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# COMBINED AGENDA AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

# **OCTOBER 5, 2020**

# AGENDA

1. Agenda Meeting Called to Order.

(6:30 p.m.)

2. Salute to the Flag.

# 3. **<u>ROLL CALL</u>**:

Councilman Leonard Baskin Councilman Stephen Dalina Councilman Charles Dipierro 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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# 5. Township Clerk Report: 2020 General Election Highlights

6. **Proclamations:** 

Proclaiming October "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month"

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7. **ORDINANCE(S)** for **SECOND READING** at the October 5, 2020 Regular Meeting:

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10.	Public Comments.	(limited to Agenda items	<b>only</b> - 5	Minutes per Speaker)
	OPEN:	MOTION:	_	SECOND:
	CLOSE:	MOTION:	_	SECOND:
11.	Agenda Meeting Ad	ljournment.	Time:	

MOTION:\_\_\_\_SECOND:\_\_\_\_

ROLL CALL: Ayes\_\_\_Nays\_\_\_

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# **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

**OCTOBER 5, 2020** 

# AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING	CALLED TO ORDER:	Time:	_
MOTION:SECOND:	:	ROLL CALL: Ayes	_Nays
<b>MOTION</b> to approve the p	payment of <b>CLAIMS</b> per ru	n date September 29, 202	20.
MOTION: SECOND:	:	ROLL CALL: Ayes	_Nays
APPROVAL OF MINUT	IES:		
MOTION to approve the N	MINUTES of the following	meetings as written and p	presented:
September 2, 2020 –	Agenda/Regular Co	mbined Meeting	
MOTION:SECOND:	: <u> </u>	ROLL CALL: Ayes	_Nays
ORDINANCE(S) for SEC	COND READING:		
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	MOTION:SECO	OND:	ROLL CALL: AyesNays
7.	<b>RESOLUTIONS</b> rei	noved from consent agenda for	CONSIDERATION (if needed).
	MOTION:SECO	OND:	ROLL CALL: AyesNays
8.	Mayor's Report.		
9.	Administrator's Repo	rt.	
10.	Engineer's Report.		
11.	Council's Reports.		
12.	Public Comments.	(5 Minutes per Speaker)	
	OPEN:	MOTION:	SECOND:
	CLOSE:	MOTION:	SECOND:
13.	Adjournment.	MOTION:	SECOND:
	Time:		

# <u>TOWNSHIP OF MONROE</u> <u>COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES</u> <u>MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – OCTOBER 5, 2020</u>

The Council of the Township of Monroe met remotely via Zoom 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 Stephen Dalina, Councilman Charles Dipierro, Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider and Council President Miriam Cohen.

**ALSO, PRESENT**: Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro, Business Administrator Alan M. Weinberg, Township Attorney Lou Rainone, Engineer Mark Rasimowicz, Utility Director Joseph Stroin, Chief Michael Biennas and Deputy Township Clerk Christine Robbins.

There were approximately forty-eight (48) members of the Public who joined remotely.

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Councilman Dipierro asked that resolution R-10-2020-212 be removed from the agenda and considered separately.

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

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

<u>Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr.</u> – Mr. Parab asked how many polling locations there were going to be; Township Clerk Patricia Reid answered that there will be six locations in total with them being at Woodland School, Oak Tree School, Monroe Township High School, Senior Center, Brookside School and the Community Center.

<u>Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St.</u> – Mrs. Arminio asked how many acres is Ordinance O-9-2020-018; Engineer Rasimowicz answered that it is 2.9 acres and is a detention basin. Mrs. Arminio asked if it was going to be dedicated as Open Space; Administrator Weinberg answered that this is about our 75<sup>th</sup> basin and it cannot be built on. Attorney Rainone stated that it is being dedicated as a detention basin and it is not on our Open Space inventory. Mrs. Arminio asked when we are getting that list, to which Attorney Rainone answered that the list is on the Green Acres website as it is a State document. Mrs. Arminio commented that the Township then does not have an inventory list; Attorney Rainone answered that the Township has their own inventory list of properties owned but the Green Acres website will show this listed as well. Mrs. Arminio asked when the list will be available and if it is updated; Attorney Rainone answered that those lists are available through the Planning Board or Tax Assessor's Office.

Mrs. Arminio stated she sees that there are hundreds of thousands of dollars being spent through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey and asked if that will that eliminate the Township from going out to bid for large projects; Administrator Weinberg gave an overview of how the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey works and answered that we are able to participate as members through them.

<u>Hetalkumar Patel, 114 Princeton Arms West</u> – Mr. Patel asked if a postcard would be sent acknowledging that your vote by mail ballot was received and confirming your vote; Township Clerk Patricia Reid responded that she was not sure in which Municipality/County he resided, but that Middlesex County is mailing postcards and that he should contact his County Clerk's Office.

