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TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

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COMBINED AGENDA/REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 9, 2026

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

2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG.**

3. **ROLL CALL:**

   Councilwoman Miriam Cohen
   Councilman Charles Dipierro
   Councilman Terence Van Dzura
   Council Vice President Michael Markel
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4. Township Clerk Christine Robbins reads the **SUNSHINE LAW** into the record.

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OPEN: MOTION:_____ SECOND:_____

CLOSE: MOTION:_____ SECOND:_____

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

MOTION:____SECOND:____ ROLL CALL: Ayes___Nays__

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AGENDA

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MOTION:____SECOND:____ ROLL CALL: Ayes___Nays__

2. **MOTION** to approve the payment of **CLAIMS** per run date **February 4, 2026**.

MOTION:____SECOND:____ ROLL CALL: Ayes___Nays__

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

December 22, 2025 - Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting

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MOTION:____SECOND:____ ROLL CALL: Ayes___Nays__

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8. **RESOLUTIONS removed** from consent agenda for **CONSIDERATION (if needed).**

MOTION:____SECOND:____ ROLL CALL: Ayes___Nays__

9. **Administrator's Report.**

10. **Engineer's Report.**

11. **Council's Reports.**

12. **Mayor's Report.**

13. **Public Comments.** (5 Minutes per Speaker)

OPEN: MOTION:_____ SECOND:_____

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14. **Adjournment.** MOTION:_____ SECOND:_____

Time: _____

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
COMBINED AGENDA/REGULAR MEETING –MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026 @ 6:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – February 9, 2026

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

UPON ROLL CALL by the Township Clerk, Christine Robbins, the following members of Council were present: Councilwoman Miriam Cohen, Councilman Charles Dipierro, Council Vice-President Michael Markel, and Council President Rupa P. Siegel.

ALSO PRESENT: Business Administrator Kevin McGowan, Utility Director Joseph Stroin, Township Attorney Louis Rainone, Engineer Mark Rasimowicz and Mayor Stephen Dalina.

ABSENT: Councilman Terence Van Dzura.

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R-2-2026-046 **RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-12-2025-304 ENTITLED "AUTHORIZING BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS".**

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R-2-2026-048 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF ONE 2027 FREIGHTLINER 114SD AND ONE LEACH MODEL 2R111 32 CUBIC YARD REAR LOADER PACKER REFUSE BODY FROM CAMPBELL FREIGHTLINER, LLC. USING THE SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NJ COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.** ($312,326.15)

R-2-2026-049 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF ONE 2027 WESTERN STAR 47X TRIAXLE 75K ROLLOFF TRUCK INCLUDING UPFIT PACKAGE FROM CAMPBELL FREIGHTLINER, LLC. USING THE SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.** ($265,479.53)

R-2-2026-050 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF (3) THREE NORTH JERSEY WASTEWATER COOPERATIVE PURCHASING SYSTEM (88-NJWWCPS) CONTRACTS WITH PUMPING SERVICES INC. FOR AS-NEEDED MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL REPAIRS FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D).** (Total annual amount not to exceed $500,00.00)

R-2-2026-051 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FURNISHING AND INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO REBUILD A 90HP 460V 8" SUBMERSIBLE TRASH PUMP LOCATED AT THE ROUTE 33 SEWERAGE PUMPING STATION FROM PUMPING SERVICES, INC. (P.S.I.) USING THE NORTH JERSEY WASTEWATER COOPERATIVE PURCHASING SYSTEM (88-NJWWCPS) FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.)** ($52,427.28)

R-2-2026-052	**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2025 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLES AND ACCESSORIES USING THE CRANFORD COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM AND NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACTS FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.** ($138,751.64)
R-2-2026-053	**RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE PROPOSED LOWER RARITAN/MIDDLESEX COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT (WQM) PLAN AMENDMENT.**
R-2-2026-054	**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY 2026 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS.**
R-2-2026-055	**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFERS.**

Councilman Dipierro requested R-2-2026-042 and R-2-2026-044 to be removed and considered separately.

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

Public Comments:

George Gunkelman, 5 Kelly Ct. – Mr. Gunkelman asked where the parking lot will be expanded in regard to R-2-2026-036; Engineer Rasimowicz explained that this will expand the parking lot behind the rink at the Community Center with a loop road coming out to Monmouth Road and adding approximately 70 parking spaces.

Mr. Gunkelman asked for clarification regarding the appointment of Humane Enforcement Officers as per R-2-2026-041; Administrator McGowan responded that this is the appointment of four police officers to handle animal abuse cases.

Mr. Gunkelman commented regarding Resolutions R-2-2026-050 and R-2-2026-051 that this triggers his mind that all costs for the Utility Department are going up and maybe it is the right time to review the fee structure to help our load with construction and increased costs.

Lucille Panos, 1208C Lindera Plaza – Mrs. Panos asked why Ordinance O-2-2026-003 was necessary to which Administrator McGowan answered that this will effectuate our Round 4 affordable housing obligation. Mrs. Panos asked for an explanation as to what is changing; Administrator McGowan answered that this will change what was single family to higher density residential which will help meet our affordable housing obligation. Mrs. Panos asked if this will go before the Zoning Board to which Attorney Rainone responded yes.

Regarding Resolution R-2-2026-036, Mrs. Panos asked how many handicap spots this will provide; Engineer Rasimowicz stated that he does not have a conceptual layout, but it will provide the required number of ADA parking spots.

Mrs. Panos asked what Resolution R-2-2026-043 entails; Administrator McGowan explained that we received a Green Acres grant in 2024 to complete the Community Gardens Improvement Project and now that Center State has finished the design we will be going out to bid. He further explained that this was a $1.2 million grant received with a total cost of approximately $2.3 million which includes both soft and hard costs and noting this is a shared financing project.

Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. - Mrs. Arminio asked for an explanation of Resolution R-2-2026-037; Attorney Rainone explained that this is a grant application for funding from the 2026 Green Acres Program which will go towards the North Disbrow Hill Road Playground and Parking Lot Project. He went on to explain that this will cost approximately $1.8 million and we are applying for $938,000 in funding which is 50%. Mrs. Arminio asked if the Township is receiving money from the developer to which Administrator McGowan responded that we are applying for grants to help chip away at the costs. Mrs. Arminio asked if the Township has asked developers to help; Attorney Rainone explained that the Township is buying this land and building a park on it and applying for a grant to help with the costs. Mrs. Arminio asked how much this will cost, to which Attorney Rainone answered approximately $2.4 million.

Mrs. Arminio asked in regard to Resolution R-2-2026-031 if this was a volunteer or paid appointment; Administrator McGowan answered that there is no compensation as appointed representative to the South Central Middlesex County Flood Control Commission.

