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

OCTOBER 7, 2019

AGENDA

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

2. Salute to the Flag.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

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

4. Council President Dalina to request the following **SUNSHINE LAW** be read into the record:

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4. Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

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5. **PRESENTATION: Mayor's Cup Awards**

6. **ORDINANCE(S)** for **SECOND READING** at the Monday, October 7, 2019 Regular Meeting:

O-9-2019-026 **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" New Chapter "Trucks Over Eight Tons Excluded"**
Prospect Plains Road, Cranbury Half Acre Road and Cranbury Station Road from the Cranbury border to Applegarth Road.

7. **RESOLUTIONS** for **CONSIDERATION** under **CONSENT AGENDA** at the Monday, October 7, 2019 Regular Meeting: (R-10-2019-246 – R-10-2019-258)

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8. Public. (5 Minutes per Speaker)

9. Agenda Meeting Adjournment. Time: _____

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**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

OCTOBER 7, 2019

AGENDA

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

2. **PROCLAMATIONS:** **Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day – October 10, 2019**
Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the Arc Middlesex County - October 17, 2019
Diwali – Festival of Light at Rossmoor – October 18, 2019
Monroe Township along with Special Strides Harvesting Hope Honors BCB Bank’s Vincent Davis – October 19, 2019

3. **MOTION** to approve the payment of **CLAIMS** per run date 10/3/2019.
MOTION: _____
SECOND: _____
ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
MOTION to approve the **MINUTES** of the following Meeting as written and presented
September 4, 2019 - Regular Meeting
MOTION: _____
SECOND: _____
ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

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

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New Chapter “Trucks Over Eight Tons Excluded”
Prospect Plains Road, Cranbury Half Acre Road and Cranbury Station Road from the Cranbury border to Applegarth Road.

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

PUBLIC HEARING/DISCUSSION

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

6. **RESOLUTIONS for CONSIDERATION under the CONSENT AGENDA:**
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Consent Agenda Resolutions: MOTION: _____
SECOND: _____
ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

6a. **RESOLUTIONS removed from consent agenda for CONSIDERATION:**

R-10-2019-254 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE RAIN GARDEN DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AT THE MONROE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER.

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

7. Discussion Item: Removed from agenda

8. Mayor's Report.

9. Administrator's Report.

- Best Practices Inventory Discussion

10. Engineer's Report.

11. Council's Reports.

12. Public. (5 Minutes per Speaker)

13. Adjournment. Time: _____

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

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COMBINED AGENDA/REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 7, 2019

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 Stephen Dalina 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, Councilwoman Miriam Cohen, Councilman Charles Dipierro, Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider and Council President Stephen Dalina.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro, Business Administrator Alan M. Weinberg, Township Attorney Greg Pasquale, Engineer Mark Rasimowicz and Deputy Township Clerk Christine Robbins.

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

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

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Council President Dalina gave kudos to the Recreation Department, specifically Rick, Joe and Al who headed the Mayor's Cup Awards. Council President Dalina announced each category and handed awards out to all of the winners.

A brief recess was taken and the meeting reconvened at 6:55pm.

Council President Dalina read the following entitled **ORDINANCES** for **SECOND READING** at the **MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2019** Regular Council Meeting:

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PUBLIC:

Shawn Hluchy, 248 Gravel Hill Rd. – Mr. Hluchy voiced his concern with the change in tonnage allowed on Prospect Plains Road as his family owns Tidbury Creek Farms and Countryview Farms and their main growing facility is located on that road and they transport. He stated that he is concerned because it is a main thoroughfare and is hoping for an agricultural consideration to be included in the Ordinance. He added that he understands that a lot of truck traffic comes through the Township but wants to know that they will be protected.

Diane Churchy, 437 Harmony Way – Ms. Churchy stated that she agrees with the Mayor that something needs to be done regarding the truck traffic as we cannot afford to take on Cranbury’s truck traffic.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the Agenda Meeting of October 7, 2019 Adjourned at 7:05 PM.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Baskin, the Regular Meeting of October 7, 2019 Reconvened at 7:05 PM.

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

Council President Dalina read the following Proclamations into the record:

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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

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the **MINUTES** of the **September 4, 2019 Regular Meeting** were approved as written and presented.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was moved on second reading for final passage:

O-9-2019-026 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”

New Chapter “Trucks Over Eight Tons Excluded”

Prospect Plains Road, Cranbury Half Acre Road and Cranbury Station Road from the Cranbury border to Applegarth Road.

ORDINANCE as follows: (O-9-2019-026)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey as follows: (new text is in **red and underlined**)

SECTION 1. Chapter 122-10.1 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, entitled “Parking of trucks, buses, and trailers” shall be amended as follows:

§ 122-10.1. Parking of trucks, buses, and trailers.

