answered that we are looking into the Blue Acres Program and the thresholds to see how that would work.

Lucille DiPasquale, 70 Ave K – Ms. DiPasquale stated that she was very impressed with the candidate's forum held by the League of Women Voters and was moved by the concerns of our residents regarding our environment and would like to take time to expand on some things that she felt were omitted. In regard to the Community Garden, she stated that she agrees with Mr. Busman that it is a jewel in the Township and has been very successful and tremendous. She stated that our spray park is wonderful, and she is happy that phase 3 is completed as it is a Township facility that brings forth so much joy. In regard to sustainability, she mentioned that she is a member of the Green Team and in 2017 we achieved silver certification which less than 10% of the municipalities achieve. She stated that everything being done is on the mark and thanked the Administration and Council for their support of the Green Team. She added that the Green Fair cannot be held but hopefully over the next few months it could be held virtually. Council President Cohen commented that part of the silver certification requirements was for efforts for a disaster plan and how would you react in the time of an emergency, as well as mitigation efforts.

Lucille Panos, 1208C Lindera Plz. – Mrs. Panos asked for an explanation on the fair and open process; Attorney Rainone answered that the Township goes through a process of requesting RFQ's or RFP's for different categories of the professional service needed and firms submit proposals and are voted on by the Council. He added that there is no bidding for professional service contracts as it is done administratively. Mrs. Panos commented that it seems the same engineers get the job every time and asked if there is a standard

form and checklist that would be public information; Attorney Rainone answered that the DLGS likes for us to qualify five engineering firms in January and through the year we award contracts to those firms based on their disciplines, as we do not go through the RFQ or RFP process each time once the firms are initially qualified. She further asked if there is a committee and scoring sheets, Louis Rainone responded yes.

Dr. Sharon Morgan, 168C Portland Ln. – Dr. Morgan stated that she is a Rossmoor resident and extended thanks to the Mayor and everyone for all of their help. She added that the Mayor was very attentive and made us feel special and well taken care of and she wanted to thank him for that.

Monica Tarantino, 118 Avignon Rd. – Mrs. Tarantino commented that the civility of the Council members is always professional, and it does not matter if you are a D or an R, they are all here for the benefit of the residents.

Mrs. Tarantino commented that transparency is important, and she feels sometimes that the answers are not known and statements are given.

She stated that at the candidate's forum she was perplexed at some things she heard and learned that the Township is not responsible for the Board of Education and the Fire Department spending. She stated that she was unaware of that, as she is sure were others.

Mrs. Tarantino commented she feels we try and do the right thing and in regard to the Master Plan she was happy to hear that so many people had commented.

Lastly, in regard to the Police Department she stated she was involved in a job scam and they were professional, competent and handled it wonderfully.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 8:26pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Patricia Reid

PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

Miriam Cohen

MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

Minutes were adopted on: November 3, 2021.