Dennis Liu, 31 Beachwood Dr. – Mr. Liu commented that he was grateful for the park to be built and asked if there will be more discussions on the park; Administrator McGowan stated that later in the meeting there will be a public hearing where Engineer Rasimowicz will explain the concept of Phase 1 and the public will have an opportunity to respond.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 6:57pm.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 6:57pm.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Markel, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **2/4/2026** were approved for payment as written and presented.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **MINUTES** of the following meetings as written and presented**:**

December 22, 2025 - Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting
January 5, 2026 - Reorganization, Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Application for Green Acres Funding - ***Phase 1 - North Disbrow Hill Road Playground & Parking Lot***

Engineer Rasimowicz gave a brief synopsis of the application for Green Acres funding that the Township would like to pursue: ***Phase 1 – North Disbrow Hill Road Playground & Parking Lot.*** He explained that this property is located at 80 North Disbrow Hill Road, Block 2 Lot 1 which is a 21-acre parcel and the plan is to construct a new park at this location which will encompass an inclusive playground, parking lot, walking path, along with a stormwater basin and sidewalks. Engineer Rasimowicz further explained that in the future sports fields would be considered but they would need permits and in 2022 the Township underwent Master Plan revisions and this property was targeted. This project would cost $1.8 million and the Township is applying for 50% of costs equating to $938,000. A sketch of the plan of the park was shown to the public and given to Council.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **PUBLIC HEARING for the Application for Green Acres Funding** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dennis Liu, 31 Beachwood Dr. – Mr. Liu commented that this is a nice looking park and asked what the timeline is as well as if there will be sidewalks; Engineer Rasimowicz explained that some parts of getting this constructed are out of the Township's control as we have to first submit our application to Green Acres and wait for their response which can take several months. He went on to explain that it is anticipated to have construction begin in 2027 and noted that sidewalks are a part of the design.

Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio asked if we own the land to which Attorney Rainone responded that we will close on the purchase this year. Mrs. Arminio asked if Federal Buisness Centers were promised anything in order for the Township to get the land to which Attorney Rainone answered only to give them the money for it. He went on to explain that we have an ordinance authorizing purchase and a contract of sale. Mrs. Arminio noted that this land is approximately 21 acres and asked if the wetlands portion of it is usable to which Engineer Rasimowicz answered that 8 acres are uplands with Attorney Rainone adding that there is no building permitted on wetlands. Mrs. Arminio asked if there would be any construction or diversion to which Attorney Rainone answered no. Engineer Rasimowicz added that there will not be any disturbance to wetland buffers. Mrs. Arminio asked if there is any water on the land to which Engineer Rasimowicz answered yes there is a stream; she went on to ask if there is a basin and if there will be bathrooms to which Engineer Rasimowicz answered that the basin will be adjacent to the parking lot and playground and there will be no bathrooms in the first phase of the plan.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Markel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Application for Green Acres Funding** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

O-1-2026-001 **SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL 2026 SALARY AND WAGE ORDINANCE FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY.**

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

SECTION 1. The Township is governed by the provisions of the Faulkner Act, Mayor-Council form of government. N.J.S.A. 40:69A-1, et. seq. Under the Mayor council form certain annual salaries, wages and other compensation are set by the Township Council as attached hereto and made a part hereof, effective January 1, 2026, as hereinafter specified.

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

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

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

SO ORDAINED, as aforesaid.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-1-2026-001** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

Public Comments:

Lucille Panos, 1208C Lindera Plaza – Mrs. Panos asked if there were raises across the board and if so, what percentage was given; Administrator McGowan answered that yearly raises are given at 2.9%. Mrs. Panos asked if some departments receive more to which Administrator McGowan answered no.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Cohen, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-1-2026-001** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.
UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, **Ordinance O-1-2026-001** was passed on Second Reading and Final Adoption:

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

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

O-2-2026-002 **ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR APPLEGARTH ROAD AND JOAN WARREN WAY.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Council Vice-President Markel, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was Introduced on First Reading for Final Passage:

O-2-2026-003 **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 108 OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP CODE, REZONING OF PARCELS INCLUDED IN MONROE TOWNSHIP'S ROUND FOUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Council Vice-President Markel, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was Introduced on First Reading for Final Passage:

O-2-2026-004 **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 108, ARTICLE 6.18J(13), OF THE "H-D HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT", AND ARTICLE 6.7K, OF THE "R-3A RESIDENTIAL-AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT".**

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

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

O-2-2026-005 **ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE §131 "AFFORDABLE HOUSING" AND §131A "AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FEES", WITH REVISED REGULATIONS IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE AMENDED FAIR HOUSING ACT.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Council Vice-President Markel, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:**
(R-2-2026-031– R-2-2026-055 except R-2-2026-042 and R-2-2026-044 which will be considered separately)

R-2-2026-031 **RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER AND FIRST ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SOUTH CENTRAL MIDDLESEX COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION.**
(Mark Rasimowicz, Kevin McGowan, Greg Slavicek)

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Council would like to appoint, **Mark Rasimowitz** as a **Member** to the **South Central Middlesex County Flood Control Commission** to serve for a term of five (5) years effective January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2030; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Council would like to appoint, **Kevin McGowan** as a **Member** to the **South Central Middlesex County Flood Control Commission** to serve for a term of five (5) years effective January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2030; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Council would like to appoint **Greg Slavicek**, as **First Alternate Representative** to the **South Central Middlesex County Flood Control Commission** to serve for a term of one (1) year effective January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that **Mark Rasimowitz and Kevin McGowan** are hereby appointed as members of the **South Central Middlesex County Flood Control Commission** to serve for a term of five (5) years effective January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2030*, nunc pro tunc* and **Greg Slavicek** is hereby appointed as **First Alternate Representative** to the **South Central Middlesex County Flood Control Commission** for a one (1) year term effective January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026.

RECORDED VOTE: R-2-2026-031						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura						**X**
Council V. President Markel		**X**	**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-2-2026-032 **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE.**
(Judge Lorraine J. Nielsen – 1 yr)

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated January 12 2026, has appointed **LORRAINE J. NIELSEN** to the position of **Municipal Court Judge** for a one (1) year term commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Code of the Township of Monroe requires the Advice and Consent of the Council of such appointment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Township Council hereby provides its Advice and Consent to the appointment of **LORRAINE J. NIELSEN** as Municipal Court Judge for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-2-2026-032						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura						**X**
Council V. President Markel		**X**	**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-2-2026-033 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO NORTHSTAR VETS FOR MEDICAL CARE OF STRAY ANIMALS FOUND WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026.** (as needed, not to exceed $500 per animal)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe has a need to acquire services related to the Medical Care of stray animals found within the Township of Monroe for Calendar Year 2026, as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*; and

WHEREAS, the Contract will be open-ended and based on unit pricing as outlined in the Contract, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one (1) year, effective January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, NorthStar VETS, 315 Robbinsville-Allentown Rd., Robbinsville, NJ 08691 has submitted a Contract indicating they will provide the referenced services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No.C-2600033, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B";

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with NorthStar VETS, 315 Robbinsville-Allentown Rd., Robbinsville, NJ 08691 in accordance with the contract attached hereto as Exhibit "A", effective January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by NorthStar VETS, as outlined within the Contract during the 2026 contractual year;

(3) This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that the NorthStar VETS contract shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language, and Veterinary Surgical and Diagnostic Specialists shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-2-2026-033						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura						**X**
Council V. President Markel		**X**	**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-2-2026-034 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCA) FOR A LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT.**
(North Disbrow Hill Road Playground Project up to $75,000)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe desires to apply for and obtain from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately $75,000.00 to carry out a project for the North Disbrow Hill Road Playground Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe has determined that the Township should apply for the aforementioned, Local Recreation Improvement Grant; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED,

1. The Township of Monroe does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and

2. Recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Township of Monroe and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Monroe Township Council that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the application and any other documents necessary in connection with the Local Recreation Improvement Grant.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-2-2026-034						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura						**X**
Council V. President Markel		**X**	**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-2-2026-035 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PIAZZA AND ASSOCIATES AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026.** (not to exceed $7500)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe requires the services of a qualified agency as entity to serve as Administrative Agent as defined in the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls ("UHAC") Manual and N.J.A.C. 5:80-26; and

