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COMBINED AGENDA AND REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

MARCH 1, 2021

AGENDA

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

2. Salute to the Flag.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

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

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

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5. **ORDINANCE(S)** for **SECOND READING** at the March 1, 2021 Regular Meeting:

O-2-2021-002	**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH.**
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8. **Public Comments.** (limited to **Agenda items only** - 5 Minutes per Speaker)

OPEN: MOTION:_____ SECOND:_____

CLOSE: MOTION:_____ SECOND:_____

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

MOTION:____SECOND:____ ROLL CALL: Ayes___Nays__

MARCH 1, 2021 REGULAR MEETING TO FOLLOW

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REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

MARCH 1, 2021

AGENDA

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

MOTION:____SECOND:____ ROLL CALL: Ayes___Nays__

2. **MOTION** to approve the payment of **CLAIMS** per run date **February 23, 2021**.

MOTION:____SECOND:____ ROLL CALL: Ayes___Nays__

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

February 1, 2021 – Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting

MOTION:____SECOND:____ ROLL CALL: Ayes___Nays__

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

O-2-2021-002 **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH.**

PUBLIC HEARING OPEN: MOTION:_____ SECOND:_____

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSE: MOTION:_____ SECOND:_____

ADOPTION: MOTION:_____ SECOND:_____ ROLL CALL: Ayes_____ Nays_____

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MOTION:____SECOND:____ ROLL CALL: Ayes___Nays__

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

MOTION:____SECOND:____ ROLL CALL: Ayes___Nays__

8. Administrator's Report.

9. Engineer's Report.

10. Council's Reports.

11. Mayor's Report

12. Public Comments. (5 Minutes per Speaker)

OPEN: MOTION:_____ SECOND:_____

CLOSE: MOTION:_____ SECOND:_____

13. Adjournment. MOTION:_____ SECOND:_____

Time: _____

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
COMBINED AGENDA/REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – MARCH 1, 2021

The Council of the Township of Monroe met remotely via Zoom for a Combined Agenda/Regular Meeting.

The Combined Agenda/Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 6:32 p.m. by Council President Miriam Cohen with a Salute to the Flag.

UPON ROLL CALL by the Township Clerk, Patricia Reid, the following members of Council were present: Councilman Leonard Baskin, Councilman Charles Dipierro, Councilman Terence Van Dzura, Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider and Council President Miriam Cohen.

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

There were approximately thirty-six (36) members of the Public who joined remotely.

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Councilman Baskin asked that resolutions R-3-2021-076 be removed from the agenda and considered separately.

Councilman Dipierro asked that resolutions R-3-2021-070, R-3-2021-071 and R-3-2021-072 be removed from the agenda and considered separately.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab thanked the Council for Resolution R-3-2021-067 opposing Comcast's usage-based data overage charges to northeast customers.

Regarding Resolution R-3-2021-073, Mr. Parab asked what the citric acid mixture is used for; Director Stroin answered that it is used to filter backwash.

Mr. Parab asked how the budget transfers will be used in regard to Resolution R-3-2021-079; Administrator Weinberg answered that we run surplus through the budget which allows us to move it to certain categories such as the storm trust fund. This resolution ensures that we have money in the proper place for the future.

Lastly, regarding Resolution R-3-2021-080, Mr. Parab asked what the data processing expenses are for; Administrator Weinberg answered that it is for some of the cloud-based services the Township uses.

Lucille DiPasquale, 70 Ave K – Ms. DiPasquale did not have a question at this time as she inadvertently raised her hand by mistake.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Baskin, the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 6:46pm.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Baskin, the Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 6:46pm.

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

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **2/23/2021** were approved for payment as written and presented.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **MINUTES** of the **February 1, 2021 Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting** was approved as written and presented.

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

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

O-2-2021-002 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH.

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

1. An Advisory Board of Health of the Township of Monroe ("Board of Health) is hereby established. It shall have, perform and exercise all of the functions, powers and duties as provided by municipal ordinance as set forth below.

