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COMBINED REORGANIZATION and AGENDA/REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

JANUARY 5, 2026

COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.** (6:30 p.m.)

2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG.**

3. **ROLL CALL:**

   Councilwoman Miriam Cohen
   Councilman Charles Dipierro
   Councilman Michael Markel
   Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel
   Councilman Terence Van Dzura

4. Township Clerk Christine Robbins reads the **SUNSHINE LAW** into the record.

   In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, it is hereby announced and shall be entered into the Minutes of this meeting that adequate notice has been provided by the following:

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5. **NOMINATIONS for the position of COUNCIL PRESIDENT to serve for a term of two (2) years:**

   NOMINATION OF: _____ NOMINATION OF: _____

   NOMINATION BY: _____ NOMINATION BY: _____

   Request for Motion to Close the Nominations.

   MOTION:____SECOND:____

   CONSIDERATION of the following RESOLUTION of APPOINTMENT:
   (2 year term January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2027)

   R-1-2026-001 RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT

   MOTION:____SECOND:____ ROLL CALL: Ayes___Nays__

   OATH OF OFFICE administered to Council President.

6. Meeting is officially turned over the Council President.

7. **NOMINATIONS for the position of <u>COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT</u> to serve for a term of two (2) years:**

NOMINATION OF: _____ NOMINATION OF: _____

NOMINATION BY: _____ NOMINATION BY: _____

Request for Motion to Close the Nominations.

MOTION:____SECOND:____

CONSIDERATION of the following RESOLUTION of APPOINTMENT:
(2 year term January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2027)

R-1-2026-002 **RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT**

MOTION:____SECOND:____ ROLL CALL: Ayes___Nays__

OATH OF OFFICE administered to Council Vice-President.

8. **Reorganization Meeting Adjournment.** MOTION:_____ SECOND:_____

Time: _____

<u>AGENDA MEETING</u>

1. **AGENDA MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.** Time: _____

MOTION:____ SECOND:____

2. **PROCLAMATIONS and PRESENTATIONS:**

Congratulating Lisa G. Hodi, EMS on her retirement and recognizing her 34 years with Monroe Township

<u>Presentations:</u>

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

OPEN: MOTION:_____ SECOND:_____

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

MOTION:____SECOND:____ ROLL CALL: Ayes___Nays__

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REGULAR MEETING
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AGENDA

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MOTION:____SECOND:____ ROLL CALL: Ayes___Nays__

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MOTION:____SECOND:____ ROLL CALL: Ayes___Nays__

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

MOTION:____SECOND:____ ROLL CALL: Ayes___Nays__

5. **Administrator's Report.**

6. **Engineer's Report.**

7. **Council's Reports.**

8. **Mayor's Report.**

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

OPEN: MOTION:_____ SECOND:_____

CLOSE: MOTION:_____ SECOND:_____

10. **Adjournment.** MOTION:_____ SECOND:_____

Time: _____

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – January 5, 2026

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

The Combined Reorganization and Agenda/Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 6:30 p.m. by Township Clerk Christine Robbins with a Salute to the Flag.

UPON ROLL CALL by the Deputy Township Clerk, Tanya Pannucci, the following members of Council were present: Councilwoman Miriam Cohen, Councilman Charles Dipierro, Councilman Michael Markel, Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel, and Councilman Terence Van Dzura.

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

ABSENT: Mayor Stephen Dalina.

There were approximately twenty-five (25) members of the Public in attendance.

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

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, it is hereby announced and shall be entered into the Minutes of this meeting that adequate notice has been provided by the following:

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The Township Clerk announced Nominations were in order for the position of **COUNCIL PRESIDENT** to serve for a term of two (2) years.

Councilwoman Miriam Cohen nominated Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel to serve as Council President for a two (2) year term.

The Township Clerk asked if there were any further Nominations; there were none.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Markel, the **NOMINATIONS** for the position of **COUNCIL PRESIDENT** were closed; All were in favor, none opposed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Cohen, the following entitled **RESOLUTION** of **APPOINTMENT** was adopted as herein below set forth:

R-1-2026-001 RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, the Township Council, pursuant to Article II of the Code of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, elects a President of the Council from among its members to serve for a term of two (2) years or until the election and qualification of a successor;

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 Rupa P. Siegel is hereby elected as President of the Council of the Township of Monroe, Middlesex County, New Jersey and shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until the election and qualification of a successor.

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-001						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen		**X**	**X**			
Councilman Dipierro				**X**		
Councilman Van Dzura	**X**		**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

The Township Clerk administered the **OATH OF OFFICE** to Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel to serve as Council President for a term of two (2) years.

Council President Siegel thanked Councilwoman Cohen for her kind words and for all of Council for entrusting her in the roll as Council President.

The Township Clerk officially turned the meeting over to Council President Rupa P. Siegel.

Council President Siegel wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked her Council colleagues, Mayor Dalina, Administrator McGowan and the residents of the Township for their faith in her becoming Council President. She went on to give a special thanks to Councilwoman Cohen for her friendship and mentorship.

Council President Siegel announced Nominations were in order for the position of **COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT** to serve for a term of two (2) years.

Councilman Van Dzura Nominated Councilman Michael Markel to serve as Council Vice-President for a two (2) year term.

Council President Siegel asked if there were any further Nominations, there were none.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the **NOMINATION** for the position of **COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT** was closed; All were in favor, none opposed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the following entitled **RESOLUTION** of **APPOINTMENT** was adopted as herein below set forth:

R-1-2026-002 RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, the Township Council, pursuant to Article II of the Code of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, elects a Vice President of the Council from among its members to serve for a term of two (2) years or until the election and qualification of a successor;

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 Michael Markel is hereby elected as Vice President of the Council of the Township of Monroe, Middlesex County, New Jersey and shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until the election and qualification of a successor.

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-002						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

The Township Clerk administered the **OATH OF OFFICE** to Councilman Markel to serve as Council Vice-President for a term of two (2) years.

Council Vice-President Markel thanked everyone for their support.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the Reorganization Meeting was Adjourned at 6:41pm.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the Agenda Meeting was Called to Order at 6:41pm.

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

Council President Siegel noted that Lisa G. Hodi, EMS could not attend tonight's meeting but wanted to recognize her 34 years with Monroe Township and congratulate her on her retirement.

Council President Siegel recognized Tim Stoessler for his 35 years with the Township and congratulated him on his retirement. She went on to read aloud his proclamation and thanked him for his many years of service. Tim thanked the Mayor, Council and his fellow employees and commented he will "see all on the beach".