WHEREAS, Piazza and Associates, a New Jersey firm, possesses the expertise required for such an engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Affordable Housing Board hereby recommends to the Township Council, that PIAZZA AND ASSOCIATES be designated Administrative Agent for the Township of Monroe;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that it hereby consents to the recommendation of the Affordable Housing Board and authorizes the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute an Agreement between the Township of Monroe and Piazza and Associates, a copy of which is attached hereto, to insure Township compliance with all Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH") rules and regulations concerning the sales and rental of affordable housing units and the Rehabilitation program within the Township of Monroe for calendar year 2026.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-2-2026-035						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura						**X**
Council V. President Markel		**X**	**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-2-2026-036 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER STATE ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2026 MONROE COMMUNITY CENTER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.**
(Parking lot expansion design - not to exceed $400,000)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe seeks professional engineering, surveying, environmental and planning services in connection with the ***2026 Monroe Community Center Improvements Project***; and

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

WHEREAS, the fees for such services will not exceed four hundred thousand dollars (**$400,000.00**); and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for such an engagement in Certificate No. C-2600034**,** a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) authorizes the award of contracts for "professional services" without competitive bids and further provides that the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached contract with ***Center State Engineering, 481 Spotswood-Englishtown Road, Monroe Township, NJ 08831***, in accordance with the Agreement annexed hereto.

(2) The Department of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to pay Invoices for services rendered by Center State Engineering for the professional engineering, surveying and planning services in connection with ***2026 Monroe Community Center Improvements Project*** in an amount not to exceed four hundred thousand dollars (**$400,000.00**).

(3) The Contract is awarded with the stipulation that ***Center State Engineering*** shall include within the Contract Mandatory Affirmative Action language and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action document within the time period prescribed by law.

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-2-2026-036						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura						**X**
Council V. President Markel		**X**	**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-2-2026-037 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR FUNDING FROM THE 2026 GREEN ACRES PROGRAM.** (North Disbrow Hill Rd. Playground & Parking Lot)

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), provides grants and/or loans to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition, development, and stewardship of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of $938,000.00, from the State to fund the following project(s): North Disbrow Hill Road Playground & Parking Lot

WHEREAS, the estimated total cost of the North Disbrow Hill Road Playground & Parking Lot project is $1,876,000; and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with such rules, regulations, and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above-named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 9th day of February 2026, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe (the "Council") that:

1. Business Administrator Kevin McGowan is hereby authorized to;

a. make application for such a grant;
b. provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
c. act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant

2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding request, if a match is required, in the amount of $938,000.00.

3. In the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant will have the balance of funding necessary to complete the project.

4. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and

5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RECORDED VOTE: R-2-2026-037						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura						**X**
Council V. President Markel		**X**	**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-2-2026-038 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROCUREMENT OF THIRD PARTY BILLING SERVICES FOR MUNICIPAL AMBULANCE SERVICES FOR TOWNSHIP OF MONROE EMS DEPARTMEMT THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING RFP PROCESS.**

WHEREAS, the Township requires third party ambulance billing services for the EMS Department.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1(b)(3), the Township, may use a competitive contracting RFP process in lieu of public bidding for procurement of specialized goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to evaluate such services from vendors within the procedures as set forth in the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A.40A:11-4.1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 5:34-4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-(5) the Township desires to enter into contract for up to a (5) five-year with the vendor whose proposal scores the highest in satisfying the needs of the Township residents; and

WHEREAS, as per statue N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.3(b) the process will be administered by a Qualified Purchasing Agent;

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 Qualified Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to commence the competitive contract procurement process as allowable under the New Jersey Local Public Contract Law allowing for a minimum of 20 days' notice after advertisement to receive responses, per N.J.S.A. 40A:114.5(a).

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-2-2026-038						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura						**X**
Council V. President Markel		**X**	**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-2-2026-039 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 99 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1997.**

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Tax Collector has previously issued a tax sale certificate to Township of Monroe in which certificate is dated January 9, 1987, covering premises commonly known and referred to on Schedule A attached, as set out on the municipal tax map then in use which certificates are numbered; and

WHEREAS, the purchaser of the aforesaid tax sale certificates has indicated to the Tax Collector that they were lost/ misplaced or destroyed. The duly filed the appropriate Affidavits of Loss/Destroyed certificates with the Tax Collector, a copy of which is attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Governing Body of the Municipality of Monroe Township that the Tax Collector of the municipality be and is hereby authorized, upon receipt of the appropriately executed and notarized Loss/Destroyed Affidavit per certificate, to issue an appropriate duplicate tax sale certificate to the said purchaser covering the certificates lost/destroyed as previously described all in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 99 of Public Laws of 1997.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution and Loss/Destroyed Affidavits is attached to the duplicate certificates to be issued to said purchaser and that said duplicate certificates shall be stamped or otherwise have imprinted upon it the word "Duplicate" as required by law.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-2-2026-039						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura						**X**
Council V. President Markel		**X**	**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-2-2026-040 **RESOLUTIONAUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT AND LIEN ON BLOCK 83, LOT 12.3.**

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2015, Michael Smith Jr. & Diane P. Smith ("Smith") entered into a Rehabilitated Affordable Housing Agreement with the Township of Monroe restricting Smith from selling or conveying title to the property for a period of ten years pursuant to Monroe Ordinance 131-8 and N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq, said Agreement having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on July 27, 2021, in Mortgage Book 18553 on Pages 243 - 256; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Lien states that "the terms, restrictions and covenants of this Agreement shall automatically expire ten (10) years from the date that the housing rehabilitation work was completed"; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Affordable Housing Board advises of the successful completion of the Affordable Housing Lien and has consented to the termination of the Affordable Housing Lien annexed hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Affordable Housing Lien held by Smith is hereby satisfied and the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Release of Rehabilitated Affordable Housing Agreement, annexed hereto as Exhibit "B".

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-2-2026-040						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura						**X**
Council V. President Markel		**X**	**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-2-2026-041 **RESOLUTION PROVIDING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF HUMANE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-43 and Chapter 3, Article VI of the Code of the Township of Monroe, has appointed Detective Steven Menhart, Officer Brian Rieker, Officer Kevin Buchanan and Officer Dovydas Jakevicius as Humane Enforcement Officers; and

WHEREAS, the appointment as Humane Enforcement Officer shall run concurrently with their current positions as a police officer; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of Humane Enforcement Officer requires the advice and consent of the Township Council;

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 appointment of Detective Steven Menhart, Officer Brian Rieker, Officer Kevin Buchanan and Officer Dovydas Jakevicius as Humane Enforcement Officers for the Township of Monroe.

RECORDED VOTE: R-2-2026-041						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura						**X**
Council V. President Markel		**X**	**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-2-2026-043 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER STATE ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2026 MONROE COMMUNITY GARDENS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.** (not to exceed $200,000)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe seeks professional engineering, surveying, environmental and planning services in connection with the ***2026 Monroe Community Gardens (Jakes Law Playground, Restroom & Site Improvements Project), Contract Administration and Inspection***; and

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

WHEREAS, the fees for such services will not exceed two hundred thousand dollars (**$200,000.00**); and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for such an engagement in Certificate No. C-2600035**,** a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) authorizes the award of contracts for "professional services" without competitive bids and further provides that the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached contract with ***Center State Engineering, 481 Spotswood-Englishtown Road, Monroe Township, NJ 08831***, in accordance with the Agreement annexed hereto.