2. The Advisory Board of Health shall consist of seven (7) members and two (2) alternate members.

3. The Advisory Board of Health members shall be appointed as follows:
   - A. Three (3) Board of Health Members shall be appointed by the Mayor for a three (3) year term.
   - B. Two (2) Board of Health Members shall be appointed by the Township Council for a three (3) year term.
   - C. One (1) Board of Health Member shall be a representative from the Township Council for a one (1) year term who shall serve as the liaison to the Township Council.
   - D. One (1) non-voting student member for a one (1) year term.
   - E. One (1) alternate member appointed by the Mayor for a two (2) year term.
   - F. One (1) alternate member appointed by the Township Council for a two (2) year term.

4. The Advisory Board of Health shall consult with the Health Officer on matters of public health and shall also study the health needs of the Township and make reports and recommendations to the Mayor and Township Council for local legislative actions.

5. Members of the Advisory Board of Health shall meet every other month and shall serve their entire term and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

6. Vacancies in the membership in the Advisory Board of Health shall be filled in the same manner and by the same authority as the original appointment which resulted in the vacancy.

7. If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance.

8. All ordinances or part of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

9. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

SO, ORDAINED as aforesaid.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-2-2021-002** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed

PUBLIC HEARING:

Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio asked if this is an advisory board for the Township and will they have the power to make policies or recommendations. She also questioned what the purpose of the board is and what their specific mission will be, as well as who will the board be comprised of. Council President Cohen answered that the board will make recommendations to the Council regarding general health policies for the Township and will be made up of residents and health professionals.

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab asked resumes were still being collected for the advisory board; Council President Cohen stated that we are still accepting applications.

Andy Paluri, 16 St. James St. – Mr. Paluri thanked the Mayor and Council for creating this board, considering the population of the Township and our health issues as it will address our community needs.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Baskin, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-2-2021-002** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

O-2-2021-002 **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-2-2021-002

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

O-2-2021-003 **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE BY DELETING EXISTING SECTION 108-5.27 ENTITLED "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT" IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACING IT WITH NEW SECTION 108-5.27 ENTITLED "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT".**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Section 108-5.27 of the code of the Township of Monroe entitled "Stormwater Management" is hereby repealed and replaced to read as follows:

Section I. Scope and Purpose:

A. Policy Statement

Flood control, groundwater recharge, and pollutant reduction shall be achieved through the use of stormwater management measures, including green infrastructure Best Management Practices (GI BMPs) and nonstructural stormwater management strategies. GI BMPs and low impact development (LID) should be utilized to meet the goal of maintaining natural hydrology to reduce stormwater runoff volume, reduce erosion, encourage infiltration and groundwater recharge, and reduce pollution. GI BMPs and LID should be developed based upon physical site conditions and the origin, nature and

the anticipated quantity, or amount, of potential pollutants. Multiple stormwater management BMPs may be necessary to achieve the established performance standards for water quality, quantity, and groundwater recharge.

B. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish minimum stormwater management requirements and controls for "major development," as defined below in Section II.

C. Applicability

1. This ordinance shall be applicable to the following major developments:

   a. Non-residential major developments; and
   b. Aspects of residential major developments that are not pre-empted by the Residential Site Improvement Standards at N.J.A.C. 5:21.

2. This ordinance shall also be applicable to all major developments undertaken by the Township of Monroe.

D. Compatibility with Other Permit and Ordinance Requirements

Development approvals issued pursuant to this ordinance are to be considered an integral part of development approvals and do not relieve the applicant of the responsibility to secure required permits or approvals for activities regulated by any other applicable code, rule, act, or ordinance. In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this ordinance shall be held to be the minimum requirements for the promotion of the public health, safety, and general welfare.

This ordinance is not intended to interfere with, abrogate, or annul any other ordinances, rule or regulation, statute, or other provision of law except that, where any provision of this ordinance imposes restrictions different from those imposed by any other ordinance, rule or regulation, or other provision of law, the more restrictive provisions or higher standards shall control.

Section II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory. The definitions below are the same as or based on the corresponding definitions in the Stormwater Management Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:8-1.2.

"CAFRA Centers, Cores or Nodes" means those areas with boundaries incorporated by reference or revised by the Department in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:7-13.16.
"CAFRA Planning Map" means the map used by the Department to identify the location of Coastal Planning Areas, CAFRA centers, CAFRA cores, and CAFRA nodes. The CAFRA Planning Map is available on the Department's Geographic Information System (GIS).