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Council President Siegel read aloud the following proclamations:

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(Councilman Markel)

R-1-2026-017 **RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD.** (Councilman Markel – 1 yr term, Svasti Rao Harita – 2 yr term, Steven Bloom – 3 yr term, Marina Shapiro – 3 yr term, Ali Rizvi – 1 yr term)

R-1-2026-018 **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT S. LAMOUNTAIN, ESQ. AS ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.** (1 yr term)

R-1-2026-019 **RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.**
(Members Vincent LaFata & Gary Busman – 4 yr terms, Alt 2 Gerry Guidice and Alt 3 Pritesh Vaghani – 2 yr terms)

R-1-2026-020 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL PAST DUE TAXES FOR TAX YEARS 2023 AND 2024 ASSESSED ON BLOCK 31, LOT 9.**

R-1-2026-021 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS.**

R-1-2026-022 **RESOLUTION DETERMINING AND DECLARING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTIES BE DESIGNATED AS AREAS IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT AND DIRECTING THE PLANNING BOARD TO PREPARE A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN THERETO.**

R-1-2026-023 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID TO SUNSET CREATIONS INC. FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP TREE PLANTING SERVICES.** (per unit pricing)

R-1-2026-024 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICE FURNITURE FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM.**
($198,062.05)

R-1-2026-025	**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID TO JEN ELECTRIC FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS.** ($12,630)
R-1-2026-026	**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID TO JAFFE COMMUNICATIONS INC. FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP PUBLISHING SERVICES.** (per unit pricing)
R-1-2026-027	**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID TO UNIVAR SOLUTIONS USA, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM HYDROXIDE 50% FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D).** ($2.2776/gallon)
R-1-2026-028	**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID TO T.L.P. CLIMATE CONTROL SYSTEMS, INC. FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP HVAC, ATC, BAS & BMS MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS.** (per unit pricing)
R-1-2026-029	**RESOLUTION APPOINTING JEFFREY MOGILA AS QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT (QPA) FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND SETTING THE BID THRESHOLD.** (Bid Threshold $53,000)
R-1-2026-030	**RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALEXANDRIA UHRIG AS TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.**

Councilman Dipierro requested R-1-2026-008, R-1-2026-016 and R-1-2026-019 to be removed and considered separately.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman 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 asked for an explanation on R-1-2026-010, specifically if there was a limit on acquisition; Administrator McGowan answered that this Resolution allows for him to sign applications to acquire Federal property but any purchase would still come before Council.

Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio commented that she was disappointed that the public was not included in the swearing in ceremony of the Council held this past Friday. Administrator McGowan responded that it was a packed house with members of the public in attendance. Mrs. Arminio asked where it was noticed to which Administrator McGowan responded that this was not a public meeting but ceremonial therefore it did not need to be noticed.

Mrs. Arminio asked for the address of the property referenced in R-1-2026-020; Administrator McGowan answered that this property sits between Hoffman and Federal Road and is an unusable land locked parcel so there is no real address other than its noted block and lot. Mrs. Arminio asked what the purpose for the property will be; Administrator McGowan stated that the County is purchasing from the property owner and our resolution puts it into tax exempt status.
Mrs. Arminio inquired about the Joint Insurance Fund Bond; Administrator McGowan responded that we have belonged with the Garden State Joint Insurance Fund for approximately 5 years now as this was prior to the Middlesex County Joint Insurance Fund. He noted that it was a better option to join the Garden State Joint Insurance Fund due to some financial issues the Middlesex County Joint Insurance Fund was having. Mrs. Arminio commented that she believed the Middlesex County Joint Insurance Fund was bankrupt and asked if we owe any money to them and if we pay a premium upfront to our current Joint Insurance Fund; Administrator McGowan answered that we do pay a premium and they are still negotiating the rate for 2026. He went on to explain that this resolution appoints himself and two others to participate in their meetings and noted that we pay approximately $1.7 million which covers a lot of various insurances such as workers comp, general liability, cyber security, etc.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 7:04pm.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 7:04pm.

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

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

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

ROLL CALL:	Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	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 Van Dzura, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA** (R-1-2026-003– R-1-2026-030 except R-1-2026-008, R-1-2026-016 and R-1-2026-019 which will be considered separately)

R-1-2026-003 **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2026 CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

WHEREAS, P.L. 1983, Chapter 8, Local Fiscal Affairs Law; N.J.S.A. 40A:5-2 has been amended to require that each municipality designate a Cash Management Plan for the deposit of each local unit's monies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2026 Cash Management Plan, copy attached hereto and made a part hereof, be and is hereby adopted.

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-003						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-1-2026-004 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2026 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS.**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2026 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, total appropriations in the 2025 budget, exclusive of appropriations made for interest, debt redemption charges, and Capital Improvement Fund is the sum of $86,533,204.67; and

WHEREAS, 35% of the total appropriations in the 2025 budget, exclusive of appropriations made for interest, debt redemption charges and Capital Improvement Fund is the sum of $30,286,621.63;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the following appropriations shall be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for processing:

ACCOUNT NAME	**TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION AMOUNT**
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:	
Mayor	
Salaries & Wages	$5,000.00
Other Expenses	$3,000.00
Council	
Salaries & Wages	$9,000.00
Other Expenses	$4,800.00
Township Clerk	
Salaries & Wages	$115,000.00
Other Expenses	$20,000.00
Elections	
Salaries & Wages	$6,000.00
Other Expenses	$6,000.00
ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE:	
Administration	
Salaries & Wages	$105,000.00
Other Expenses	$20,000.00
Human Resources	
Salaries & Wages	$79,000.00
Other Expenses	$45,000.00
Transportation	
Salaries & Wages	$200,000.00
Other Expenses	$37,000.00
Data Processing	
Salaries & Wages	$74,000.00
Other Expenses	$100,000.00
Citizens Review Board	
Salaries & Wages	$500.00
Insurance	
General Liability	$240,000.00
Recreation Insurance	$16,100.00
Workers Compensation	$200,000.00
Group Health	$3,000,000.00
Group Health-Broker	$40,000.00
Health Waiver	$20,000.00
Public Information and Public Advocate	
Salaries & Wages	$40,000.00
Other Expenses	$37,000.00
Recreation	
Salaries & Wages	$240,000.00
Other Expenses	$55,000.00
Human Relations	
Salaries & Wages	$800.00
Other Expenses	$500.00
Economic Development Commission	
Salaries & Wages	$800.00
Other Expenses	$500.00