(2) The Department of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to pay Invoices for services rendered by Center State Engineering for the professional engineering, surveying and planning services in connection with ***2026 Monroe Community Gardens (Jakes Law Playground, Restroom & Site Improvements Project), Contract Administration and Inspection*** in an amount not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars (**$200,000.00**).

(3) The Contract is awarded with the stipulation that ***Center State Engineering*** shall include within the Contract Mandatory Affirmative Action language and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action document within the time period prescribed by law.

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-2-2026-043						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura						**X**
Council V. President Markel		**X**	**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-2-2026-045 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH JAMES P. NOLAN & ASSOCIATES FOR 2025 TAX APPEAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.** ($3,336.50)

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-12-2024-301, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on December 18, 2024, authorized a Professional Service Contract with James P. Nolan and Associates for Tax Appeal Legal Services required by the Township of Monroe for calendar year 2024 in an amount not to exceed $45,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No R-12-2025-264, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on December 22, 2025, authorized a modification to the contract in the amount of $8,500.00, making the new contract amount not to exceed $53,500.00; and

WHEREAS, an additional $3,336.50 is needed to close out 2025 Tax Appeal Legal Services, making the new contract amount **not to exceed $56,836.50**; and

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

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate Nos. **C-2500003,** copy of which is attached hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, authorization is hereby given to increase and modify the 2025 Tax Appeal Legal Services contract in the amount of three thousand three hundred thirty six dollars and fifty cents ($3,336.50).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the amendments to the agreements attached hereto.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-2-2026-045						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura						**X**
Council V. President Markel		**X**	**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-2-2026-046 **RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-12-2025-304 ENTITLED "AUTHORIZING BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS".**

WHEREAS, there are certain 2025 budget appropriations of the Township of Monroe which may be insufficient to meet the requirements of the Township's affairs; and

WHEREAS, there are certain other budget appropriations where there are unexpended balances which will not be used for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, Revised Statutes 40A:4-59 provides for the transfer from such accounts that have unexpended balances to those accounts which have deficiencies.

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Council adopted Resolution No. R-12-2025-304 "Authorizing

Budget Appropriation Transfers" at their December 22, 2025 Council Meeting; and

WHEREAS, there are amendments needed as shown in **red** and reflected below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that the transfers itemized below are hereby authorized among the following 2025 accounts:

CURRENT FUND TRANSFER FROM:	**TRANSFER AMOUNT**
Assessor S&W	**$ 20,000.00**
Assessor OE	**$ 11,500.00**
Central Mailing	$ 10,000.00
Clerk S&W	**$ 30,000.00**
Division of Planning S&W	$ 10,000.00
Group Health OE	$ 25,000.00
Health Benefit Waiver	$ 25,000.00
Police OE	$ 110,000.00
Streets & Roads OE	$ 25,000.00
TOTAL CURRENT FUND:	**$ 266,500.00**

TRANSFER TO:	**TRANSFER AMOUNT**
Police S&W	$ 75,000.00
Social Security	**$ 85,000.00**
Streets & Roads S&W	**$ 85,000.00**
Buildings & Grounds S&W	$ 20,000.00
~~Municipal Court S&W~~	~~$ 30,000.00~~
Recreation S&W	**$ 1,500.00**
TOTAL CURRENT FUND:	**$ 266,500.00**

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-2-2026-046						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura						**X**
Council V. President Markel		**X**	**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-2-2026-047 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC AUCTION OF A 2016 BMW M23 BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.** (Auction: February 27, 2026 at 10am)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe Police Department impounded a 2016 BMW M23 VIN# WBA1J7C54GV360013; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:10A-1, the Police Department has followed the Township and State policies to determine that this is not a stolen vehicle; and

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

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to conduct a public auction for the sale of the vehicle to the highest bidder.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that the Township Business Administrator or his designated representative shall conduct a public auction for the sale of one (1) 2016 BMW M23 on February 27, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Dennis Boyce Towing, 64 US Route 9, Morganville, NJ 07751. The vehicle shall be available for public inspection beginning at 9:45 a.m. on that date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the minimum opening bid for the vehicle shall be $3,500.00. At the end of the auction, the highest bidder shall deposit an amount equal to 10% percent of the final bid price in cash. There shall be no other forms of payment accepted. The balance shall be paid by certified check delivered to the Township Clerk's office between the hours of 9:00 am and 12 noon within five (5) days after the conclusion of the auction. Upon payment in full, the Clerk's office shall provide the purchaser with the signed documents necessary to complete the transaction with the Motor Vehicle Commission. In order to obtain the title for the vehicle, the highest bidder shall be responsible for submitting the appropriate documents and payments to the Motor Vehicle Commission in accordance with the Notice of Public Auction issued by the Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in the event no bids are received, ownership of the vehicle shall be awarded to Dennis Boyce Towing, LLC.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-2-2026-047						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura						**X**
Council V. President Markel		**X**	**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-2-2026-048 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF ONE 2027 FREIGHTLINER 114SD AND ONE LEACH MODEL 2R111 32 CUBIC YARD REAR LOADER PACKER REFUSE BODY FROM CAMPBELL FREIGHTLINER, LLC. USING THE SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NJ COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.** ($312,326.15)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe Public Works Department requires (1) 2027 Freightliner 114SD Plus, and (1) Leach Model 2R111 32 cubic yard Rear Loader Packer Refuse Body to enhance the Monroe Township Department of Public Works Streets & Roads Division; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe is permitted to join national cooperative purchasing agreements under the authority of N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b)(3), and joined the Sourcewell National Cooperative Purchasing Program on November 23, 2009 with authorization by Council Resolution; and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell has, after competitively bidding, awarded a contract for the 2027 Freightliner 114SD under its contract #032824; and

WHEREAS, Campbell Freighliner, LLC. has submitted a proposal for the Freightliner which meets the requirements of the Public Works Department in the amount of **$151,330.74**, a copy of the proposal is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, The Purchasing Manager has followed the guidelines issued by the Division of Local Government Services for purchasing through a National Purchasing Cooperative including the advertising a notice of intent to award a contract via a National Co-op in the Home News and on the Township website both published on January 9, 2026 , which included a ten-day comment period, which none were received; and

WHEREAS, the State Approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) has awarded a contract for the Leach Rear Loader Packer Refuse Body under its contract number ESCNJ 23/24-04 from Campbell Freightliner LLC for the purchase price of **$160,995.41**, a copy of the proposal is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the 2027 Freightliner 114SD Plus, and (1) Leach Model 2R111 32 cubic yard Rear Loader Packer Refuse Body, purchased from ***Campbell Freightliner LLC, 1015 Cranbury South River Road South Brunswick, N.J. 08831*** **is not to exceed $312,326.15.**

WHEREAS, it is required by law that any like commodity purchase which exceeds the bid threshold of the Township ($53,000.00) in aggregate, be authorized by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2600036, 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) Authorizes the Township to purchase of (1) 2027 Freightliner 114SD Plus, from Campbell Freightliner LLC. using the Sourcewell National Cooperative Purchasing Program at a total cost of $151,330.74 and (1) Leach Model 2R111 32 cubic yard Rear Loader Packer Refuse Body, from Campbell Freightliner LLC. using the Educational Services Commission of NJ Cooperative Purchasing Program at a total cost of $160,995.41, total contract price not to exceed $312,326.15; and

(2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for 2027 Freightliner 114SD Plus, and (1) Leach Model 2R111 32 cubic yard Rear Loader Packer Refuse Body delivered by Campbell Freightliner LLC.; and

(3) The contracts are awarded through this National Cooperative Purchasing Programs 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.