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 6:50pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

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

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ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the CLAIMS per run<br/>date of 9/29/2020 were approved for payment as written and presented.ROLL CALL:Councilman Leonard BaskinAye<br/>Councilwoman Miriam CohenCouncilman Charles DipierroAye<br/>Council Vice-President Elizabeth SchneiderCouncil President Stephen DalinaAye

Councilman Baskin asked for two additional items to be added to the minutes, with one being the name of the resident who requested the speed limit change, as well as, the name of the master gardener mentioned at the September 2, 2020 meeting. Township Clerk Patricia Reid stated it was duly noted and would be included.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **MINUTES** of the **September 2, 2020 Agenda/Regular Combined Meeting** were approved as written and presented.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

**UPON ACTION** made by the Council the following Ordinance(s) were **moved on SECOND READING for FINAL ADOPTION** as follows:

# O-9-2020-018 ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEED OF DEDICATION FOR DETENTION BASIN ON BLOCK 53 LOT 10.43. (Hannah Court - Primrose East Dev.)

**WHEREAS**, Lafayette Knolls, Inc. is the owner of the property located on Hannah Court known as Block 53, Lot 10.43 (the "Property") on the official tax map of the Township of Monroe ("Monroe") and is conveying the Property to Monroe for use as a detention basin; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Attorney has reviewed the attached Deed transferring title to the Property for use as a detention basin and found it to be legally sufficient; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined that accepting the aforesaid Deed is in the public interest; and

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

**SECTION 1.** The Mayor, Township Clerk and Township Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps and execute any documents which are reasonably necessary to accept the Deed transferring title to the Property located at Block 53 and Lot 10.43 for use as a detention basin.

**<u>SECTION 2</u>**. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

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

**<u>SECTION 4.</u>** This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

**SO, ORDAINED** as aforesaid.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilman Baskin, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-9-2020-018** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed

# **PUBLIC HEARING:**

No Public Comment.

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-9-2020-018** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was passed on Second Reading and Final Adoption:
 O-9-2020-018 ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEED OF DEDICATION FOR DETENTION BASIN ON BLOCK 53 LOT 10.43. (Hannah Court - Primrose East Dev.)

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed. O-9-2020-018

**UPON ACTION** made by the Council the following Ordinance(s) were **moved on SECOND READING for FINAL ADOPTION** as follows:

# O-9-2020-019 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC". (35mph - Texas Road between Spotswood Englishtown Rd and Matchaponix 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: (new text is in red and <u>underlined</u>, text to be deleted is <del>struck</del>)

NAME OF STREET	SPEED LIMIT (mph)	<b>LOCATION</b>
AMEND		
<u>Old Texas Road</u>		
Zone 1	40	Between Spotswood-Englishtown Road and Toby Terrace.
Zone 2	4 <del>5</del>	Between Toby Terrace and the Monroe Township Old Bridge Township corporate line
ADD		
<u>Texas Road</u>	<u>35</u>	Between Spotswood-Englishtown Road and Matchaponix 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.

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-9-2020-019** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed

# **PUBLIC HEARING:**

No Public Comment.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilman Baskin, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-9-2020-019** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Dalina, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was passed on Second Reading and Final Adoption: O-9-2020-019 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE CODE OF THE

# ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC".

(35mph - Texas Road between Spotswood Englishtown Rd and Matchaponix Ave)

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed. O-9-2020-019

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for Final Passage:

# O-10-2020-020 ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO ADD NEW CHAPTER 80 ENTITLED "PROHIBITION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS". (not less than 30 days)

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed. O-10-2020-020

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilman Dipierro the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:** (R-10-2020-204 – R-10-2020-220 with the exception of Resolution R-10-2020-212 which will be voted on separately)

# R-10-2020-204 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPERS FEE OVERPAYMENT.

(US Homes dba Lennar - \$11,409.50 for The Venue Clubhouse – developer was charged at the commercial rate not residential rate)

**WHEREAS,** the Tax Assessor, by copy of a letter dated August 31, 2020, copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", has recommended the Council approve the following Affordable Housing Developers Fee overpayment refund:

Refund to:	Reason	Amount
US Homes	Initial calculation of fees was	\$11,409.50
DBA Lennar	calculated incorrectly at commercial	
2465 Kuser Road	rate instead of residential rate.	
Hamilton, N.J. 08690		

**WHEREAS,** Council has reviewed the recommendation of the Tax Assessor and finds the request for the above refund to be reasonable;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the request is hereby authorized and that a refund be made to **US Homes dba Lennar in the amount of** <u>\$11,409.50</u>.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