Parks	
Salaries & Wages	$100,000.00
Other Expenses	$20,000.00
Finance	
Salaries & Wages	$175,000.00
Annual Audit	$41,500.00
Other Expenses	$60,000.00
Tax Collector	
Salaries & Wages	$90,000.00
Tax Sale Cost	$500.00
Other Expenses	$7,000.00
Tax Assessor	
Salaries & Wages	$100,000.00
Other Expenses	$45,000.00
Ambulance Service	
Salaries & Wages	$770,000.00
Other Expenses	$15,000.00
Police Department	
Salaries & Wages	$3,100,000.00
Other Expenses	$250,000.00
Police Department-911	
Salaries & Wages	$250,000.00
Other Expenses	$5,000.00
Emergency Mgt.	
Salaries & Wages	$11,000.00
Other Expenses	$7,000.00
DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING:	
Township Engineer	
Other Expenses	$150,000.00
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:	
Streets and Roads	
Salaries & Wages	$670,000.00
Other Expenses	$120,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	
Salaries & Wages	$95,000.00
Other Expenses	$150,000.00
Solid Waste and Recycling	
Other Expenses	$12,000.00
Landfill	
Other Expenses	$45,000.00
Building and Grounds	
Salaries & Wages	$265,000.00
Other Expenses	$220,000.00
Community Services Act	
Other Expenses	$140,000.00
DEPARTMENT OF LAW:	
Department of Law:	
Other Expenses	$250,000.00
Municipal Prosecutor	
Salaries & Wages	$23,000.00
Other Expenses	$300.00
DEPARMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE:	
Division of Health Contr.	
Other Expenses	$55,000.00

Animal Control	
Salaries & Wages	$59,000.00
Other Expenses	$40,000.00
OTHER TOWNSHIP AGENCIES:	
Zoning Board	
Salaries & Wages	$45,000.00
Other Expenses	$15,000.00
Planning Board	
Salaries & Wages	$2,800.00
Other Expenses	$25,000.00
Division of Planning	
Salaries & Wages	$70,000.00
Other Expenses	$12,000.00
Open Space and Farmland Preservation Commission	
Salaries & Wages	$800.00
Other Expenses	$200.00
Shade Tree Commission	
Salaries & Wages	$5,000.00
Other Expenses	$40,000.00
Environmental Commission	
Salaries & Wages	$1,200.00
Other Expenses	$1,500.00
Cultural Arts Commission	
Other Expenses	$10,000.00
Historic Pres. Commission	
Salaries & Wages	$1,500.00
Other Expenses	$2,500.00
Health Advisory Board	
Salaries & Wages	$800.00
Other Expenses	$200.00
Senior Services	
Salaries & Wages	$177,000.00
Other Expenses	$49,000.00
Recreation Advisory Board	
Salaries & Wages	$1,000.00
Other Expenses	$1,200.00
Construction Official	
Salaries & Wages	$395,000.00
Other Expenses	$11,000.00
OTHER TOWNSHIP AGENCIES:	
Extended Sick Leave Fund	
Salaries & Wages	$500.00
Celeb. Pub. Event	$10,000.00
Utilities	$600,000.00
Central Mailing Equipment	$22,000.00
Unemployment Compensation	$10,000.00
Defined Contribution Retirement Plan	$15,000.00
Social Security System	$500,000.00
Storm water Management	
Salaries & Wages	$73,000.00
Other Expenses	$60,000.00

Municipal Court	
Salaries & Wages	$130,000.00
Other Expenses	$5,000.00
Recycling Tax	$2,500.00
Public Defender	
Salaries & Wages	$9,000.00
Shared Services - Recycling	$215,000.00
911	
Salaries & Wages	$50,000.00
Other Expenses	$12,000.00
Shared Services - Fire Dist. & Bd.	
Other Expenses	$40,000.00
FD#3/EMS	$32,500.00
Library	$1,145,000.00
Ambulance Service	
Salaries & Wages	$410,000.00
Other Expenses	$200,000.00
Subtotal	$16,470,500.00
Capital Improvement Fund	$100,000.00
Bond Principal	$3,600,000.00
Bond Interest	$840,000.00
Green Trust Loans	$16,179.00
Middlesex County Improvement Authority-Interest	$10,309.00
Subtotal	$4,566,488.00
Water-Sewer Operations	
Salaries & Wages	$1,500,000.00
Other Expenses	$5,060,000.00
Social Security	$80,000.00
Bond Principal	$2,070,000.00
Bond Interest	$1,061,100.00
NJEIT Loan	$31,000.00
Capital Outlay	$100,000.00
Subtotal	$9,902,100.00
TOTAL BUDGET	$30,939,088.00

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-004						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-1-2026-005 **RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF DOG KENNEL LICENSES FOR THE 2026 LICENSE TERM. (**Puppy Paradise, Sycamore Acres, Raise the Woof**)**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.8 the Township of Monroe is authorized to issue certain Dog Kennel Licenses on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the present Licensees have applied to the Office of the Township Clerk for renewal of these licenses; and

WHEREAS, license issuance is contingent upon the review of all applications by the Department of Health and the Zoning Officer and compliance with N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.8;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Monroe County of Middlesex, that the following Dog Kennel Licenses are hereby renewed for the 2026 License term:

Michele Martin
t/a Puppy Paradise
150 Applegarth Road
Monroe Twp., NJ 08831

Melissa Rosa
t/a Raise the Woof
671 Spotswood-Englishtown Road
Monroe Twp., NJ 08831

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-005						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-1-2026-006 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AUTO WRECKING/JUNK YARD LICENSES FOR THE 2026 LICENSE TERM.** (Red & Black Auto Wreckers)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 58 of the Monroe Township Code, auto wrecking and junk yard activities are required to be licensed through the Office of the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the following auto wrecking and junk yard licensees have filed for renewal of their licenses for the 2026 license term; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid licensees have filed the appropriate application materials and paid the appropriate license fees to the Office of the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, a site visit was conducted by the Zoning Officer and no violations have been found.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, that it hereby renews the auto wrecking/junk yard licenses for the 2026 license term with no change in type and/or extent of operation for the following licensees:

NJ KARZ, LLC
568 Old Bridge-Englishtown Road
Monroe Township, NJ 08831

Block 36, Lots 19 & 20

RED & BLACK AUTO WRECKERS
P.O. Box 71
60 Lincoln Avenue
Monroe Township, NJ 08831