RECORDED VOTE: R-2-2026-048						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura						**X**
Council V. President Markel		**X**	**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-2-2026-049 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF ONE 2027 WESTERN STAR 47X TRIAXLE 75K ROLLOFF TRUCK INCLUDING UPFIT PACKAGE FROM CAMPBELL FREIGHTLINER, LLC. USING THE SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.** ($265,479.53)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe Public Works Department requires (1) 2027 Western Star 47X Triaxle 75K Rolloff Truck along with the body and equipment upfit package, a Heritage 75,000 lb. Rolloff Hoist to enhance the Monroe Township Department of Public Works, Streets & Roads Division; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe is permitted to join national cooperative purchasing agreements under the authority of N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b)(3), and joined the Sourcewell National Cooperative Purchasing Program on November 23, 2009 with authorization by Council Resolution; and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell has, after competitively bidding, awarded a contract for the 2027 Roll off Truck and upfit package under its contract #032824-DAI; and

WHEREAS, Campbell Freightliner, LLC. has submitted a proposal for the 2027 Western Star 47X Triaxle 75K Rolloff Truck in the amount of **$179,681.97** and a proposal for the body and equipment upfit package in the amount of **$85,797.56** which meets the requirements of the Public Works Department, copies of the proposals are attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, The Purchasing Manager has followed the guidelines issued by the Division of Local Government Services for purchasing through a National Purchasing Cooperative including the advertising a notice of intent to award a contract via a National Co-op in the Home News and on the Township website both published on January 9, 2026 , which included a ten-day comment period, which none were received; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the 2027 Western Star 47X Triaxle 75K Rolloff Truck along with the body and equipment upfit package, a Heritage 75,000 lb Rolloff Hoist, purchased from ***Campbell Freightliner LLC, 1015 Cranbury South River Road South Brunswick, N.J. 08831*** **is not to exceed $265,479.53.**

WHEREAS, it is required by law that any like commodity purchase which exceeds the bid threshold of the Township ($53,000.00) in aggregate, be authorized by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2600037, 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) Authorizes the Township to purchase 2027 Western Star 47X Triaxle 75K Rolloff Truck in the amount of **$179,681.97** and the body and equipment upfit package, a Heritage 75,000 lb Rolloff Hoist, in the amount of **$85,797.56** from Campbell Freightliner LLC. using the Sourcewell National Cooperative Purchasing Program, total contract price not to exceed **$265,479.53**; and

(2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for the 2027 Western Star 47X Triaxle 75K Rolloff Truck and the body and equipment upfit package, a Heritage 75,000 lb Rolloff Hoist delivered by Campbell Freightliner LLC.; and

(3) The contracts are awarded through this National Cooperative Purchasing Programs 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.

RECORDED VOTE: R-2-2026-049						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura						**X**
Council V. President Markel		**X**	**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-2-2026-050 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF (3) THREE NORTH JERSEY WASTEWATER COOPERATIVE PURCHASING SYSTEM (88-NJWWCPS) CONTRACTS WITH PUMPING SERVICES INC. FOR AS-NEEDED MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL REPAIRS FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D).**
(Total annual amount not to exceed $500,00.00)

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Utility Department has the need for routine and emergency as-needed electrical and mechanical repairs to their facilities; and

WHEREAS, the State Approved North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Purchasing System (Cooperative 88-NJWWCPS) has awarded contracts which cover required services under its contracts #B445-19, #B445-8 and #B471-15 to Pumping Services, Inc. of Middlesex, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS it is required by law that any "purchasing cooperative contract" purchase which exceeds the bid threshold of the Township ($53,000.00) in aggregate, be authorized by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No.M-260012, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

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 Township of Monroe to procure Mechanical and Electrical Repair and Maintenance Services from Pumping Services Inc. in accordance with the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Purchasing System Cooperative Purchasing Program contracts #B445-19, #B445-8 and #B471-15, contracts in a total annual amount not to exceed $500,00.00; and

(2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said pump delivered by Pumping Services, Inc., respectively; and

(4) The contracts are awarded through the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Purchasing System Cooperative (Cooperative 88-NJWWCPS) 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.

RECORDED VOTE: R-2-2026-050						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura						**X**
Council V. President Markel		**X**	**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-2-2026-051 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FURNISHING AND INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO REBUILD A 90HP 460V 8" SUBMERSIBLE TRASH PUMP LOCATED AT THE ROUTE 33 SEWERAGE PUMPING STATION FROM PUMPING SERVICES, INC. (P.S.I.) USING THE NORTH JERSEY WASTEWATER COOPERATIVE PURCHASING SYSTEM (88-NJWWCPS) FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.)** ($52,427.28)

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Utility Department requires materials and services in relation to rebuilding a 90HP 460V 8" submersible trash pump located at the Route 33 Sewerage Pumping Station due to a mechanical seal failure which allowed water to enter the pump motor area causing damage to its internal components; and

WHEREAS, the pump station is required to have two pumps under N.J.A.C. 7:14A-23.10 (b) and is currently operating with only one; and

WHEREAS, the State Approved North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Purchasing System (Cooperative 88-NJWWCPS) has awarded a contract for the required materials under its contract numbers B445-19, B445-8 and B471-15 respectively, to P.S.I. of Middlesex, New Jersey for the purchase of materials needed to rebuild the 90HP 460V 8" submersible trash pump, as quoted; and

WHEREAS, it is required by law that any "purchasing cooperative contract" purchase which exceeds the bid threshold of the Township ($53,000.00) in aggregate, be authorized by the governing body; and

WHERAS, Pumping Services, Inc. has submitted proposal #SQ46862 dated December 19, 2025, in the amount of **$52,427.28** to furnish, deliver and install equipment as per their proposal, which meets requirements of the Monroe Township Utility Department, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS, the Township Purchasing Manager has reviewed the proposal and found it to be correct, and in accordance with the NJWWCPS Co-Op contract; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. M-260013, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

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

(2) Authorizes the Utility Department to purchase said pump and start-up from Pumping Services Inc. using the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Purchasing System Cooperative Purchasing Program B445-19, B445-8 and B471-15; and

(2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said pump delivered by Pumping Services, Inc., respectively; and

(4) The contracts are awarded through the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Purchasing System Cooperative (Cooperative 88-NJWWCPS) 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.