No trucks, buses, or trailers shall be parked on township streets between the hours specified in Schedule ~~VIA~~ VIA (§ 122-35.1, 34.1)

SECTION 2. The following new section shall be added to Chapter 122, Article III “Truck Exclusions”:

§ 122-11.1 Motor vehicles over eight tons excluded.

Motor vehicles over eight (8) tons gross weight are hereby excluded from the streets or parts of streets described in Schedule VIA (§ 122-35.1), except for the pickup and delivery of materials on such streets or the transport of individuals to and from locations on such streets.

SECTION 3. Chapter 122, Article XII “Schedules” shall be amended as follow:

§ 122-35.34.1. Schedule VIA: VA Parking of Trucks, Buses and Trailers.

SECTION 4. The following new section shall be added to Chapter 122, Article XII “Schedules”:

§ 122-35.1 Schedule VIA: Trucks Over Eight Tons Excluded.

In accordance with the provisions of § 122-11.1, trucks over eight (8) tons gross weight are hereby excluded from the following described streets or parts of streets except for the pickup and delivery of materials on such streets or the transport of individuals to and from locations on such streets:

<u>NAME OF STREET</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>Prospect Plains Road</u>	<u>Cranbury border to Applegarth Road</u>
<u>Cranbury Half Acre Road</u>	<u>Cranbury border to Applegarth Road</u>
<u>Cranbury Station Road</u>	<u>Cranbury border to Applegarth Road</u>

SECTION 5. 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 6. 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 7. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty days after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.

Councilman Dipierro stated that he had a couple of concerns with the truck traffic as well but hopes that we take into consideration residents and farmers like Mr. Hluchy. He stated that in reading through the Ordinance it should also protect First Responders. Engineer Rasimowicz responded that the farm equipment is exempt from this Ordinance, as well as, being exempt throughout town. This also exempts deliveries, First Responders and landscaping service vehicles as well. These exemptions are all listed in the Ordinance. Councilman Dipierro commented that he wanted to make sure that they would not be ticketed. Council President Dalina stated that if the Engineer is stating that they are exempt he trusts they are exempt. Council Vice-President Schneider commented to Councilman Dipierro that she is surprised he does not know this since he is a Fire Commissioner. Councilman Dipierro commented that it should have these exemptions in writing but it does not. Engineer Rasimowicz stated that the intent of the Ordinance is to limit tractor trailers, the farming equipment is covered under the Right to Farm Act. Administrator Weinberg read aloud the Ordinance and clarified that local deliveries will be exempt, as well as, school buses. Councilwoman Cohen commented that it is usually noted on the signs and it also notes the exemption of local deliveries.

PUBLIC:

Charles Oakes, 10 Sonoma St. – Mr. Oakes asked if a permit would be needed if a resident needed a moving van to come to their house if the sign does not have it stipulated otherwise; Administrator Weinberg answered that local deliveries are exempt and you would not be ticketed.

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab commented that he has been a resident for 17 years and has seen Half Acre Road to Route 130 go from beautiful farms to warehouses. He stated that Cranbury protected their town and built the warehouses on the Monroe Township side and have essentially destroyed our Township. He suggested that the Mayors and Councils of both towns meet together to discuss the structure and traffic concerns. He requested that neighboring towns talk to each other and not fight and make it political.

Scott Miccio Esq., Law Firm of Parker McKay – Mr. Miccio stated he was here representing the Township of Cranbury and thanked everyone for the warm welcome. He explained that this Ordinance will negatively affect Cranbury’s roadways and asked that the Township does not start enforcing the Ordinance until proper approval from the State and County is received. He added that he was present to officially put Cranbury’s objection to the Ordinance on record.

Eric Wolff, 210-B Amboy Rd. – Stated that as the old saying goes, Cranbury has the mine and has given us the shaft and Mr. Wolff feels we should sue Cranbury. Commented that in order to get their approval they agreed to building a bypass road which they never did. Mr. Wolff added that here was a person killed on Cranbury Road where their body was badly mangled and he asked if that was that because of a truck who kept going. He further stated that he indefinitely supports this Ordinance and stated that many seniors in this Township drive gingerly and thinks this a safety issue adding that maybe one loss of life has already been lost because of the truck traffic.

Pete LoPresti, 433 Schoolhouse Rd. – Mr. LoPresti stated he had a few concerns asking if there would be exemptions made for local businesses working in the area and if Cranbury is worried about the negative impact then they should have contacted us before Amazon and the other warehouses were built. Mr. LoPresti asked if we have the necessary police to enforce this Ordinance and if we have come up with an enforcement plan. Also, Mr. LoPresti asked if we are planning to dedicate an officer to this Ordinance alone and stated that a comprehensive plan needs to be in place to enforce it.