Block 89, Lot 2.2 & 2.3
Block 90, Lots 1-3
Block 91, Lots 1-2 & 5-6
Block 93, Lot 1.1
Block 94, Lot 1
Block 95, Lot 6
Block 103, Lot 19

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-006						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-1-2026-007 **RESOLUTION SETTING THE SALARY RANGES FOR THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Township's Charter, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-et. seq., commonly known as The Faulkner Act Mayor-Council form, the authority to set salaries for employees in the Office of the Township Clerk rests with the Township Council (N.J.S.A. 40:69A-36(a)); and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds it appropriate to set the salary range for non-union employees of the Office of Township Clerk for the calendar year **2026**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, Middlesex County, that the salary range for the employees of the Office of the Township Clerk, not subject to a Collective Bargaining Agreement, are as follows:

Township Clerk -	$ 95,000	-	$150,000
Senior Deputy Clerk	$ 80,000	-	$100,000
Deputy Clerk –	$ 58,500	-	$ 85,000
Confidential Assistant –	$ 45,000	-	$ 65,000

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-007						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-1-2026-009 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAX REFUNDS AND/OR DELINQUENCIES OF LESS THAN FIVE ($5.00) DOLLARS.**

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 40:5-17-1 empowers authorized municipal employees to process the cancellation of tax refunds and/or delinquencies of less than Five ($5.00) Dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Council further finds and declares that the Municipal Tax Collector is qualified to process the cancellation of tax refunds and/or delinquencies of less than Five ($5.00) Dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Council further finds and declares that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Township of Monroe for the Municipal Tax Collector to be authorized to process the cancellation of tax credits and/or delinquencies of less than Five ($5.00) Dollars in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17-1.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that the Municipal Tax Collector is hereby authorized to process the cancellation of tax refunds or delinquencies of less than Five ($5.00) Dollars occurred during Calendar Year 2026 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17-1.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-009						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-1-2026-010 **RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORIZATION TO THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR THE PURCHASE OF FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY.**

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator of the Township of Monroe, requests authorization from the Mayor and Council to sign applications for eligibility to purchase surplus property from the NJ State Agency for Surplus Property; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council agree this authorization is warranted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that it hereby grants authorization to Alan Weinberg, Business Administrator to acquire Federal Surplus Property and will comply with the terms, conditions, reservations and restrictions which will apply to the receipt and use of Federal Surplus Property by the Township of Monroe.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-010						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-1-2026-011 **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC OFFICERS BOARD.** (Kevin McGowan, Christopher Bevins, Louis Buonocore)

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated December 22, 2025 has appointed ***LOUIS BUONOCORE, CHRISTOPHER BEVINS and KEVIN McGOWAN*** to serve on the **PUBLIC OFFICERS BOARD** for a one (1) year term commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Code of the Township of Monroe requires Advice and Consent of Council for such appointments.

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 and confirms the appointment of ***LOUIS BUONOCORE, CHRISTOPHER BEVINS and KEVIN McGOWAN*** to serve on the **PUBLIC OFFICERS BOARD** for a one (1) year term commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2026.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-011						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-1-2026-012 **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES.** (Lisa Chen – 5 yr. term)

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letters dated December 22, 2025, has re-appointed the following member to the **LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES** commencing January 1, 2026;

Lisa D. Chen **Member** **5 year term** **1/1/2026 to 12/31/2030**

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Township Council hereby provides its Advice and Consents to the re-appointment of **Lisa D. Chen** to the **LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES** for their term as defined above, commencing January 1, 2026.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-012						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-1-2026-013 **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPONTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION.**
(George Gunkelman – 1 yr term, Kevin McGowan – 1 yr term)

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated December 22, 2025 has made the following appointments to serve on the **OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION;** and

George Gunkelman **Member** **1 year term** **1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026**

Kevin McGowan **Member/ Planning Director** **1 year term** **1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026**

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

WHEREAS, the Council supports the names submitted by the Mayor for appointment to the Open Space and Farmland Preservation Commission.

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 and confirms the appointment of **George Gunkelman** as Member to serve a 1 year term commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2026 and **Kevin McGowan** to serve as Member/Acting Planning Director for a 1 year term commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2026 on the **OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION.**

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-013						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-1-2026-014 **RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER AND ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONERS FOR THE GARDEN STATE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND.**
(Kevin McGowan, Alternates: Lori Olah, Danielle Racioppi)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe in Middlesex County is a member of the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is required for the Township of Monroe to have representation on the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 5th day of January 2026, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that:

1. Kevin McGowan is hereby appointed as Fund Commissioner representing the Township of Monroe on the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Board of Commissioners.

2. Lori Olah and Danielle Racioppi are hereby appointed as Alternate Fund Commissioners representing the Township of Monroe on the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Board of Commissioners.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-014						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-1-2026-015 **RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING CHARLES DIPIERRO AS COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026.**

WHEREAS, each community in our Urban County Consortium is entitled to representation on the Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Committee; and

WHEREAS, Monroe Township is one of these communities; and

WHEREAS, such representation is filled by an appointment by the Mayor and Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the Councils consideration from its own members, is to appoint **Councilman Charles Dipierro** to the Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Committee for Year 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that **Charles Dipierro** has been reappointed as **Council Representative** to the **Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Committee** for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2026:

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-015						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-1-2026-017 **RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD.** (Councilman Markel – 1 yr term, Svasti Rao Harita – 2 yr term, Steven Bloom – 3 yr term, Marina Shapiro – 3 yr term, Ali Rizvi – 1 yr term)

WHEREAS, the Township Council, at a meeting held on June 2, 2021, adopted Ordinance No. O-5-2021-011 establishing an Economic Development Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Board of Health shall consist of nine (9) members and two alternates and such representation shall be filled by appointments of the Mayor and Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the Council appointments to the Economic Development Advisory Board shall be as follows:

Appointed	**Term**	**Expiration**	
Michael Markel, Council Representative	01/01/2026	1 yr.	12/31/2026
Svasti Rao Harita, Member	01/01/2026	2 yr.	12/31/2027
Steven Bloom, Member	01/01/2026	3 yr.	12/31/2028
Marina Shapiro, Member	01/01/2026	3 yr.	12/31/2028
Ali Rizvi, Alternate 2	01/01/2026	2 yr.	12/31/2027