RECORDED VOTE: R-2-2026-051						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura						**X**
Council V. President Markel		**X**	**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-2-2026-052 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2025 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLES AND ACCESSORIES USING THE CRANFORD COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM AND NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACTS FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.** ($138,751.64)

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Police Department has the need to purchase two (2) 2025 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles under the Cranford County Cooperative Pricing System No. #47-CPCPS, from ***Gentilini Motors, 500-555 John S Penn Blvd., Woodbine, NJ 08270*** an authorized vendor under the Cranford Cooperative Pricing System as follows:

2 2025 Ford Police Interceptor Utility (without equipment) - $45,963.87

TOTAL COST: $91,927.74; and

WHEREAS, it is required by law that any "state contract" purchase which exceeds the bid threshold of the Township ($53,000.00) in aggregate, be authorized by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the total amount for these vehicles exceeds the Township's bid threshold in aggregate; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Financial Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2600038 copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase emergency lights and equipment to outfit the two (2) new vehicles from ***Municipal Equipment Enterprises, 2576 Tilton Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234*** under Whelan New Jersey State Contract No. 17-FLEET-00761, Mee New Jersey State Contract No. 17-FLEET-00758, Havis New Jersey State Contract No. 17-FLEET-00719 and Code 3 Inc. New Jersey State Contract No. 17-FLEET-0039 for the Monroe Township Police Department as follows:

2 Emergency Lights Slick Top $22,961.95
including stripping equipment from old patrol vehicle

TOTAL COST: $45,923.90; and

WHEREAS, the detailed accessories for each vehicle are attached hereto and made a part of; and

WHEREAS, it is required by law that any "state contract" purchase which exceeds the bid threshold of the Township ($53,000.00) in aggregate, be authorized by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the total amount for these emergency lights and equipment exceed the Township's bid threshold in aggregate; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Financial Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2600039 copy of which is attached as Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, wishes to paint ghost lettering on these two (2) new vehicles to be performed by ***Cranbury Custom Lettering Inc., 566 Rt. 33 West, Mercerville, NJ 08619,*** pricing per quotation, a copy of which is attached hereto for the Monroe Township Police Department as hereinbelow set forth:

2 Lettering (ghost) $450.00

TOTAL COST $900.00; and

WHEREAS, the services for these vehicles are attached hereto and made a part of; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in **Certificate No.** C-2600040, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

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 Police Department to purchase said vehicles from Nielsen Ford using the Cranford County Cooperative Pricing System No. #47-CPCPS; and

(2) Authorizes the Police Department to have the two (2) new Police Vehicles outfitted with emergency lights and equipment by Municipal Equipment Enterprises; and

(3) Authorizes the Police Department to have the two (2) new Police vehicles ghost lettered by Cranbury Custom Lettering Inc.; and

(4) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said vehicles delivered by Nielsen Ford, respectively; and

(5) The contracts are awarded through the Cranford County Cooperative Pricing System No. #47-CPCPS and Whelan New Jersey State Contract No. 17-FLEET-00761, Mee New Jersey State Contract No. 17-FLEET-00758, Havis New Jersey State Contract No. 17-FLEET-00719 and Code 3 Inc. New Jersey State Contract No. 17-FLEET-0039 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.

RECORDED VOTE: R-2-2026-052						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura						**X**
Council V. President Markel		**X**	**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-2-2026-053 **RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE PROPOSED LOWER RARITAN/MIDDLESEX COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT (WQM) PLAN AMENDMENT.**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) requires that proposed wastewater treatment and conveyance facilities and wastewater treatment service areas, as well as related subjects, conform with an approved WQM plan; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners approved the future wastewater service area (FWSA) map on January 15, 2015 which was adopted by the NJDEP on March 11, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP has established the WQM plan amendment procedure through the WQMP rules at N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5 as the method of incorporating unplanned facilities into a WQM plan; and

WHEREAS, the property owner(s) desires to provide for the orderly development of sewer and wastewater facilities within Block 36, Lots 13, 14, 15 (a/k/a Monroe Parke Section 4) in Monroe Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey, and seeks to incorporate the Property as a planned facility within the WQM plan in connection with its NJDEP application, Program Interest # 435463, Activity No. AMD 210004; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex County Planning Board found that the Property meets the requirements to be included in the FWSA and endorsed the amendment of the WQM by Resolution dated July 12, 2022; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on the 9th day of February, 2026, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Monroe that:

Monroe Township hereby consents to the amendment of the WQM plan, for the purpose of its incorporation in the applicable WQM plan(s).

This consent shall be submitted to the NJDEP Office of Water Resource Management pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(g)6.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-2-2026-053						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura						**X**
Council V. President Markel		**X**	**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-2-2026-054 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY 2026 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS.**

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to payment of normal operating expenses and no adequate provision has been made in the 2026 temporary appropriations for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purposes above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary Resolutions adopted in Year 2026, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20), including this Resolution, is **$25,951,988.00;**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. Emergency temporary appropriations be and the same are hereby made for payment of the following entitled operating expenses:

ACCOUNT NAME		TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION AMOUNT
Insurance – General Liability		
Other Expenses	$	500,000.00
Workers Comp.	$	50,000.00
Streets and Roads		
Salaries and Wages	$	100,000.00
Other Expenses	$	120,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance		
Other Expenses	$	75,000.00
Cultural Arts Commission		
Other Expenses	$	10,000.00
Municipal Court		
Salaries and Wages	$	5,000.00
Other Township Agencies		
Emergency Management		
Performance Grant	$	10,000.00
Subtotal	$	870,000.00
Water-Sewer Operations		
Salaries and Wages	$	1,300,000.00
Other Expenses	$	2,750,000.00
Subtotal	$	2, 750,000.00
TOTAL BUDGET	**$**	**3,620,000.00**

2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2026 Calendar Year Budget; and

3. That one (1) certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Government Services.

SO RESOLVED as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-2-2026-054						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura						**X**
Council V. President Markel		**X**	**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-2-2026-055 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFERS.

WHEREAS, there are certain 2025 budget appropriation reserves of the Township of Monroe which may be insufficient to meet the requirements of the Township's affairs; and

WHEREAS, there are certain other budget appropriation reserves where there are unexpended balances which will not be used for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, Revised Statutes 40A:4-59 provides for the transfer from such accounts that have unexpended balances to those accounts which have deficiencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that the transfers itemized below are hereby authorized among the following 2025 accounts:

CURRENT FUND TRANSFER FROM	**TRANSFER AMOUNT**
Business Admin S & W	$ 10,000.00
Clerks OE	$19,000.00
Cultural Arts OE	$ 6,000.00
Human Resources OE	$ 5,000.00
Data Processing S & W	$ 9,000.00
Tax Collector S&W	$ 11,000.00
Employee Group Ins	$ 150,000.00
Elections O&E	$ 9,000.00
Police 911 S & W (In Cap)	$ 90,000.00
Animal Control OE	$ 55,000.00
Senior Center S & W	$ 25,000.00
Construction S & W	$ 18,000.00
Parks S & W	$ 40,000.00
TOTAL CURRENT FUND:	**$ 447,000.00**
TRANSFER TO:	**AMOUNT:**
Accumulated Trust OE	$ 200,000.00
Streets and Roads OE	$ 200,000.00
Data Processing OE	$ 5,000.00
Special Accounting	$ 11,000.00
Interlocal Recycling	$ 31,000.00
TOTAL CURRENT FUND:	**$ 447,000.00**

RECORDED VOTE: R-2-2026-055						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura						**X**
Council V. President Markel		**X**	**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Council Vice-President Markel, the following Resolutions were removed from **CONSENT AGENDA** to be considered separately:

R-2-2026-042 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR APPLEGARTH REAL ESTATE LLC. PB-1180-16.** (Applegarth Rd.)