Sandy Katz, 371-C Duranta Plz. – Mr. Katz stated that the average age in the Clearbrook community is 75 years old and a lot of people are afraid to drive due to the trucks. He stated that the seniors are very much behind this Ordinance.

Al Lindor, Cranbury Crossing Resident – Mr. Lindor stated that the residents of Cranbury Crossing are supportive of this Ordinance. It is nearly impossible to make a right turn, as well as, a left-hand turn. The traffic should stay in Cranbury and go through Brickyard Road and onto Route 130 because then we would never see it and this would not be an issue.

Arnold Jaffee, 51 Vineyard Ct. – Mr. Jaffee lives in the Cranbury Crossings adult community and wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for introducing this important Ordinance for the safety of all of our residents. He stated that in his community there is only one exit road to get onto Station Road and making a left turn is a harrowing experience. Mr. Jaffee commented that he thinks it is very unconscionable to develop such a robust community without taking into the consideration the safety of us and the neighboring towns. He stated alternative traffic plans should be made to alleviate the danger. In speaking for his community, he thanked the Mayor and Council for considering this Ordinance.

A brief recess was taken due to a sound issue. The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:30pm.

Arlene Robins, 672 Bluebird Dr. – Ms. Robins stated that the Township is turning into a huge industrial area and this is a detriment to future people moving to the Township. Many people will think twice and asked the Mayor and Council to please do what they can.

Gary Busman, 7 Monarch Rd. – Mr. Busman stated he is a resident of the Stonebridge community and shared that on or about September 13th he was at Jerry Noonan's Auto Shop and he noticed a tractor trailer making a right-hand turn so he decided to stay there for a few minutes to observe the traffic and witnessed four tractor trailers line up to make a right-hand turn onto Applegarth Road. He implored to make this Ordinance official and do what is necessary to keep our roads safe and secure. He added that if there is ever a situation that a middle school is built on that corner it would be a tremendous detriment to those children. Lastly, Mr. Busman added that there should be something done to hold Cranbury accountable for failing to build the bypass road which would have alleviated every issue we are facing now.

Administrator Weinberg stated that one of the challenges the Township is facing is the fact the bypass road was never built by Cranbury. They have not lived up to that obligation along with some of the other items in their Master Plan which appears to not have been done as well. Cranbury did ask two years ago for the County to put a weight restriction on the west side of Route 130 which they were successful at and protects their residents, but now they have the audacity to oppose our Ordinance protecting our residents which seems to be very disingenuous.

Engineer Rasimowicz stated that currently what is going on is not going to happen in the future. Right now truck traffic is increasing in Cranbury as they have warehouses being built which will contribute to the traffic and then they are planning to build more.

Jordan Novick, 515 Jordan Way – Mr. Novick asked what the timeframe for the process of submitting the Ordinance and getting it approved. Council President Dalina answered that if the Ordinance passes tonight, then it will go to the County; Mr. Novick asked if there was anything that can be done to influence the County and the State to which Council President Dalina stated that it is important to speak to your legislators and freeholders. Township Clerk Patricia Reid added that a notice to the County Engineer was sent about this Ordinance and informing them of the public hearing. Engineer Rasimowicz stated that there is specific criteria to be provided to the NJDOT, as well as, the County and he feels very comfortable that we have provided the appropriate data.

Mohit Mottal, 1 Linwood Dr. – Mr. Mottal stated that the trucks bring a nuisance to this Township. Many people have been attracted to this area because of the Open Space and farmlands and now with the warehouses being built by Cranbury it has become a huge nuisance. He has been woken up because of the noise of the trucks alone and he thinks this Ordinance needs to be implemented. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their concern.

Anne Corey, 609-B Lemington Pl. – Ms. Corey stated that she has lived in Clearbrook for 32 years and lately in driving every day she has noticed a lot more tractor trailers as there are huge warehouses being built and she is concerned with the increase of those tractor trailers on our roadways. She stated that she supports this Ordinance fully.

Mayor Tamburro commented that we have heard from the public about the importance of this Ordinance and 4 years ago we were asked to support a movement to have regional controls over the traffic but Cranbury never held up their end of the bargain and that is not our problem. The Mayor added that his job is to protect the residents and he appreciates everyone coming out and supporting this.

Councilman Dipierro stated that as Administrator Weinberg said the roadways have weight limits and he wants to ensure that the proper signage is put up to protect our farmers and local deliveries.

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O-9-2019-026 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”

New Chapter “Trucks Over Eight Tons Excluded”

Prospect Plains Road, Cranbury Half Acre Road and Cranbury Station Road from the Cranbury border to Applegarth Road.

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-9-2019-026

A brief recess was taken with the Regular Meeting reconvening at 7:58pm.