## R-10-2020-205 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO JAFFE COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP PUBLICATION. (\$16,000 – per unit pricing)

**WHEREAS,** on September 15, 2020 one (1) sealed proposal was received by Monroe Township for the Monroe Township Publication; and

WHEREAS, the Township Business Administrator recommends in a letter dated September 17, 2020, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", that a two (2) year contract be awarded to **Jaffe Communications, Inc.** for the Monroe Township Publication; and

WHEREAS, the fees for such services will not exceed \$16,000.00, which is for 24,891 issues as well as 350 additional copies for the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. <u>C-2000050</u>, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

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

- (1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a two (2) year contract with **Jaffe Communications**, **312 North Avenue E Suite 5, Cranford, N.J. 07016** in accordance with the proposal, a copy of which is attached hereto, said contract effective for 2 years from execution of contract with an option to renew for one additional year;
- (2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay Invoices for services rendered by **Jaffe Communications** not to exceed **\$16,000.00**;
- (3) This contract is awarded in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 10:5-31 et seq. and <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 17:27 et seq.;
- (4) This contract is being awarded with the further stipulation that Jaffe Communications shall submit evidence of appropriate affirmative action compliance and either a letter of federal approval of the affirmative action program or a Certificate of Employee Information Report or a completed Form AA302 within seven (7) days of notification of award of contract or risk being declared non-responsive and forfeiting the award.
- (5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED,** as aforesaid.

#### R-10-2020-206 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A CAB & CHASSIS FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS UNDER THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE. (\$123,155.94 – funds from Recycling Tonnage Grant - new cab & chassis for

existing recycling garbage truck)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase a new 2021 model year or newer cab and chassis Freightliner 114SD with a Detroit DD13 12.8L 410 HP Engine under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative #65MCESCCPS contract # ESCNJ 17/18-30 for the Monroe Township Department of Public Works for the purchase price of One Hundred Twenty-three Thousand One Hundred Fifty-five dollars and Ninety four cents (**\$123,155.94**); and

**WHEREAS**, the cab and chassis Freightliner 114SD with a Detroit DD13 12.8L 410 HP Engine will be purchased from Campbell Freightliner LLC 1015 Cranbury South River Road South Brunswick, N.J. 08831 as per the attached quote; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. <u>C-2000051</u>, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that Campbell Freightliner LLC is hereby awarded the contract for the purchase of (1) cab and chassis Freightliner 114SD with a Detroit DD13 12.8L 410 HP Engine at a total contract price of **\$123,155.94**.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

## R-10-2020-207 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO RIO SUPPLY, INC. FOR SECTIONS "A" & "B" OF CONTRACT 492 "WATER METERS" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT. (M.T.U.D.) (per unit pricing)

**WHEREAS,** on September 15, 2020 at 11:00 AM, two (2) sealed bids were received, publicly opened, and read aloud, by the Monroe Township Utility Department Purchasing Agent for Contract 492, "Water Meters", required by the M.T.U.D.; and

WHEREAS, Rio Supply, Inc. has submitted the lowest responsible and responsive bid for Section A; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Agent of the M.T.U.D. by copy of a letter dated September 16, 2020, has recommended that, subject to a positive review from the township attorney, a contract be awarded to Rio Supply, Inc. of 100 Allied Parkway, Sicklerville, NJ, based on unit pricing and estimated quantities (estimated contract total \$299,325.39), for sections A & B, a copy of which is attached as exhibit B; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate <u>No. M-200014</u> a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 5:30-5.5(d)(l)(ii), multi-year contracts entered into for periods in excess of twelve (12) months shall be certified and charged to the respective budgets in accordance with the time(s) at which the respective work or services are performed or liability for payment is otherwise incurred. Accordingly, commitments and payments required in excess of the initial twelve (12) months are contingent upon necessary funds being appropriated in future budgets by a subsequent governing body; and

WHEREAS, Rio Supply, Inc. has submitted all the required documents with their bid; and

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a twelve (1) month contract Rio Supply, Inc. in accordance with their submitted bid submitted for sections A & B;

(2) The Township Chief Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for material delivered by Rio Supply, Inc. in accordance with their bid;

(3) The contracts are awarded through the competitive bidding process as a fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Rio Supply, Inc. shall provide a properly executed certificate of insurance as required by the specifications.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

# R-10-2020-208 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBORDINATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING LIEN ON 1148 MORNING GLORY DRIVE.