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the above council membership of the Economic Development Advisory Board has been duly moved, seconded, and approved by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on January 5, 2026.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-017						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-1-2026-018 **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT S. LAMOUNTAIN, ESQ. AS ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.** (1 yr term)

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated December 26, 2024, has appointed **ROBERT S. LAMOUNTAIN, ESQ.** as **ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS** for the Township of Monroe for a one (1) year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Code of the Township of Monroe requires the advice and consent of the Township Council for such appointments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it hereby grants its advice and consents to the appointment of **ROBERT S. LAMOUNTAIN, ESQ.** as **ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR** for the Township of Monroe for a one (1) year term commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-018						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-1-2026-020 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL PAST DUE TAXES FOR TAX YEARS 2023 AND 2024 ASSESSED ON BLOCK 31, LOT 9.**

WHEREAS, the County of Middlesex became the record owner of a certain parcel of property located in the Township of Monroe designated as Block 31 Lot 9 on the Tax Map of the Township of Monroe (the "Properties"); and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 22-1114-R adopted by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders at the May 16, 2019 meeting provided for the acceptance of the land in connection with the County's open space program by GreenVest, LLC, the Deed was filed in the Middlesex County Clerk's Office in Deed Book 19264, pages 1890-1902 on August 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, as a county owned property, the Properties are exempt from local taxation; and

WHEREAS, taxes were erroneously posted to the Property for Tax Years 2024 and 2025 as follows:

Block 31	**Lot 9**
2024	$2362.77
2025	$2440.38
Total	$4,803.15

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel all accumulated taxes as shown above on Block 31 Lot 9 on the Tax Map of the Township of Monroe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Assessor shall mark the Property exempt from taxation beginning January 1, 2024 nunc pro tunc.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-020						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-1-2026-021 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS.**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector for the Township of Monroe has recommended refunds for tax overpayments in the amount of Five Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Thirty Cents ($5,497.30) as described on Schedule A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, one (1) of the overpayments on the attached Schedule A, the owners and residents have met all the requirements for a Totally Disabled Veteran Exemption as prescribed by New Jersey Statute 54:4-3.30 for exempt status until the applicant passes or the home is sold; and

WHEREAS, good cause has been shown.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the exemptions are granted and taxes on the approved 100% Permanently and totally disabled veteran be cancelled and that the Tax Assessor and the Tax Collector are herewith authorized to adjust their records accordingly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Assessor, Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer; and

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-021						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-1-2026-022 **RESOLUTION DETERMINING AND DECLARING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTIES BE DESIGNATED AS AREAS IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT AND DIRECTING THE PLANNING BOARD TO PREPARE A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN THERETO.**

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (the "Redevelopment Law") authorizes the Township of Monroe (the "Township") to determine whether Block 148, Lot 37 and the Buffer Properties (Identified as Block 148, Lot 36.01 and Block 36.01 and Block 148.60, Lots 23.01, 24, 25, 26 and 27) on the official tax maps of the Township of Monroe ("Property") meet the criteria for designation as an "area in need of redevelopment," as defined in the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Redevelopment Law, the Mayor and Township Council investigated whether the Property should be designated as an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution R-8-2025-169 (dated August 8, 2025) of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe (hereinafter the "Council"), the Planning Board of the Township of Monroe (hereinafter the "Board") was authorized to undertake a preliminary investigation of Block 148, Lot 37 and the Buffer Properties (identified as Block 148, Lot 236.01; and Block 148.60, Lots 23.01, 24, 25, 26 and 27) on the Tax Map of the Township of Monroe (hereinafter the "Study Area"), to determine whether the Study Area met the criteria set forth in the LRHL, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5, and should be designated as an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, after the Board received and reviewed the "Non-Condemnation – Area in Need of Redevelopment Study, Preliminary Investigation Report, Block 148, Lot 37 and Buffer Properties (Block 148, Lot 36.01 and Block 148.60, Lot(s) 23.01, 24, 25, 26 and 27, Monroe Township, NJ," prepared by CME Associates, dated December 5, 2025 (hereinafter the "Study"), relating to the Study Area, on December 18, 2025 the Board conducted a public hearing and reviewed the Study; and

WHEREAS, the Board concluded and further recommended to the Monroe Township Mayor and Township Council that Block 148, Lots 36.01 and 37; and Block 148.60, Lots 23.01, 24, 25, 26 and 27, on the Tax Map of the Township of Monroe in the Study Area be designated as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area, as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5, because each of the lots met one or more of the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5; or was necessary for an effective redevelopment of the Study Area; and

WHEREAS, based upon a review of Township records and other pertinent documents, the Mayor and Council have determined that Block 148.60, Lot 25 qualifies for designation as an area in need of redevelopment as it is in close proximity to a contaminated site; and Block 148, Lot(s) 37 and 36.01, and Block 148.60, Lot(s) 23.01, 24, 26 and 27 qualify for designation as an area in need of redevelopment as they have been vacant for a period of at least 30 years and are unlikely to be developed through private capital alone due to the properties' history within close proximity to a contaminated site and all are located within the Suburban Planning Area of the State Development and Redevelopment Plan making the redevelopment of the site with productive uses consistent with smart growth planning principles which are the criteria for designation as an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the Redevelopment Law, and that a program of redevelopment will help prevent further deterioration and promote the overall development of the Township in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Monroe as follows:

1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

2. The Township Council accepts, in part, the recommendation of the Planning Board to designate the entire Study Area as a Non-Condemnation—Area in Need of Redevelopment.

3. The Township Council hereby finds it to be in the best interest of the Township and its residents to designate Block 148, Lot 37 and the Buffer Properties (Identified as Block 148, Lot 36.01 and Block 36.01 and Block 148.60, Lots 23.01, 24, 25, 26 and 27) on the official tax maps of the Township of Monroe as a Non-Condemnation- Area in Need of Redevelopment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14a of the Redevelopment Law which shall

authorize the Township to use all those powers afforded to it under the Redevelopment Law, but shall not authorize the Township to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire these properties.

4. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution forthwith to the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs for review pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6(b)(5)(c).

5. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6(b)(5)(d), notice shall be served within ten (10) days of the adoption of this Resolution upon the record owners of property located within the Study Area, whose names are listed on the tax assessor's records and upon each person who filed a written objection to the proposed area in need of redevelopment and who indicated in such written objection an address to which notice of the determination may be sent.

6. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(f), the Planning Board is hereby authorized and directed to prepare a redevelopment plan for the Study Area and to transmit the completed redevelopment plan to the Township Council for review and adoption.

7. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the City Clerk, Chief Financial Officer and City Planning Board

8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-022						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-1-2026-023 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID TO SUNSET CREATIONS INC. FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP TREE PLANTING SERVICES.** (per unit pricing)

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2025, five (5) sealed bid was received by Monroe Township for Tree Planting Services; and

WHEREAS, the Township Purchasing Agent recommends in his letter dated December 31, 2025, a copy of which is attached hereto, that the contract be awarded to **Sunset Creations Inc.,** on their bid submitted in accordance with the attached **unit pricing**, subject to the review and approval of the Township Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the recommendations made by the Purchasing Agent regarding said bid; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available in the Tree Escrow Fund as set forth in Certification No. C-2600028, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of a contract for the **Monroe Township Tree Planting** in accordance with the attached **unit pricing**, for a contract term beginning January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2027, with the provision authorizing the Business Administrator to renew for one (1) additional one (1) year period with the consent of both parties under the same terms, conditions and prices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Sunset Creations Inc., 355 Route 601 Belle Mead, N.J. 08502**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Finance Department is hereby authorized and directed to pay **Sunset Creations Inc.** in accordance with the contract entered into between the parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract is awarded with the stipulation that **Sunset Creations Inc.** shall comply with Affirmative Action Regulations, including revising their contracts as necessary to add mandatory affirmative action language, and submitting either a letter of federal approval or a certificate of employee information report, or a completed form AA302 at the time the signed contracts

are returned to the Township of Monroe, or seven (7) days thereafter, or risk being declared non-responsive and forfeiting the award.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-023						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-1-2026-024 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICE FURNITURE FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM. (**$198,062.05)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has the need to purchase office furniture for the addition to the Monroe Township Police Department by authorized vendors under contract with the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, under the NJ State Contract Nos. #94126, #94139, #94091, #94154, #94152 and #94142 has awarded a contract was awarded to ***Paramount FMS 72 Readington Road, Branchburg, NJ 08876***, for said purchase and installation of office furniture in the amount of $198,062.05, a copy of their proposal is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; 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-2600032, copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

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

(1) Authorizes the Monroe Township Police Department to purchase and install said office furniture using NJ State Contract Nos. #94126, #94139, #94091, #94154, #94152 and #94142; and

(2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said office furniture from Paramount FMS, respectively; and

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-024						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-1-2026-025 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID TO JEN ELECTRIC FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS.** ($12,630)

WHEREAS, on December 30, 2025 two (2) sealed bids were received by Monroe Township for 2026 Emergency Traffic Signal and Beacon Maintenance and Repairs; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated December 131 2025, has recommended the contract be awarded to ***Jen Electric, 631 Morris Avenue Springfield, N.J. 07081,*** the low responsible bidder based on their bid in the amount of **$12,630.00**, for a period of 12 months; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No.C-2600029**,** a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, no contract that is subject to the requirements of the Affirmative Action Regulations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq. shall be awarded by the Township of Monroe, nor shall any monies be paid there under, to any contractor, subcontractor of business firm that has not agreed and guaranteed to comply with Affirmative Action Regulations and to afford equal opportunity in the performance of the contract in accordance with the affirmative action plan approved under the terms established in the above cited regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of bid to ***Jen Electric*** for Emergency Traffic Signal and Beacon Maintenance, Repairs, for a period of 12 months**,** at a total contract price not to exceed **$12,630.00** and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with ***Jen Electric***; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay ***Jen Electric*** in accordance with the contract entered into between the parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract is awarded with the stipulation that ***Jen Electric*** shall comply with Affirmative Action Regulations, including revising their contracts as necessary to add mandatory affirmative action language, and submitting a completed AA-201, within seven (7) days of notification of award of the contract or risk being declared non-responsive and forfeiting the award.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-025						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-1-2026-026 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID TO JAFFE COMMUNICATIONS INC. FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP PUBLISHING SERVICES.** (per unit pricing)

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2025 one (1) sealed proposal was received by Monroe Township for the Monroe Township Publication; and

WHEREAS, the Township Purchasing Manager recommends in a letter dated December 31, 2025, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", that a two (2) year contract with an optional one-year extension be awarded to **Jaffe Communications, Inc.** for the Monroe Township Publication at the unit pricing provided on the attached Proposal Form and Price Schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2600030, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a two (2) year contract with **Jaffe Communications**, **312 North Avenue E Suite 5, Cranford, N.J. 07016** in accordance with the proposal, a copy of which is attached hereto, said contract effective January 3, 2026 expiring January 2, 2028 with an option to renew for one additional year;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay Invoices for services rendered by **Jaffe Communications** in accordance with the contract entered between the parties; and

(3) This contract is awarded in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.;

(4) This contract is being awarded with the further stipulation that **Jaffe Communications** shall submit evidence of appropriate affirmative action compliance and either a letter of federal approval

of the affirmative action program or a Certificate of Employee Information Report or a completed Form AA302 within seven (7) days of notification of award of contract or risk being declared non-responsive and forfeiting the award.

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-026						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-1-2026-027 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID TO UNIVAR SOLUTIONS USA, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM HYDROXIDE 50% FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D).**
($2.2776/gallon)

WHEREAS, December 17, 2025, two (2) sealed bids were received, and publicly opened and read aloud, by the Monroe Township Utility Department for "Sodium Hydroxide 50%", required by the M.T.U.D.

WHEREAS, Univar Solutions USA, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Purchasing Agent reviewed Univar's bid and found it to be responsive and responsible, and has recommended in a letter dated December 31, 2025, a two (2) year contract with one (1) year optional extension be awarded to the low bidder Univar Solutions USA, Inc. based on their unit price bid for Sodium Hydroxide 50% of $2.2776 per gallon for year 1 and 2, and $2.585 per gallon for optional extension year three, and estimated quantities contained within their bid documents, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-260010 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, Univar Solutions USA, Inc. has submitted all the required documents with their bid; and

WHEREAS, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of a contract to Univar Solutions USA, Inc. for "Sodium Hydroxide 50%" for Monroe Township Utility Department; and

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

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a two (2) year contract with an optional one (1) year extension contract Univar Solutions USA, Inc. in accordance with their submitted bid.