Councilman Dipierro stated that he did not see a cost for removal in reference to Resolution R-10-2019-258; Township Clerk Patricia Reid answered that that is a separate bid.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:**
(R-10-2019-246 – R-10-2019-258 with the exception of R-10-2019-254 which will be voted on separately)

R-10-2019-246 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS AND MATERIALS FROM BAKER & TAYLOR, INC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY. (\$80,000)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe has a need to acquire books and materials from Baker & Taylor, Inc., P.O. Box 7777, Philadelphia, Pa. 19175, for the Monroe Township Library; and

WHEREAS, Baker & Taylor, Inc. possesses the ability to provide said goods and services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(q) any contract the amount which exceeds the bid threshold, may be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor and shall be approved by Resolution of the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the total purchase amount is \$80,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. C-1900068, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe hereby authorizes the purchase of books and materials for the Monroe Township Library in the amount of \$80,000.00;

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-10-2019-247 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF SENIOR CENTER RENTAL FEE.
(\$200)**

WHEREAS, the Special Event Coordinator, by copy of a letter dated September 9, 2019, copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", has recommended the Council approve the following Senior Center rental refund:

<u>Refund to:</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Indivisible Monroe Twp. c/o Sandra Levin 20 Westminster Drive Monroe Twp., N.J. 08831	Rescheduled event from a weekend day to a weekday (\$200 price difference)	\$200.00

WHEREAS, Council has reviewed the recommendation of the Special Event Coordinator 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 **Indivisible Monroe Twp. in the amount of \$200.00.**

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-10-2019-248 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) (Drunk Driving Enforcement \$6,868.32)**

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 2019 in the sum of \$6,868.32, which is now available as a revenue from the Middlesex County Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$6,868.32 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

"DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT"

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2019-249 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR SEAGIS/ENGLEHARD – PB-939-05.
(Engelhard Drive)

WHEREAS, Triple Net Investments XXXVIII, LLC. has posted Performance Guarantees for the Seagis/Engelhard, Block 47.02, Lot 4 project (PB-939-05); and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated September 10, 2019 has recommended, release of the Performance Guarantees; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Performance Guarantees posted for the Seagis/Engelhard, Block 47.02, Lot 4 project (PB-939-05), be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated September 10, 2019, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$151,432.13**. Such maintenance guarantee shall run for a period of not less than two years from the date of memorialization of such action by the Council.

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2019-250 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF THIRD PARTY TAX LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS.

WHEREAS, Premiums have been paid for various properties for the purchase of Tax Lien Certificates for properties listed on the Tax Map of the Township of Monroe, in the amount of Forty-four Thousand Three-Hundred dollars and no cents (\$44,300.00),

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-10-2019-251 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS.

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector for the Township of Monroe has recommended this Council's approval to make refunds for tax overpayments in the amount of Two hundred thirty-eight thousand eight hundred seventy-four dollars and thirty-seven cents (\$238,874.37) 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-10-2019-252 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) (Bullet Proof Vest Partnership \$7,561.89)

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 2019 in the sum of \$7,561.89, which is now available as a revenue from the Bullet Proof Vest Partnership;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$7,561.89 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

“BULLET PROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP”

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2019-253 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MODIFICATION TO A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT & SCOPE OF WORK ATTACHMENT WITH TRI-STATE LIGHT & ENERGY, INC. UNDER THE 70/30 DIRECT INSTALL PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

(Dept. of Public Works, Construction Dept. and Parks Trailer – BPU portion \$36,979.85 Monroe Twp. portion \$15,848.51)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution R-5-2019-124 dated May 6, 2019, the Township of Monroe entered into an agreement with **Tri-State Light & Energy Inc.(TSLE), 855 Sussex Boulevard, Broomall, Pa 19106**, for an energy assessment of the Department of Public Works, Construction Department and Parks Trailer under the 70/30 Direct Install Program administered by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU); and

WHEREAS, during the pre-installation walk through, the Township requested the installation of additional lighting in the DPW storage and service bays and the Construction Department Office; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the proposed changes, the revised total project cost is \$52,828.36 with the BPU providing \$36,979.85 and the Township providing \$15,848.51; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available as set forth in Certificate No. **C-1900023**, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that the Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to execute the attached revised Direct Install Program Participation Agreement and Scope of Work Attachment with the BPU approved vendor, **Tri-State Light & Energy, Inc., 855 Sussex Boulevard, Broomall, Pennsylvania 19008** to install energy efficient improvements under the 70/30 Direct Install Program.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2019-255 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A RECYCLING TRUCK FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS UNDER THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE. (\$192,446.84)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase a new recycling truck under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative #65MCESCCPS contract # ESCNJ 17/18-30 for the Monroe Township Department of Public Works as hereinbelow set forth:

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| (1) Truck - Freightliner 108SD with Cummins L9 engine | \$114,366.84 |
| (1) Body – Leach 2R111-25 Residential Rear Loader | \$ 78,080.00 |

TOTAL COST \$192,446.84; and

WHEREAS, the truck will be purchased from Campbell Freightliner LLC, 1015 Cranbury South River Road South Brunswick, N.J. 08852 as per the attached quote; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-1900069, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the rearload body will be purchased from WITTKE Sanitation Equipment Corp., 80 Furler Street Totowa, N.J. 07512 as per the attached quote; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-1900070, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that Campbell Freightliner LLC and WITTKE Sanitation Equipment Corp. are hereby awarded contracts for the purchase of (1) recycling truck for a total contract price of **\$192,446.84;**

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2019-256 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO EDWARDS TIRE CO. INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF TIRES FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. (\$22,175)

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works is requesting to purchase special solid tires for use on the Cat front end loader in the recycling yard; and

WHEREAS, two (2) competitive quotes were received as follows:

SETCO - Idabel, OK - \$22,200.52
(installation not included)

Edwards Tire Co. – Farmingdale, N.J. - \$22,175.00
(includes installation)

WHEREAS, the Township QPA has reviewed the two (2) quotes received and, by copy of letter dated September 11, 2019, recommends the award of contract to **Edwards Tire Co., Inc. P.O. Box 704 Farmingdale, N.J. 07727**, in the amount of **\$22,175.00;** and

WHEREAS, **Edwards Tire Co., Inc.** is an authorized vendor under New Jersey State Contract for tires but not for this specialty item; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. C-1900071, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of contract, to **Edwards Tire Co., Inc.** for four (4) tire and wheel assemblies including installation for a total contract price of **\$22,175.00;** and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay **Edwards Tire Co., Inc** in accordance with the contract entered into between the parties.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2019-257 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE LOAN REPAYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT 1142 MORNING GLORY DRIVE, MONROE TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, Jitendrabhai & Ranjanbah Patel are about to be the owners of property located at 1142 Morning Glory Drive, Monroe Township, New Jersey, Unit 1142 in Building 5, 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 **\$18,589.00**; 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 7th day of October, 2019, 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 owners of an Affordable Housing unit located at 1142 Morning Glory Drive, Monroe Township, New Jersey, Unit 1142 in Building 5, Block 1.14, Lot 65.1, Qualifier C-1142.
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 **\$18,589.00** shall be made payable to **Michael L. Gutman ATA** 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-10-2019-258 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO DOWN TO EARTH LANDSCAPING FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP TREE PLANTING. (per unit pricing)

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2019, two (2) sealed bids was received by Monroe Township for Tree Planting; and

WHEREAS, the Township Business Administrator recommends in his letter dated October 3, 2019, a copy of which is attached hereto, that the contract be awarded to **Down to Earth Landscaping, 705 Wright Debow Road Jackson, N.J. 08527**, on their bid submitted in accordance with the attached **unit pricing**, subject to the review and approval of the Township Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the recommendations made by the Business Administrator regarding said bid; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available in the Tree Escrow Fund as set forth in Certification No. C-1900072, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of a contract for the **Monroe Township Tree Planting** in accordance with the attached **unit pricing**, for a contract term beginning October 1, 2019 and expiring September 30, 2020, with the provision authorizing the Business Administrator to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year periods with the consent of both parties under the same terms, conditions and prices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Down to Earth Landscaping, 705 Wright Debow Road Jackson, N.J. 08527**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Finance Department is hereby authorized and directed to pay **Down to Earth Landscaping** in accordance with the contract entered into between the parties; and

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

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 Resolutions Duly Filed.

Council President Dalina stated he would recuse himself as Rutgers is his employer and he left the room.

Councilwoman Cohen commented that she is delighted that we are having this demonstration project.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Dipierro the following Resolution was moved for Adoption and considered separately:

R-10-2019-254 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE RAIN GARDEN DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AT THE MONROE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER.

WHEREAS, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey would like to construct a Rain Garden Demonstration Project at the Monroe Township Senior Center located at 12 Halsey Reed Road, Monroe Township; and

WHEREAS, under the Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) Water Resources Program, Rutgers shall fund, design and install the Rain Garden Demonstration Project on site at the Monroe Township Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council is in favor of the construction of the Rain Garden Demonstration project at the Monroe Township Senior Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a memorandum of understanding with Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey for the Rain Garden Demonstration Project.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

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

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

REPORTS:

Mayor's Report – Mayor Tamburro reported that he is wearing pink as October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and as we found out last year men can get breast cancer too. He stated that it is important to get an exam early as early diagnosis is the best way to beat it.