WHEREAS, Applegarth Real Estate LLC. has posted Performance Guarantees for the Block 41, Lots 9.06 and 10.02, Phase A Warehouse Project (PB-1180-16); 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 January 28, 2026, has recommended, release of the Performance Guarantees; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that release of the project performance guarantees shall be conditioned upon resolution of all outstanding escrow balances associated with the administration of this project by Township officials, as well as the posting of maintenance guarantees for 15% of the project total ($2,308,135.75), or $346,220.36. 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 recommends the developer post five thousand dollars ($5,000.00) at this time, into the existing engineering inspection escrow account which is more reasonable.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-2-2026-042						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro					**X**	
Councilman Van Dzura						**X**
Council V. President Markel		**X**	**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-2-2026-044 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF ANNUAL COMPENSATION FOR BOARDS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE YEAR 2026.**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-88 provides in pertinent part: "EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS SHALL RECEIVE AS COMPENSATION SUCH AMOUNT AS THE BOARD SHALL FIX SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE GOVERNING BODY WHEREIN THE FIRE DISTRICT IS LOCATED"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the following Fire Districts have proposed Annual Compensation for various members of their Board of Fire Commissioners for 2026 as follows:

Fire District No. 1 - $9,000.00 each
Fire District No. 2 - $8,000.00 each
Fire District No. 3 - $7,750.00 each; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has carefully considered such proposed salaries; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council is of the opinion that the public interest would be best served by the approval of said proposed salaries;

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 Council does hereby approve payment of the 2026 Annual Compensation as follows: Fire District No. 1 $9,000.00 each, Fire District No. 2 $8,000.00 each and Fire District No. 3 $7,750.00 each.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-2-2026-044						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro					**X**	
Councilman Van Dzura						**X**
Council V. President Markel		**X**	**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

Administrator's Report – Administrator McGowan gave an extensive overview of the snow clearing process in place by our OEM, DPW, Utility Department and Parks & Recreation Departments. He stated that those departments worked actively over a two-day process to keep up with the clearing of roadways during very challenging and unfavorable weather conditions, working 12-15 hour shifts at times. During each shift there were between 25-30 snow removal assets on Township roadways including 17 plow and salter trucks, 12 plow only trucks, 2 front end loaders with plows, 2 backhoes with 10 foot snow pushers, a skid steer with a 9 foot snow pusher, 1 mini track loader with snow blower attachment, 1 John Deere tractor with snow plow and multiple snow blowers from our DPW and Parks Department, as well as our Utility Department providing an additional 12 plow trucks between two shifts. Administrator McGowan went on to say that this was an incredible operation, which he got to see firsthand, to see what all of these Departments do. He also noted that we utilized a third-party contractor under our landscaping contract to help get the job done and show our residents that we are working diligently to get our Township cleared and passable once again. During this storm alone we used over 525 tons of salt and our DPW and Parks Department worked around the clock to clear all Township buildings, parking areas, bus stop areas, sidewalks, etc. He also noted that our DPW came in while the Township was closed to field phone calls with resident concerns to help facilitate the operation. Administrator McGowan stated that this was the first storm that he remembers where the frigid temperatures stuck around for a long period of time impeding on the removal process as everything turned quickly over to ice making it exceptionally difficult to clear in the days after the storm. It is his hope that in the coming days with the temperatures increasing to 40 degrees that we can see some melting and relief from what has been a very arduous storm. Administrator McGowan went on to say that he understands that this storm has created some challenges for our residents including abiding by our Township ordinance regarding snow removal and will not take a punitive approach for enforcement as our Zoning Officer continues to address safety concerns and work with our residents to come into compliance. He noted that he has been in touch with other towns, Administrators and Mayors who are all handling this weather event in the same fashion and helping their residents come into compliance. Lastly, Administrator McGowan thanked everyone for their hard work and for their cooperation in navigating through this storm.

Administrator McGowan introduced JCP&L representatives Jose Ortiz and Kieran Tintle here tonight to provide updates on concerns the Township has been expressing with them over the course of the last several months; Jose and Kieran thanked the Mayor, Council and residents for inviting them out to go over some concerns regarding the streetlight outages. Mr. Ortiz stated that the last major outage that occurred in November was caused by a wind event and was addressed by their crews who inspected the circuit and noted that there was an open breaker that had protected it and they were able to reenergize and restore power to all customers. Mr. Ortiz noted that there was another large outage that affected a few thousand customers that lasted for approximately 80 minutes due to another wind event explaining in detail the process of their crews investigating the issue, performing all necessary inspections and addressing the problem to bring everyone back into power. Mr. Tintle added further clarification on the outages, noting that the breaker being open is a protective feature and was doing its job in protecting the circuit. Mr. Ortiz also noted another event that happened in December where another 2,000 customers were without power due to a tree taking down a transmission line with power being restored within 20 minutes. Mr. Ortiz shared that there are various programs that are rolling out to help with the reliability and future growth of Monroe and its residents. He stated that there will be four circuit ties that will be put in that will help when circuits are down to help restore power back more efficiently. Both Mr. Ortiz and Mr. Tintle went on to explain additional upgrades coming to the Township in the future and will provide the Mayor and Council with information as it is received so it can be shared with the residents. They recognized the importance of being held accountable and shared they are hoping to continue to work together for the betterment of the services they provide.

Councilman Dipierro commented that the biggest concerns our Township has is with streetlight outages. He noted that Mayor Dalina has been an advocate of getting these repairs done as it is something that they would all like to see improved. He asked if the streetlights would be replaced with LED lighting or the same bulbs which are less efficient. Mr. Tintle thanked the Township for their cooperation in working together to get the streetlights addressed and stated that because of their partnership with our Administration and

Chief of Police over 90 streetlights were repaired in a much more efficient manner. He went over the process in reporting outages and noted that some outages need additional time as the issue is underground. Mr. Tintle explained that upgrading to LED lighting is an option but does come with additional costs and is complicated by how the tariff is written and would take looking for other avenues to bring this to fruition.

Councilman Markel inquired how a streetlight is fixed if it is not reported out; Mr. Tintle answered that if it is not reported then it will not get fixed as the responsibility lies with the municipality.

Councilwoman Cohen noted that it was mentioned that there is a dedicated person working with our adult communities and asked if that person can be utilized to help diffuse the anger the residents have over these outages. Mr. Tintle shared that Ashley is working on their team as a community liaison to address the various concerns and issues within the communities and will be reporting to him directly to keep him informed as to what is ongoing.

Engineer's Report – Engineer Rasimowicz reported that many projects have slowed down due to the Winter including the pickleball and parking lot improvement project at the Senior Center but did update that work on the inside facility at James Monroe Park is ongoing.

Reported that he attended his first working group watershed meeting along with approximately 10 other towns and explained that a Council resolution is needed to participate as well as a cost. He noted that he is still digesting all of the information received and may possibly have a recommendation for the next meeting.

Council's Reports –

Councilman Dipierro –

- Regarding the Watershed Institute, he noted that he would defer to Engineer Rasimowicz.
- Noted that there are not many "No Skating" signs at the detention basins throughout town and wanted to ensure proper signage is in place to avoid someone from getting hurt.
- Thanked the Administration for putting together the solar meeting in Sayreville; noted that because of the snow it was not operating at full capacity but was invited to return back when it is.
- Reminded everyone that the fire elections are on Saturday, February 21st from 2:00pm to 9:00pm and it is important for everyone to come out to vote.
- An ice hockey league will begin in April at the Recreation Center with the cost being $325 for anyone interested in signing their children up. Also noted that Spring baseball and softball registrations are ongoing as well.
- Inquired as to when future court dates were as he would like to attend. Asked how far off we are in regards to the BFI case for example, to which Attorney Rainone answered that we settled BFI and Councilman Dipierro voted on it.
- Asked if we are reimbursed if there is a State of Emergency to which Attorney Rainone answered no.
- Thanked all of the departments involved in the snow removal as well as the residents.
- Reminded everyone that February is Black History Month.