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

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

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

(5) Payments required in excess of the initial twelve (12) months are contingent upon necessary funds being appropriated in future budgets by the governing body.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-027						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-1-2026-028 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID TO T.L.P. CLIMATE CONTROL SYSTEMS, INC. FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP HVAC, ATC, BAS & BMS MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS.**

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2025 one (1) sealed bid was received by Monroe Township for Monroe Township HVAC, ATC, BAS & BMS Maintenance and Repairs; and

WHEREAS, the Township Purchasing Agent recommends in a letter dated December 31, 2025 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", that a one (1) year contract with the option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year extensions, be awarded to **T.L.P. Climate Control Systems, Inc.**, at the unit pricing provided on the attached Proposal Form and Price Schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed and hereby consents to the recommendations made by the Township Business Administrator, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2600031, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS, the M.T.U.D.'s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No.M-220036, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "C"; and

WHEREAS, no contract that is subject to the requirements of Article 3 of the Affirmative Action Regulations pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27-1 et seq.) shall be awarded by the Township of Monroe, nor shall any monies be paid thereunder, to any contractor, subcontractor of business firm that has not agreed and guaranteed to comply with Affirmative Action Regulations and to afford equal opportunity in the performance of the contract in accordance with the affirmative action plan approved under the terms established in the above-cited regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of a one (1) year contract with the option to extend for an two (2) additional one (1) year contracts for Monroe Township HVAC, ATC, BAS & BMS Maintenance and Repairs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a one (1) year contract with **T.L.P. Climate Control Systems, Inc.**, for Monroe Township for **HVAC & ATC Maintenance and Repairs**, with said contract becoming effective January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay **T.L.P. Climate Control Systems, Inc. 400 Rike Drive, Suite A, Millstone, NJ 08535** in accordance with the contract entered into between the parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract is awarded with the stipulation that **T.L.P. Climate Control Systems, Inc.** shall comply with Affirmative Action Regulations, including revising their contracts as necessary to add mandatory affirmative action language, and submitting a Certificate of Employee Information Report or a completed Form AA302 at the time the signed contracts are returned to the Township of Monroe, or seven (7) days thereafter, or risk being declared non-responsive and forfeiting the award.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-028						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-1-2026-029 **RESOLUTION APPOINTING JEFFREY MOGILA AS QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT (QPA) FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND SETTING THE BID THRESHOLD.** (Bid Threshold $53,000)

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9(b), contracting units that have appointed a Qualified Purchasing Agent are authorized to take advantage of a higher bid threshold pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3, giving municipalities the ability to increase their bid threshold to **$53,000.00**; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated January 1, 2026, has requested the advice and consent of the Township Council to appoint **Jeffrey Mogila,** as **Qualified Purchasing Agent**, commencing January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq. establishes the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Mogila possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council is desirous of appointing Jeffrey Mogila as the Qualified Purchasing Agent for Monroe Township, hereby authorizing him to exercise the duties of purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(30), with specific relevance to the authority, responsibility and accountability of the purchasing activity of the Township of Monroe as well as granting him authorization to negotiate and award such contracts below the bid threshold; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey, that they hereby consent to the appointment of Jeffrey Mogila as Qualified Purchasing Agent for the Township of Monroe and the bid threshold shall be set at **$53,000.00**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2, the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-029						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-1-2026-030 **RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALEXANDRIA UHRIG AS TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.**

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe desires to fill the position of Township Tax Collector due to the retirement of the prior Township Tax Collector as of December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Tax Collector is appointed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-141 which states that "Notwithstanding any other law the governing body or chief executive, as shall be appropriate to the form of government of the municipality, by ordinance, shall provide for the appointment of a municipal tax collector and the compensation of the tax collector shall be fixed in the manner otherwise provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Township Tax Collector is required to have the appropriate certificate pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-145.7, which states: "Commencing on the effective date of P.L. 1993, c.25 (C. 40A:9-l 45.3a et al), no person shall be appointed or reappointed as tax collector in any municipality of this State unless he shall hold a tax collector certificate issued pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-141, section 2 of P.L. 1979, c. 384 (C. 40A:9-145.2), and section 6 of P.L. 1993, c.25 (C.40A:9-145.3a)."; and

WHEREAS, the Township Tax Collector's term of office is designated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-142, which states: "Every municipal tax collector shall hold his office for a term of four (4) years from the first day of January next following his appointment. Vacancies other than due to expiration of term shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term."; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated January 1, 2026, has requested the advice and consent of the Township Council to appoint **Alexandra Uhrig,** as Tax Collector, commencing January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Alexandra Uhrig is certified as a Tax Collector, as evidenced by Certificate No. T-8708 and is qualified to fill the position of Township Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, said appointment is to fill the unexpired term of Angela Ciaston commencing January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Monroe desire to appoint Alexandra Uhrig as the Township Tax Collector.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Alexandra Uhrig be appointed, as the Township Tax Collector for the remainder of the unexpired term of Angela Ciaston, expiring December 31, 2028.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-030						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the following Resolutions were removed from **CONSENT AGENDA** to be considered separately:

R-1-2026-008 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO MARK RASIMOWICZ OF THE FIRM CENTERSTATE ENGINEERING AS PLANNING CONSULTANT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026.** ($2500/month not to exceed $30,000)

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2025, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes' setting forth qualifications for **ID # 26-10 PROFESSIONAL PLANNER SERVICES FOR PLANNING BOARD and 26-11 PROFESSIONAL PLANNER SERVICES FOR ZONING BOARD**, for various planning services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Mark Rasimowicz of the firm Centerstate Engineering, satisfies the established criteria for said professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Assistant Township Business Administrator, by copy of a letter dated December 11, 2025, has recommended Council approval and award of a professional service contract to **Mark Rasimowicz of the firm Centerstate Engineering as Planning Administrator for Monroe Township** for a term effective January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Consultant services will be paid $2,500.00 a month and shall not exceed **$30,000.00 per year;** 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-2600027**, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the appointment as Planning Consultant shall be effective January 1, 2026 and shall expire on December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Consultant shall serve pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Contract annexed hereto as **Exhibit 1**, which shall be subject to the review and comment of the Township Attorney; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into professional service contract with Mark Rasimowicz of the firm Centerstate Engineering in accordance with the Contract attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-008						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-1-2026-016 **RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLASS III COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD FOR YEAR 2026.**
(Councilman Markel)

WHEREAS, the Township Council, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55-1 et seq., and Article XIII of the Code of the Township of Monroe, appoints a Class III member to the Planning Board from one of the members of the Township Council for a one (1) year term; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Monroe that **Councilman Michael Markel** be and is hereby appointed as the Class III member to the Planning Board for a one (1) year term effective January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-016						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