Commented that he is very impressed to see the public turnout for the Ordinance. He explained that years ago Cranbury had asked us and South Brunswick to support their warehouses which we did with the understanding that they would build a bypass road.

In regards to the Energy Aggregation we are in the process of putting on a new provider. We have saved \$13,000,000 with this round.

The Prospect Plains Road Soccer Complex will be having their dedication ceremony this Saturday.

On Friday, November 1st, we will be having a Veteran's Appreciation Event at the Senior Center. Mayor Tamburro had the pleasure of honoring a 100-year-old veteran at an event at the Cranbury Inn. Please contact the Senior Center for more information. He noted that November is Veteran's Appreciation Month and November 11th is Veteran's Day.

The Library Board has appointed Leah Wagner onto the Library Board. Mayor Tamburro commented that Leah is a wonderful leader and we have the best library in the County. The library also has extended hours on Sunday and it is the crown jewel of the Township.

Administrator's Report – Administrator Weinberg thanked the Mayor and Council for their leadership in regards to the truck ordinance. He stated that this will improve the quality of life for our residents.

Reported that we now have two express buses to Midtown and our first express bus going Downtown started today. The Park & Ride Improvement Project will start soon.

Next month he will report on the Best Practices Inventory.

Noted that we have received a \$14,000 grant for a new senior bus. We continue to make a lot of progress with grants.

Reported that Karen Theer has shared that the attendance at the Senior Center has increased.

Reported that Virgil Caputo noted it being the Park Department's busiest time of year. Administrator Weinberg commented that the fields are in great shape and thanked the Parks Department for maintaining them.

In regards to the Energy Aggregation, the first communities have taken advantage of the program and it has really benefitted our residents.

Engineer's Report – Engineer Rasimowicz reported that the Daniel Ryan Project is complete and the concession stand has opened to so many compliments. The Prospect Plains Road Soccer Complex is completed and the ribbon cutting ceremony will be held this weekend.

Regarding the Township Wide Paving Project, Middlesex County will be repaving Jamesburg Half Acre Road between Forsgate Drive and Gatzmer Avenue. Schoolhouse Road was completed with a grant and Daniel Road and Tenth Street will be completed in a few weeks.

The 2019 Concrete Improvement Project will start next week.

The Guiderail Replacement Project was completed last week.

The Park and Ride Improvements Project started today. That project will include the reconstruction of the parking lot and a new shelter. There will be a temporary shelter once they complete the concrete work. For now, residents can utilize the Clearbrook Park and Ride at 298 Applegarth Road with no additional permits needed.

Lastly, the Council moved forward in the taking of bonds from Renaissance on Route 33; we are progressing through the legal requirements.

Council Vice-President Schneider –

- Attended the Volunteer Luncheon on September 25th; there were over 200 people in attendance. Monroe Township is blessed because we have so many fantastic volunteers.
- The Senior Center will be hosting a Halloween party; the cost to attend is \$10.00 per person.
- The Municipal Building will be having trick or treating on Halloween from 9:00am to 4:00pm.
- The Senior Center will be holding their Thanksgiving Luncheon on Tuesday, November 26th from 12:00pm to 2:00pm.
- The Chorus will be performing a free concert on Sunday, November 17th at the Richard P. Marasco Performing Arts Center.
- Octoberfest will be held on October 13th on Monmouth Road. There will be vendors, games, food and etc.

Councilman Dipierro –

- The Recreation Department will be hosting a Halloween Party on October 27th from 10:00am to 12:00pm. You can pre-register on Community Pass which will begin on October 23rd.
- Concerned with the traffic lights; Route 33 is still waiting for the left turn arrow. Engineer Rasimowicz stated that the NJDOT was out there last week to start the project and have begun putting controls in place. Councilman Dipierro asked the status on the traffic signals on Joan Warren Way and Applegarth Road. Engineer Rasimowicz responded that they have not been finalized to go to construction but we are hopeful that they will be started this year. Councilman Dipierro asked about the design for Englishtown Road and Mounts Mills Road; Engineer Rasimowicz answered that the County will be providing the parcel mapping for land acquisition as that is the Township's requirement and has not been received yet.
- Suggested that signs are put up at the intersection of Spotswood-Gravel Hill Road saying that there is a stop sign ahead stating that if it prevents one accident it is worth it.
- Attended the Chabad Center Concert yesterday to celebrate their 18th anniversary. It was very moving and very well organized. The performer was spectacular. Wished all of the Jewish residents a Happy New Year.
- Attended the Volunteer Luncheon where Council Vice-President Schneider and I handed out awards. It was a nice event and great to see the smiles on everyone's faces.
- Asked Director Joe Stroin what was going on with the manholes on Spotswood Englishtown Road and Matchaponix Road; Director Stroin answered that as part of the Utility Department's routine maintenance all of the manholes are inspected. We noticed loose casings, lids and risers on the manholes and are repairing them.
- Noted that Fire District #3 has begun their project for a new firehouse and wished them well.
- Have sent emails and received answers on some and nothing on others which has been very frustrating. Expects that when an email is sent to a professional albeit the Administrator would answer in a professional manner as he has received complaints from residents stating that they have not received any answers.
- Attended the Green Fair which was very well organized and a great event for our community.