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2016, Jayendrasinh and Beenaben Parmar, ("Parmar's"), married, gave a repayment mortgage in accordance with the State's Affordable Housing Program, to the Township of Monroe, requiring the Parmar's to pay the sum of \$18,000.00 to the Municipality upon the first non-exempt sale of their property having an address of 1148 Morning Glory Drive, as provided under the rules of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency set forth in <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 5:80-26.5(c), said mortgage having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on August 10, 2016, in Book 16431, Pages 0486-0490 *et seq.* (the Affordable Housing Lien); and

**WHEREAS**, on May 31, 2016, the Parmar's gave a mortgage to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., in the amount of \$144,000.00, said mortgage having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on August 10, 2016 in Mortgage Book 16431, Pages 0465-0485 *et* seq (the "2016 JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Mortgage"); and

**WHEREAS,** the Parmar's have applied to refinance the 2016 JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Mortgage and has asked the Township of Monroe to subordinate the Affordable Housing Lien; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed refinancing qualifies for the subordination of the Township of Monroe's affordable housing lien under the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:27D-301 *et seq* and the rules of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency set forth in <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 5:80-26.1 *et seq*;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Mortgage Subordination, annexed hereto as Exhibit A.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

# R-10-2020-209 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 Seventy-Four Thousand Four-Hundred dollars and no cents (\$74,400.00),

**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-10-2020-210 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 Four- Thousand Thirty-Nine dollars and Seventy-Eight cents (\$4,039.78) 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-10-2020-211 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE LOAN REPAYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT 1082 MORNING GLORY DRIVE, MONROE TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY.

**WHEREAS**, *SAMARA MCCORMACK* is about to be the owner of property located at 1082 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 *\$17,300.00*; 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 5th day of October 2020, 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 1082 Morning Glory Drive, Monroe Township, New Jersey, Block 1.14, Lot 65.1, C-1082.
- 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 *\$17,300.00* shall be made payable to *WEICHERT TITLE AGENCY* 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-10-2020-213 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A CUSTOMER AUDIT ACCESS AGREEMENT AND OWNER CONSENT TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BUILDING UNDER THE 70/30 DIRECT INSTALL PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

**WHEREAS,** The Township of Monroe has been informed that Public Service Electric & Gas has been authorized to conduct energy audits of municipal buildings at no cost to the Township in order to reduce energy bills by upgrading to energy efficient equipment under the 70/30 Direct Install program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is interested in having a gas and HVAC energy audit of the Emergency Medical Services building located at Two Municipal Plaza to determine if the Township is eligible to participate in this program;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that the Business Administrator of the Township is hereby authorized to submit an application including a Customer Audit Access Agreement and a Consent to Conduct the Audit to PSE&G's Program Representative, Wildan Energy Solutions, 3910 Park Avenue, Suite 5, Edison, New Jersey 08820.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

# R-10-2020-214 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF A LIQUOR LICENSE CURRENTLY ISSUED TO ED'S LIQUOR STORE INC. t/a ED'S LIQUOR STORE.

WHEREAS, an application has been filed with the Monroe Township Council for a Person-to-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1213-44-009-005 heretofore held by Ed's Liquor Store, Inc t/a Ed's Liquor Store, having a sited place of business at 288 Spotswood Englishtown Road, Monroe Township, NJ 08831; and

**WHEREAS,** the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees having been paid and the license having been properly renewed for the current licensing term; and

**WHEREAS,** the applicants are qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

**WHEREAS,** the applicants have disclosed and the issuing authority has reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the said license and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey does hereby authorize and approve the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1213-44-009-005 to Ed's Liquor and Wine, LLC t/a Ed's Liquor Store; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Clerk is hereby directed to endorse the license certificate as follows:

"This license, subject to all of its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Ed's Liquor and Wine, LLC trading as Ed's Liquor Store, effective October 5, 2020."

# R-10-2020-215 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A MINI HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS UNDER THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE. (\$79,159)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase a new 2020 Caterpillar Model: 305E2 Mini Hydraulic Excavator under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative #65MCESCCPS Bid # ESCNJ 18/19-25 for the Monroe Township Department of Public Works as hereinbelow set forth:

# (1) Caterpillar Model: 305E2 Mini Hydraulic Excavator

\$79,159.00; and

**WHEREAS,** the Mini Hydraulic Excavator will be purchased from Foley Incorporated, 855 Centennial Avenue, Piscataway, N.J. 08854 as per the attached quote; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. <u>C-2000052</u>, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that Foley Cat is hereby awarded the contract for the purchase of (1) Caterpillar Model: 305E2 Mini Hydraulic Excavator at a total contract price of **\$79,159.00**.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

# R-10-2020-216 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A KUBOTA TRACTOR LOADER BACKHOE USING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.) (\$9,481)