"Community basin" means an infiltration system, sand filter designed to infiltrate, standard constructed wetland, or wet pond, established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:8-4.2(c)14, that is designed and constructed in accordance with the New Jersey Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual, or an alternate design, approved in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.2(g), for an infiltration system, sand filter designed to infiltrate, standard constructed wetland, or wet pond and that complies with the requirements of this chapter.

"Compaction" means the increase in soil bulk density.

"Contributory drainage area" means the area from which stormwater runoff drains to a stormwater management measure, not including the area of the stormwater management measure itself.

"Core" means a pedestrian-oriented area of commercial and civic uses serving the surrounding municipality, generally including housing and access to public transportation.

"County review agency" means an agency designated by the Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners to review municipal stormwater management plans and implementing ordinance(s). The county review agency may either be:

1. A county planning agency or
2. A county water resource association created under N.J.S.A 58:16A-55.5, if the ordinance or resolution delegates authority to approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove municipal stormwater management plans and implementing ordinances.

"Department" means the Department of Environmental Protection.

"Designated Center" means a State Development and Redevelopment Plan Center as designated by the State Planning Commission such as urban, regional, town, village, or hamlet.

"Design engineer" means a person professionally qualified and duly licensed in New Jersey to perform engineering services that may include, but not necessarily be limited to, development of project requirements, creation and development of project design and preparation of drawings and specifications.

"Development" means the division of a parcel of land into two or more parcels, the construction, reconstruction, conversion, structural alteration, relocation or enlargement of any building or structure, any mining excavation or landfill, and any use or change in the use of any building or other structure, or land or extension of use of land, for which permission is required under the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 *et seq*.

In the case of development of agricultural land, development means: any activity that requires a State permit, any activity reviewed by the County Agricultural Board (CAB) and the State Agricultural Development Committee (SADC), and municipal review of any activity not exempted by the Right to Farm Act , N.J.S.A 4:1C-1 et seq.

"Disturbance" means the placement or reconstruction of impervious surface or motor vehicle surface, or exposure and/or movement of soil or bedrock or clearing, cutting, or removing of vegetation. Milling and repaving is not considered disturbance for the purposes of this definition.

"Drainage area" means a geographic area within which stormwater, sediments, or dissolved materials drain to a particular receiving waterbody or to a particular point along a receiving waterbody.

"Environmentally critical area" means an area or feature which is of significant environmental value, including but not limited to: stream corridors, natural heritage priority sites, habitats of endangered or threatened species, large areas of contiguous open space or upland forest, steep slopes, and well head protection and groundwater recharge areas. Habitats of endangered or threatened species are identified using the Department's Landscape Project as approved by the Department's Endangered and Nongame Species Program.

"Empowerment Neighborhoods" means neighborhoods designated by the Urban Coordinating Council "in consultation and conjunction with" the New Jersey Redevelopment Authority pursuant to N.J.S.A 55:19-69.

"Erosion" means the detachment and movement of soil or rock fragments by water, wind, ice, or gravity.

"Green infrastructure" means a stormwater management measure that manages stormwater close to its source by:

1. Treating stormwater runoff through infiltration into subsoil;
2. Treating stormwater runoff through filtration by vegetation or soil; or
3. Storing stormwater runoff for reuse.

"HUC 14" or "hydrologic unit code 14" means an area within which water drains to a particular receiving surface water body, also known as a sub watershed, which is identified by a 14-digit hydrologic unit boundary designation, delineated within New Jersey by the United States Geological Survey.

"Impervious surface" means a surface that has been covered with a layer of material so that it is highly resistant to infiltration by water.

"Infiltration" is the process by which water seeps into the soil from precipitation.

"Lead planning agency" means one or more public entities having stormwater management planning authority designated by the regional stormwater management planning committee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:8-3.2, that serves as the primary representative of the committee.