Councilman Baskin –

- Thanked the Engineer for the paving project on Federal Road and Perrineville Road, as well as, the curbing on Federal Road.
- Registration for the Fall recreation programs are open now.
- Congratulated the Green Team for running another successful Green Fair.

Councilwoman Cohen –

- The Annual Juried Arts Show will be held at the Library from October 21st through October 27th. It is always a beautiful show and judged by peers. Hopes everyone can get a chance to see it.
- The Senior Advisory Committee held a meeting where the Health Inspector came and he described the inspection process, as well as, the emergency preparedness work that can be done. They are a wonderful committee.
- Feels sorry that Councilman Dipierro feels that some of his requests are ignored and suggested that if he feels that way then a Council discussion should be done.
- Absolutely wonderful time at the Chabad's 18th Anniversary celebration. Wished everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year.

Council President Dalina –

- Thanked the Mayor, Council, Administrator and Engineer for passing the Ordinance tonight. We all worked together on that and the support of the citizens is important and appreciated.
- The Library Board of Trustees will be having a meeting regarding literacy and the Middlesex County programs. They have enjoyed working with the Monroe Township staff and enjoy our partnership. They have over 56 meetings, over 293 participants and over 400 hours of instruction.
- Children and Teen Services during the Summer of 2019 had over 10,999 hours of volunteers.
- The Citizen Review Board Meeting was held on September 11th. As of August, the NJ School for Boys had 113 residents. It was briefly discussed but there is no real movement with the closing.
- Reminded everyone to be careful on Halloween. Send children out with reflective clothing.
- The League of Women Voters will be having a candidate forum at the Senior Center on October 16th at 7:00pm.

Public:

Gary Busman, 7 Monarch Rd. – Attended the Chabad 18th Anniversary celebration. Rabbi Z and his wife are amazing people and the entertainer they had was wonderful. A lot of the music was in English, Yiddish and Hebrew and it brought harmony to all. Also, Diwali is soon and asked everyone to support our residents. Mrs. Dipierro told him earlier that a song that was sung during the Chabad celebration was also played at her wedding. Regardless of religion and the language music brings people together and we should respect all.

Peter Tufano, 10 Catherine St. – Mr. Tufano stated that at one of the recent Board of Education meetings he was asked to come to the Council meeting and ask a question; he stated he is here as a resident and not a member of the Board of Education. He stated that the biggest and most expensive stone in our Township are our schools. He commented that he did not know if the Mayor was aware but currently there are 1,600 unhoused children which is a major problem. In the next 5 years we will have approximately 6,000 unhoused children. The referendum has failed twice and he was asked why is the overbuilding still allowed to happen and why has the Mayor not acted swiftly to put a moratorium in place temporarily until we can catch up with the schools; Council President Dalina stated that things do not happen instantly and everything takes time. In regards to a moratorium, that would last as long as someone files a legal suit against them. He added that there are options out there and we do like to work with the Board of Education. We were asked to purchase the property and that did not happen overnight. Mr. Tufano asked if we had plans to stop the building; Council President Dalina asked if he thought the best plan would be to purchase the land before the builders do; Mr. Tufano commented that moratoriums are to be put in place for emergency situations and allows us to get our finances in order to get our children placed. Administrator Weinberg responded that every town is facing affordable housing not just Monroe. He stated that he thinks the Mayor and Council are doing a fabulous job to halt the construction where necessary and we are using every tool in the toolbox within the legal realm to stop it. That is the best we can do.

John Profaci, 15 Cleveland Ave. – Mr. Greg Matarrese introduced himself as Mr. Profaci's lawyer and stated that he did not think an introduction was needed as Mr. Profaci is well known in the Township. He further explained that there will be a cease and desist letter being served to many Township Officials tomorrow and there is a long-standing relationship with Mr. Profaci and Councilman Dipierro which goes back many years and is less than amicable. He explained that they were in business together and terminated their relationship on less than amicable terms. In addition, he stated that they have remained business competitors in the same field/market which should be ground for recusal on any matters with my client that comes before Council. Mr. Matarrese explained that they have documents obtained through OPRA which in reviewing he feels that his rights have been violated. He further stated that from this point forward the Township cannot say that they did not know what has gone on between these two parties and Mr. Dipierro should have no say on any matters with regard to his client. Mr. Profaci commented that he has multiple emails from Councilman Dipierro and asked for him to please stop the harassment. Mr. Profaci went on to explain that Councilman Dipierro has accused him of having illegal properties. Mr. Matarrese added that Councilman Dipierro is the driving force between this harassment.