**WHEREAS,** the Monroe Township Utility Department has the need for one (1) Tractor Loader Backhoe (TLB); and

WHEREAS, the State Approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) has awarded a contract for the M.T.U.D. required TLB under its contract no MRESC 18/19-25 titled "Grounds Equipment" to Highway Equipment Company of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the M.T.U.D. has determined its 1995 Case 580 (serial #JJG091719) w/buckets and snow plow and 1999 Kubota B21 TLB (serial #53222) w/ mower and 2 rakes to be surplus equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contact Law Section 40A:11-36(7) allows for such surplus equipment to be disposed of by means of trade-in to offset the price of a new purchase: and

**WHEREAS,** Highway Equipment Company of New Jersey has provided a proposal for the required B-26 TLB, including options, as per the ESCNJ contract with trade-ins as indicated below, a copy of the proposal is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

List Price:	\$ 41,374
ESCNJ 19.5% Discount:	(\$ 8,068)
Assembly:	\$ 375
Case Trade-in:	(\$ 14,000)
Kubota Trade-in	(\$ 10,200)
NET TOTAL	\$ 9,481.00

**WHEREAS,** copies of the ESCNJ award documentation and Highway Equipment Company of New Jersey required forms are attached hereto as Exhibit C; and

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-200016 copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

(1) Authorizes the Purchasing Agent of the M.T.U.D. to purchase said Kubota TLB from, and surplus equipment trade-ins to, Highway Equipment Company of New Jersey using the State Approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS); and

(2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said excavator delivered by Highway Equipment Company of New Jersey; and

(3) The contracts are awarded through this Cooperative Purchasing Program are considered fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as well as being exempt from public bidding by the Township.

# SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

# R-10-2020-217 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A CLASS 8 CAB, CHASSIS AND TRUCK BODY FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS UNDER THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE. (Dump Truck - \$158,198.63)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase a new Class 8 truck cab and chassis Freightliner 108SD with a Cummins L9 Engine under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative #65MCESCCPS contract # ESCNJ 17/18-30 for the Monroe Township Department of Public Works for the purchase price of Eighty eight thousand five hundred thirty dollars and seventy five cents (**\$88,530.75**); and

**WHEREAS,** the Class 8 truck cab and chassis Freightliner 108SD with a Cummins L9 Engine will be purchased from Campbell Freightliner LLC 1015 Cranbury South River Road South Brunswick, N.J. 08831 as per the attached quote; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. <u>C-2000053</u>, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase a new Swenson Model 10' DB SS 10" dump body under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative #65MCESCCPS contract # ESCNJ 17/18-30 for the Monroe Township Department of Public Works for the purchase price of Sixty five thousand four hundred eighty two dollars and thirteen cents (\$65,482.13); and

**WHEREAS**, the Swenson Model 10' DB SS 10" dump body will be purchased from TRIUS Inc. 5049 Industrial Road Farmingdale, N.J. 07727 as per the attached quote; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. <u>C-2000054</u>, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase a APX 6500 Mobile Dash Mount Motorola radio to be installed in this truck under the NJ State Contract #83909 for the Monroe Township Department of Public Works for the purchase price of Four thousand one hundred eighty five dollars and seventy five cents (\$4,185.75); and

**WHEREAS**, the APX 6500 Mobile Dash Mount radio will be purchased from Motorola Solutions, Inc. 123 Tice Boulevard Woodcliff Lake, N.J. 07677 as per the attached quote; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No.  $\underline{0}$ , a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "C"; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that Campbell Freightliner LLC is hereby awarded the contract for the purchase of (1) Class 8 truck cab and chassis Freightliner 108SD with a Cummins L9 Engine at a total contract price of **\$88,530.75**, TRIUS Inc. is hereby awarded the contract for the purchase of (1) Swenson Model 10' DB SS 10" dump body at a total contract price of **\$65,482.13** and Motorola Solutions Inc. is hereby awarded the contract for the purchase of (1)APX 6500 Mobile Dash Mount Motorola radio at a total contract price of **\$4,185.75**.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

# R-10-2020-218 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (70) BODY CAMERAS UNDER THE NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT. (70 body cameras, 26 transmitters for police cars and all hardware and software

(70 body cameras, 26 transmitters for police cars and all hardware and software for the system with respective warranties – Total Cost \$105,504)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, has the need to purchase seventy (70) body cameras under the NJ State Contract No. <u>T0106</u>, Agreement No. <u>17 FLEET 00731</u> from *COBAN Technologies, Inc.*, 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, Quote Q-1352-2, attached hereto, is for all hardware and software for the system along with its respective warranties, for the purchase price of forty-three thousand eight hundred and six dollars and fifty cents (**\$43,806.50**); and