R-1-2026-019 **RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.**
(Members Vincent LaFata & Gary Busman – 4 yr terms, Alt 2 Gerry Guidice and Alt 3 Pritesh Vaghani – 2 yr terms)

WHEREAS, the term for member Vincent LaFata has expired and the Township Council, approves the **reappointment** of **Vincent LaFata** as a Member to fill a new four-year term commencing 1/1/2026, expiring 12/31/2029; and

WHEREAS, the term for member Gary Busman has expired and the Township Council, approves the **reappointment** of **Gary Busman** as a Member to fill a new four-year term commencing 1/1/2026, expiring 12/31/2029; and

WHEREAS, the term for Alternate 2 Member Gerry Guidice has expired and the Township Council approves the **reappointment** of **Gerry Guidice** as Alternate 2 Member to fill a new two-year term commencing 1/1/2026, expiring 12/31/2027; and

WHEREAS, the term for Alternate 3 Member Pritesh Vaghani has expired and the Township Council approves the **reappointment** of **Pritesh Vaghani** as Alternate 3 Member to fill a new two-year term

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the following membership of the Zoning Board of Adjustment have been duly moved, seconded and approved by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on January 5, 2026:

		Appointed	**Term**	**Expiration**
Arnold Jaffe		01/01/2024	4 yr.unexpired	12/31/2027
Louis Masters		01/01/2024	4 yrs.	12/31/2027
Marino Lupo		01/01/2023	4 yrs.	12/31/2026
Vincent LaFata		01/01/2026	4 yrs.	12/31/2029
Gary Busman		01/01/2026	4 yrs.	12/31/2029
Rajani Karuturi		01/01/2025	4 yrs.	12/31/2028
Donato Tanzi		01/01/2025	4 yrs.	12/31/2028
Thomas Kole	-Alt. 1	01/01/2025	2 yrs.	12/31/2026
Gerry Guidice	-Alt. 2	01/01/2026	2 yrs.	12/31/2027
Pritesh Vaghani	-Alt. 3	01/01/2026	2 yrs.	12/31/2027
Vacant	-Alt. 4	01/01/2026	2 yrs.	12/31/2027

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-1-2026-019						
COUNCIL	**MOTION**	**SECOND**	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Councilwoman Cohen	**X**		**X**			
Councilman Dipierro			**X**			
Councilman Van Dzura		**X**	**X**			
Council V. President Markel			**X**			
Council President Siegel			**X**			

Administrator's Report – Administrator McGowan extended congratulations to Council President Siegel and Council Vice-President Markel on their new roles as president and vice.

Extended well wishes and congratulations to both Tim Stoessler and Angela Ciaston on their retirements and noted that they have both been replaced with well qualified professionals in both our new Tax Collector Alex Uhrig and QPA Jeff Mogila.

Engineer's Report – Engineer Rasimowicz had nothing new to report; extended congratulations to both Council President Siegel and Council Vice-President Markel.

Council's Reports -

Councilman Dipierro –

- Inquired as to when the survey on Open Space will be made public; Administrator McGowan stated he believed all was circulated to Council but in the event it was not he will provide. He went on to say that the results were that hiking and bike trails were high on the list along with volleyball and playgrounds, but he will send the data to all. Councilman Dipierro added that he would like to see that information sent to all members of Council and not just him. Administrator McGowan stated that there is nothing that he sends out to him that the Council is not also copied on and if he did not send out the survey results he will do so.
- Commented that he is disappointed that a public notice regarding the swearing in ceremony was not sent out as there are members of the public who would have liked to attend but did not because they did not know about it. He added that it is very important to be transparent.
- Asked if there were any updates on the Police renovations; Administrator McGowan answered that the police have moved in as emergent repairs have been completed and work is continuing to move along. Administrator McGowan added that we have a TCO to which Councilman Dipierro asked if there was a date for the CO to be issued with Administrator McGowan answering no.
- Announced that Applegarth School is open after much needed work there has been completed.
- Thanked the Mayor and Clerk's Office for coordinating the swearing in ceremony as it was nice to see fellow constituents come out in support.
- Attended an Eagle Scout event at the Senior Center noting that the eagle scout completed a project for the temples to have a caddy for storing their tables and chairs.

Councilman Van Dzura –

- Extended congratulations to our new Council President and Council Vice-President noting that we all try our best to do what is right for our Township and trust that they will do the same.
- Wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.
- Extended thanks to all our Township employees and noted that this is a year of change as Administrator Weinberg left and now Administrator McGowan took over and we have all worked together to do what is right for the Township and will continue to do so.
- Extended thanks to the public.

Councilwoman Cohen -

- Extended congratulations to newly elected Council President Siegel and Council Vice-President Markel.
- Hoping for good wishes for 2026.

Council Vice-President Markel –

- Thanked everyone for electing him as Council Vice-President and joked that he was just a heartbeat away from taking over as Council President.
- Looking forward to a great 2026 ahead.

Council President Siegel –

- Shared that there will be 20 students participating in our Youth Advisory Council.
- Announced that the Juried Arts Show will be back at the Library beginning Friday for those interested in attending.

Mayor's Report - *No report, Absent.*

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

Public Comments –

Adrienne Fein, 15B Canterbury Dr. – Thanked Councilwoman Cohen for her leadership and noted that Council President Siegel has big shoes to fill in her new role.

Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Regarding R-1-2026-022, Mrs. Arminio asked that the Council takes into consideration that it is a superfund site and is looking forward to seeing the study once completed. Attorney Rainone commented that this is part of the next redevelopment plan. Mrs. Arminio commented that when attending the Planning Board meeting she was the only member of the public in attendance and the meeting agenda did not have any applications noted to be considered only mentioning that action may be taken at the very end. Mrs. Arminio went on to say she feels like this meeting was improperly noticed and went against OPMA as the public was not made aware. She went on to say that it is imperative that for the future we ensure all meetings are properly noticed as she feels we are falling short of transparency. Mrs. Arminio went on to ask for all deliberations to be done in public as all should be made aware of the Council's thoughts and positions prior to voting. She added that she would also like to know what the vision of Monroe is from the new Council President and Council Vice-President and reminded all that that they are a government of the people. Attorney Rainone responded that there is nothing in how the Planning Board's meeting was noticed or how the agenda was noted that violated OPMA and went on to explain that there is a new age of how public notices are to be made available which will make it not only easier but even more transparent for the public.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 7:26pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	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 February 9, 2026.