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab mentioned that the Diwali Festival of Lights celebration will be held on October 27th. There will be a food drive as well which all donations will be given to the Township's Food Pantry.

Attended a Board of Education meeting last week where they were discussing their budget but turned into more political drama than anything which is sad. It was stated that they would need another \$20,000,000 for repairs needed to Applegarth school and being that the government has put a cap and they are now restricted. Mr. Parab went on to explain about how the building of more houses would mean more property taxes coming in but the lack of schools creates a bigger issue that needs to be addressed. There was also a discussion about passing a resolution to stop the builder applications.

Jack Pomeranc, 226 Diamond Springs Dr. – Mr. Pomeranc asked for an update on the performance bond which was pulled from Lennar. He thanked the Mayor and Council for taking action and stated that they were told the construction with Lennar taking place on Mounts Mills road was supposed to cease because they did not do as instructed by the Township and was wondering if they are ignoring the Township; Administrator Weinberg stated that the Mounts Mills location is an affordable housing settlement agreement and they cannot exceed 25% of the market units without first completing 10% of the affordable housing units. The ones built are 76 units and the building on the inside exceeds which has the stop work order. The affordable housing units are metal structures along Spotswood Englishtown Road. Township Attorney Greg Pasquale added that the bond litigation we filed suit and have served a complaint which means they have 35 days to answer which we have yet to hear. Mr. Pomeranc thanked everyone for taking action on this case and added that he also attended the Chabad 18th Anniversary celebration and commented that it was amazing.

Tom Bartley, 559 Spotswood Englishtown Rd. – Mr. Bartley commented that he received a complaint that there is sewer going into the street over on Spotswood-Englishtown Road and he forwarded the complaint to Councilman Dipierro since it is in his ward. Engineer Rasimowicz responded that he would like the street address so it can be reported to the County Health Department. Council Vice-President Schneider added that this is the first time we are hearing of this.

Mr. Bartley asked where the location of the Wall Street bus is; Administrator Weinberg answered that the bus leaves across from Rossmoor and goes up to Route 33.

Mr. Bartley stated that there is garbage everywhere around town and asked if it was possible to get the County involved.

Lucille DiPasquale, 70 Ave. K – Ms. DiPasquale stated that the purpose of her attendance at tonight’s meeting aside from hearing about the truck traffic is to come as a member of the Green Team and thank everyone for their support with the Green Fair. Extended a special thanks to NJ Clean Communities for the bags and to Dr. Marie for the shirts. Also thanked the high school and DPW for the set up and clean up. Thanked the sponsors including our tree top sponsors and the distinguished lecturers especially our green wellness vendors and Kathy Budge. Ms. DiPasquale stated that this was her 10th year of being involved. She noted that there were over 25 middle school students and their parents who attended the Environmental Commission meeting which shows how many people care about their environment. Council President Dalina thanked Ms. DiPasquale and all of the participants who have made this a great event. Councilwoman Cohen commented that listening to Dr. Robinson speak was very informative. We are an agricultural State and it was very interesting to hear the interest of concern. Council Vice-President Schneider commented that she was very impressed with the young people and all of their experiments. Ms. DiPasquale commented that with the young people today we have nothing to worry about.

Phil Levy, 92 Kingsmill Rd. – Mr. Levy commented that he was very happy to hear that we would purchase properties to avoid builders building on them. He would like to suggest that since the Stone Museum is for sale and it being a perfect setting for a park and garden that we purchase it for that use so the north side of town has something. He added that if we could get the County involved then maybe they could help us with the purchase and should be considered to help the Township in their efforts of keeping the Township green. He added that this is truly a wonderful piece of property that is not wetlands.

Ravisankar Mattipalli, 8 Lexi Ln. – Glad to see all of the residents unite in coming out for the Ordinance regarding the truck traffic. It is sad that all of the residents cannot unite together for the building of a new middle school. I hope the Township takes measures because we are overcrowded and many have moved here because of the great school system and it seems to be going in a different direction. Mr. Mattipalli asked if there was a clear plan to help; Council President Dalina responded. Administrator Weinberg answered that the goal is to purchase 50% of land and we are halfway there to preserving the Township.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider the Combined Agenda/Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 9:06pm.

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

Patricia Reid

PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

Stephen Dalina

STEPHEN DALINA, Council President

Minutes were adopted on: November 6, 2019.