**WHEREAS**, Quote Q-13519-3, attached hereto, is for the purchase of seventy (70) body cameras and transmitters for twenty-six (26) police cars, for the purchase price of sixty-one thousand six hundred ninety-seven dollars and fifty cents (**\$61,697.50**); and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the body camera system is one hundred five thousand five hundred four dollars (\$105,504); and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in **Purchase Order No.** <u>20002177</u>, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by Local Public Contracts Law, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:11-12; 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 COBAN Technologies, Inc. SF Mobile-Vision Inc. 11375 W. Sam Houston Pkway S., Suite 800 Houston, Texas 77031-2348 for the purchase of (70) body cameras, 26 transmitters for police cars and all hardware and software for the system with respective warranties, at a total contract price in the amount of \$105,504.00, nunc pro tunc.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

#### R-10-2020-219 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR WELL 16A ROOF REPAIR TO WEATHERPROOFING TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (W.T.I.) USING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.) (\$56,773.84)

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Utility Department repairs to the roof of Well 16A; and

WHEREAS, the State Approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) has awarded a contract for said services under its contract no MRESC 19/20-15 titled "Roofing Repair and Maintenance" to Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the M.T.U.D. has determined the proposal from W.T.I. appears reasonable, and meets the needs of the MTUD, and bid fairly, and in accordance to governing statutes; and

**WHEREAS,** Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. has provided a proposal for the required repairs in accordance with the ESCNJ contract in the amount of \$56,773.84, a copy of the proposal is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

**WHEREAS,** copies of the ESCNJ award documentation, Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc, and their ESCNJ approved sub-contractor Strober-Wright Roofing, Inc.'s required forms are attached hereto as Exhibit C; and

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Financial Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-200017 copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

(1) Authorizes the Purchasing Agent of the M.T.U.D. to enter into contract with Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc., to perform the Well 16A roof repair services as per their proposal using the State Approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) Contract No. MRESC 19/20-15; and

(2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said excavator delivered by Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc.; and

(3) The contracts are awarded through this Cooperative Purchasing Program are considered fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as well as being exempt from public bidding by the Township.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

#### R-10-2020-220 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE REPUBLIC SERVICES LANDFILL ODOR STUDY FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D). (not to exceed \$30,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Utility Department has a need to Professional Engineering Services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *<N.J.S.A.* 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5 as appropriate>; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is less than 1 year; and

**WHEREAS** Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. has submitted a proposal October 1, 2020 indicating they will provide the required Professional Engineering Services for the \$30,000.00, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-200018 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a contract Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. in accordance with their submitted proposal;

(2) The Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for material delivered by Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. in accordance with their proposal;

(3) the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. shall provide Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Monroe in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and a properly executed certificate of insurance as required by the specifications;

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the following Resolution was moved for Adoption and considered separately:

# R-10-2020-212 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). (Cares Act Reimbursement - \$2,162,370.16)

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 2020 in the sum of \$2,162,370.16, which is now available as a revenue from the Cares Act for reimbursement of COVID-19 related expenses for the period of March 1 – May 31, 2020.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$2,162,370.16 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

# "2020 CARES ACT REIMBURSEMENT"

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Abstain
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

# **REPORTS:**

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Tamburro reported that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and shared that his wife would nag him to get checked, as this disease not only effects women but men as well.

Thanked everyone for wearing masks and social distancing as the numbers are now increasing.

Updated everyone on the BFI Landfill, once located at what is now known as Inwood Estates, there is a sewer odor at the landfill and our primary objective is to protect the residents. He noted that the Township held a neighborhood meeting which was attended by the NJDEP, EPA, Utility Dept., Township Engineers, etc. to answers any questions and inform the residents of the commitment to keep the residents protected.

We continue to explore new ways to have activities held throughout the Township; the Senior Center, drive in movies, drive in concerts have all been well attended and responded to.

Urged all residents to get their flu shots.

The Fall Harvest Food Drive, in conjunction with McFOODS, will be collecting food on Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Monroe Park & Ride.

Reminded everyone to continue practicing safety measures to protect each other from Covid19.

Administrator's Report – Administrator Weinberg gave an overview of the BFI Landfill history within the Township stating that in 1978 the landfill was closed and in 1993 the mediation was completed. Currently, they are pumping and hauling so they can investigate and an item on the agenda tonight is to hire an environmental expert. We will keep everyone updated and urge those who live in the area who may have questions to call us. Administrator Weinberg added that this is a serious situation and thanked the Mayor and Council for sending out numerous Press Releases and acting quickly.