Councilwoman Cohen –

- Thanked the DPW, Utility Department and Parks & Recreation Department for their hard work in snow removal efforts.
- As liaison to the Health Advisory Council, Councilwoman Cohen noted the importance of obtaining a "File of Life" document that you fill out with important medical information and keep on your refrigerator to give to medical personnel in times of need.

Council Vice-President Markel –

- Extended thanks to the DPW, Utility Department and Parks & Recreation Department for their hard work in snow removal efforts.
- Reminded all that February is Black History Month.

Council President Siegel –

- Extended thanks to the DPW, Utility Department and Parks & Recreation Department, as well as the residents for their hard work and patience in snow removal efforts.
- Highlighted the Township's website for all to stay connected, as well as signing up for the e-newsletter, NIXLE alerts and social media.
- Congratulated Monroe Township resident and Olympian Brianna Schnorrbusch who is competing in the 2026 Winter Olympics being held in Milan, Italy.

Township Clerk Christine Robbins shared that effective after March 1, 2026, the complete text of each legal notice for the Township of Monroe may be obtained or viewed by the public on the official internet website www.monroetwp.com. In addition, a hyperlink will be provided no later than March 1, 2026 by the Secretary of State to the legal notice webpage for each public entity in the State of New Jersey. The aforementioned is in accordance with P.L. 2025, c.72.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dalina shared that it is Girl Scout Cookie Season and read aloud a letter received with his cookie order from Township resident Lauren Elizabeth Yuro which in part read that she hopes this letter finds him well and warm and wanted to share the theme of this year's cookie season, which is B.F.F. – Brave, Fierce and Fun. In her letter she went on to explain that this theme is designed to empower girl lead entrepreneurship along with facing new challenges while stepping out of one's comfort zone in which she added that she feels these qualities are reflected in Mayor Dalina as he is a strong leader and role model. Her letter ended with thanking Mayor Dalina for his dedication to the residents and for making a difference in so many lives and always supporting the Girl Scouts.

The next Mayor's Wellness Program will be about Fall Prevention and Balance and will be held on Tuesday, March 24th at 10am at the Senior Center.

The rabies clinic will be held on March 7th from 9:00am to 2:00pm at the Recreation Center for those interested in attending.

Lastly, Mayor Dalina shared that he has been in touch with Monroe's very own Olympian Briana Schnorrbusch will be competing in snowboarding on February 13th at 4:00am for those wanting to watch and cheer her on.

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

Public Comments –

George Gunkelman, 5 Kelly Ct. – Mr. Gunkelman complimented that the snow removal efforts were impressive, noting that our Township has done better than a lot of the surrounding towns. He went on to say that residents need to take responsibility for clearing snow not only on the sidewalks around their properties but also around the fire hydrants and mailboxes. Mr. Gunkelman also suggested that a reminder be placed in the Township newsletters along with adding the due date for tax bills as well so everyone is aware.

Regarding a mailing received about additional insurance for water lines, Mr. Gunkelman suggested that residents check with their own homeowner's insurance first as this is already usually part of that coverage.

Mr. Gunkelman commented on the report given by the JCP&L representatives stating that he felt like the elephant in the room had not been addressed which is the rate increases that everyone is experiencing. He went on to say that he is unaware what the process is to get those rate increases other than hearing and reading that it has to do with selling energy to data centers. In his opinion, data centers should be paying a higher rate as there is no reason when looking at the stock market and seeing how much money they are making should they be paying the same as residential consumers. Mr. Gunkelman added that he would like to see our streetlights changed to LED lighting as they are more cost effective and last longer.

Lucille Panos, 1208C Lindera Plaza – Mrs. Panos inquired to how much the cost was of the 5,000 pencils ordered for the Cultural Arts Commission.

Regarding BFI, Mrs. Panos noted that she remembers years ago suggesting placing solar panels at that site and is happy to see that it is happening 5 years later. Mrs. Panos added that she is confident in the company doing the work as well as she has a personal relationship with them and knows they will do a great job.

In commemoration of Black History Month, Mrs. Panos recommended watching the movie "Hidden Figures".

Regarding the street light outages, Mrs. Panos commented that in Clearbrook alone there were approximately 110 streetlights out and as she understands, there is a process of calling the outage in and a third-party contractor then comes to address the issue and with that she hopes that there is a tracking system in place to avoid having multiple third-party contractors come out to address lights that may have already been fixed. Mrs. Panos went on to say that a list of streetlight outages were compiled and sent to Assemblyman Wayne DeAngelo's office who addressed approximately 70 of those outages to which she is grateful for.

Lastly, Mrs. Panos inquired as to what the snow clearing procedures are and who is responsible for clearing the roadways of the Township, County, State, schools, etc. She went on to ask if third party contractors are permitted, as working 24/7 is overwhelming and utilizing a third party to help may be helpful in getting the job done when necessary.

Gyaneshwar Sadamastula, 283 Morning Glory Dr. – Mr. Sadamastula inquired if there was a smarter way of reporting the streetlight outages as sometimes it is difficult to obtain the pole number or where exactly the streetlights are. He asked if the HOA can compile a list and contact JCP&L directly to have them addressed.

Mr. Sadamastula stated that he was concerned with a hazard near Butcher Road in which the roadway is uneven making it hard to see when making a left turn from Jessica Drive to Butcher Road.

In addition, Mr. Sadamastula shared his concern that there is no left turn permitted onto Perrineville Road leaving the high school which results in many having to make a u-turn in Thompson Park on Fern Road. He went on to say that the issue there is that Fern Road is not always clear so it makes it difficult; Engineer Rasimowicz responded that he will look into this and report to the County.

JoLynn Moloughney, Municipal Policy Specialist for the Watershed Institute – Ms. Moloughney thanked all for attending the workshop meeting and extended an invitation to the Regional Conference being held on February 26th and 27th. Engineer Rasimowicz asked that his email be added so he can receive the communications going forward.

Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio commented that she highly recommends the Township getting involved in the Watershed Institute.

Mrs. Arminio asked for the total buildout of affordable housing for the four sites mentioned earlier; Administrator McGowan responded that the buildout is approximately 300. Attorney Rainone added that Round 4 encompasses a period of 10 years from 2025-2035. Mrs. Arminio commented that it is important to get people into affordable housing and ensure that we are supplying the correct amount of housing for that purpose.

Mrs. Arminio recommended a “pilot program” where a paid day off would be given to all workers who worked tirelessly 24/7 during weather events. She went on to say that their hard work is appreciated and they deserve an exceptional thank-you.

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

Council President Siegel invited JCP&L representatives Mr. Ortiz and Mr. Tintle up to address the comments and concerns shared during the Public Hearing. Regarding the rate increases, it was explained that there are three sections to the billing which include the distribution component, transmission component and the generation costs which alone make up approximately 60% of the bill. He went on to compare that particular part of the bill to paying school and County taxes where it is out of our control in how much that amount is. He went on to say that JCP&L does not at all benefit from these increases as it is actually in the adverse giving further explanation as to how the process of generating the bills come to fruition.

Regarding the solar panels on the streetlights, those are placed on PSE&G poles to generate solar for their program called “Solar for All” and they do not generate power for the streetlights.

Lastly, there are many different ways to report streetlight outages such as calling it in, online, texting, social media, etc. obviously with as much information and description of what and where these outages are being helpful.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 8:40pm.

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

Christine Robbins

CHRISTINE ROBBINS, Township Clerk

Rupa P. Siegel

RUPA P. SIEGEL, Council President

Minutes were adopted on: March 2, 2026.