Extremely grateful for the CARES Act reimbursement which he noted is great news for Monroe and thanked the Mayor, Council and Lori in Finance for help in submitted the required information.

Updated all with the Township's operations during Covid-19; employees are wearing masks and staying socially distant. Special thanks to the Library for their grab and go service. Working hard to operate as normal as we can all while being as safe as can be.

Extended thanks to Township Clerk Patricia Reid and her office for their hard work in navigating through this Election and noted a great job done by her in updating the Mayor and Council during her report earlier.

**Engineer's Report** – Engineer Rasimowicz gave an update on the traffic signal project at the intersection of Matchaponix Avenue and Spotswood Gravel Hill Road, stating that it will be completed by the end of this year.

The 2020 Roadway and Guiderail Project has begun; this project encompasses 13 streets.

Middlesex County is almost done with their paving project on Hoffman Station Road.

# **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

# <u>Councilman Dipierro</u> –

- Thanked the Clerk's Office for signing him up for a Rutgers webinar entitled the "Powers and Duties of Elected Officials"; The Administrator from Branchburg spoke and it sounds like Monroe would get an "A" for following all of the rules and suggestions of many other administrators. Thanks again to the Clerk's Office.
- Attended the 9/11 Memorial; always a very heart wrenching day, also mentioned how he was involved in constructing the Memorial. Thanked the Township, Mayor, DPW and all involved for having this service.
- Attended the BFI meeting; used to use that landfill when we used Johnson's garbage service in the Township. In 1993 the final clean up took place. He noted that they say they are going to reimburse residents for issues they may be having but he feels that the \$30k we are spending and all of the professional monies being spent should not have to come out of the tax payers pockets. Councilman Dipierro noted that he thinks it is worth the effort in getting reimbursed for this.
- Last year the ADA Committee had put in a request for a special needs park; in speaking with Harold Klein he stated that the funds were never approved. He stressed that we definitely need an ADA park in the community.
- Regarding Halloween, due to Covid-19 who knows if anyone will be out, but please drive safe for those who might be out celebrating.
- Thanked all of the emergency and medical personnel, teachers, DPW and employees for continuing to do their part during this pandemic and protecting our Residents.
- Local businessman, Fred Voz, Sr. from Jamesburg Press, passed away. Councilman Dipierro extended condolences to the family.
- Wished the Clerk's Office good luck on Election Day as they will be on the frontline making sure everything runs smoothly.

# Council Vice-President Schneider -

- Extended good luck to the Clerk's Office on Election Day.
- October 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a Food Drive at the Monroe Park & Ride and on October 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a Food Drive throughout the adult communities which will be picked up by the DPW.
- Attended the outdoor concert which was amazing; the band played for over an hour and a half.
- Mentioned the outdoor programs at the Senior Center in an effort to serve our Community.
- Asked for a status on the Open Space & Farmland Preservation signs; Administrator Weinberg responded that with the help of the Mayor, the signs were made larger and are working to be put up once all Council gets to see them and approve.
- Noted that the Library's bookmobile is back which is a great service that is provided to the Township.

# <u>Councilman Dalina</u> –

- Councilman Dalina says Hello to all, he has been quite busy, he shared that his mom had suffered a heart attack and then had a triple bypass surgery at 87 years old. Thankfully with each passing day she is feeling a little bit better. In spending a lot of time at the hospital in Hackensack watching over her, it has reenergized him to continue following the three W's: watch your distance, wash your hands and wear a mask.
- Reminded everyone to be careful on Halloween and to continue to follow the CDC guidelines.
- Noted that the Library is kicking butt with all of the activities available. Check out www.monroetwplibrary.org for more information on what is available. Truly blessed to have a dedicated group there and it is a wonderful asset to have in the Township.

# <u>Councilman Baskin</u> –

- Regarding Resolution R-10-2020-212, very happy to receive the \$2.16 million; noted that all departments involved have done a wonderful job as it was not expected to receive as much as we did.
- Utilized the secure drop box at the library and noted that you can track your ballot through the State website.
- Attended the memorial service for 9/11 and the Township did a wonderful job putting that service together.
- The Shade Tree Commission and Historical Preservation Commission continues to work very hard and push ahead. Councilman Baskin noted that he will report more on those Committees at the next meeting.
- Today is National Teacher's Day and stated that we should all appreciate the job the teachers in Monroe and around the world are doing.
- Urged everyone to get out and vote and exercise their right to do so.

# Council President Cohen -

- Extended prayers and well wishes to Councilman Dalina and his family.
- Heartwarming to be at the 9/11 memorial service; echoed what everyone has said about Covid19 and reminded everyone to continue to take it seriously. Reminded everyone to continue to wash their hands and keep their distance and in doing so note that we are taking care of one another.
- Thanks to Township Clerk Patricia Reid for putting together the 2020 General Election highlights and sharing them at tonight's meeting.

**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:**

<u>Andy Paluri, 16 St. James St.</u> – Mr. Paluri thanked the Township for the 9/11 Memorial as it was a very well done service.

Inquired as to when the traffic signal project at the intersection of Matchaponix Ave. and Spotswood Gravel Hill Rd. will be completed and asked what prompted the speed limit reduction; Engineer Rasimowicz answered that the initial request came from a resident and then the Township conducted a traffic study and made the determination that the speed limit needed to be reduced. He answered that the traffic signal project at the intersection of Matchaponix Ave. and Spotswood Gravel Hill Rd. are expected to be completed by the end of the year. Mr. Paluri added that he would like to make sure that the contractor is following the appropriate guidelines.

<u>Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr.</u> – Mr. Parab stated that on October  $9^{th}$  there will be a kickoff to the Om Parikh 5K run and 1 mile walk 5K for pediatric cancer.

On November 14th the Diwali event will be conducting a food drive to donate to local food pantries

Thanked Administrator Weinberg, Councilman Baskin and the Police Department for the installation of a "No Outlet" sign on his street as there are a lot of children who play in the street.

In the last 10 to 14 days the numbers have risen for those testing positive for Covid19. He noted that now the virus is spreading amongst youngsters and urged all to download the apps for contact tracing as that will help us.

Asked how much was received from the CARES Act; Administrator Weinberg answered that we have received \$2.16 million.

**Surabhi Agarwal, 18 Belmont Ct**. – Mrs. Agarwal shared her thoughts on the importance of finding ways to fight the climate crisis by planting trees and native flora throughout the Township. Mrs. Agarwal stated that we can buy seeds in bulk, packet them and provide them to residents to urge them to plant them. Mrs. Agarwal is requesting that monies, approximately \$600, be allotted for this purpose so the seeds can be distributed prior to November so residents have the time to plant before the weather does not allow them to do so. She also requests the Mayor and Council to consider adopting an Ordinance requiring new communities to plant native and trees; start the initiative.

<u>Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel Ct</u>. – Thanked Mrs. Agarwal for her concerns regarding the environment but stated that the developers building the developments take down hundreds of thousands of trees and that is counterproductive and a real problem. She stated that she does agree that we should make it mandatory for the developers to plant trees that they take down.

Mrs. Arminio stated that she would like to understand the chain of custody of the ballots from the Clerk's Office; Township Clerk Patricia Reid explained that two County Board of Election workers, both a Republican and Democrat, will be emptying the secured drop box daily. She added that the secured drop box does have a 24-hour surveillance video and Chief Biennas clarified further. Township Clerk Patricia Reid also noted that at the close of polls at 8:00pm on Election Day she will be locking the drop box herself. She also explained that if a voter wanted to go in person on Election Day to vote they would be given a provisional ballot which will then be placed inside of the secured ballot bag located at the polling place or if they wanted to bring in their VBM ballot to their polling location on Election Day they can do so by placing it inside the secured ballot bag as well.

**Lucille DiPasquale, 70 Ave K** – Ms. DiPasquale stated that would like to speak about her initial letter, sent on September 8<sup>th</sup> which was regarding the importance of planting hedgerows and native flora throughout the Township. She is excited to share that JCP&L, as well as, PSE&G have stewardship programs that allow them to plant within the right of ways. Also, Ms. DiPasquale noted that she has reached out to NJ Natural Gas who is also very interested in helping plant in the right of ways. Ms. DiPasquale noted that she would like the Township's cooperation in moving ahead with these initiatives and looks forward to speaking to Administrator Weinberg on how to get this started as it is extremely important.

<u>Hemant Patel, 15 Eldorado Way</u> – Mr. Patel thanked Mrs. Agarwal for her hard work in presenting the importance of planting the hedgerows and native flora throughout the Township. He urged the Mayor and Council to support this cause as it is very important for all of us.

Mr. Patel noted that it is very important to support local businesses during this time of year including our restaurants and retailers throughout the Monroe Township and Jamesburg.

Lastly, Mr. Patel noted that the Township employees have been doing a tremendous job during this Pandemic and wished everyone to continue to stay safe and stay healthy.

**Joseph Atanasio, 21 Wellington Pl.** – Mr. Atanasio commended the Clerk's Office for the update on the Election and asked if this were sent out to all of the HOA's; Township Clerk Patricia Reid answered yes and it was asked that they put it on their TV channels, email blasts and public boards, as well as, a Nixle being sent out to all who receive and on the Township website and social media sites.

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 7:55pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	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 4, 2020.