"Major development" means an individual "development," as well as multiple developments that individually or collectively result in:

1. The disturbance of one or more acres of land since February 2, 2004;
2. The creation of one-quarter acre or more of "regulated impervious surface" since February 2, 2004;
3. The creation of one-quarter acre or more of "regulated motor vehicle surface" since March 2, 2021; or
4. A combination of 2 and 3 above that totals an area of one-quarter acre or more. The same surface shall not be counted twice when determining if the combination area equals one-quarter acre or more.

Major development includes all developments that are part of a common plan of development or sale (for example, phased residential development) that collectively or individually meet any one or more of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, or 4 above. Projects undertaken by any government agency that otherwise meet the definition of "major development" but which do not require approval under the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq., are also considered "major development."

"Motor vehicle" means land vehicles propelled other than by muscular power, such as automobiles, motorcycles, autocycles, and low speed vehicles. For the purposes of this definition, motor vehicle does not include farm equipment, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, motorized wheelchairs, go-carts, gas buggies, golf carts, ski-slope grooming machines, or vehicles that run only on rails or tracks.

"Motor vehicle surface" means any pervious or impervious surface that is intended to be used by "motor vehicles" and/or aircraft, and is directly exposed to precipitation including, but not limited to, driveways, parking areas, parking garages, roads, racetracks, and runways.

"Municipality" means any city, borough, town, township, or village.

"New Jersey Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) Manual" or "BMP Manual" means the manual maintained by the Department providing, in part, design specifications, removal rates, calculation methods, and soil testing procedures approved by the Department as being capable of contributing to the achievement of the stormwater management standards specified in this chapter. The BMP Manual is periodically amended by the Department as necessary to provide design specifications on additional best management practices and new information on already included practices reflecting the best available current information regarding the particular practice and the Department's determination as to the ability of that best management practice to contribute to compliance with the standards contained in this chapter. Alternative stormwater management measures, removal rates, or calculation methods may be utilized, subject to any limitations specified in this chapter, provided the design engineer demonstrates to the municipality, in accordance with Section IV.F. of this ordinance and N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.2(g), that the proposed measure and its design will contribute to achievement of the design and performance standards established by this chapter.

"Node" means an area designated by the State Planning Commission concentrating facilities and activities which are not organized in a compact form.
"Nutrient" means a chemical element or compound, such as nitrogen or phosphorus, which is essential to and promotes the development of organisms.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, political subdivision of this State and any state, interstate or Federal agency.

"Pollutant" means any dredged spoil, solid waste, incinerator residue, filter backwash, sewage, garbage, refuse, oil, grease, sewage sludge, munitions, chemical wastes, biological materials, medical wastes, radioactive substance (except those regulated under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 2011 *et seq*.)), thermal waste, wrecked or discarded equipment, rock, sand, cellar dirt, industrial, municipal, agricultural, and construction waste or runoff, or other residue discharged directly or indirectly to the land, ground waters or surface waters of the State, or to a domestic treatment works. "Pollutant" includes both hazardous and nonhazardous pollutants.

"Recharge" means the amount of water from precipitation that infiltrates into the ground and is not evapotranspiration.

"Regulated impervious surface" means any of the following, alone or in combination:

1. A net increase of impervious surface;
2. The total area of impervious surface collected by a new stormwater conveyance system (for the purpose of this definition, a "new stormwater conveyance system" is a stormwater conveyance system that is constructed where one did not exist immediately prior to its construction or an existing system for which a new discharge location is created);
3. The total area of impervious surface proposed to be newly collected by an existing stormwater conveyance system; and/or
4. The total area of impervious surface collected by an existing stormwater conveyance system where the capacity of that conveyance system is increased.

"Regulated motor vehicle surface" means any of the following, alone or in combination:

1. The total area of motor vehicle surface that is currently receiving water;
2. A net increase in motor vehicle surface; and/or
   quality treatment either by vegetation or soil, by an existing stormwater management measure, or by treatment at a wastewater treatment plant, where the water quality treatment will be modified or removed.

"Sediment" means solid material, mineral or organic, that is in suspension, is being transported, or has been moved from its site of origin by air, water or gravity as a product of erosion.

"Site" means the lot or lots upon which a major development is to occur or has occurred.

"Soil" means all unconsolidated mineral and organic material of any origin.

"State Development and Redevelopment Plan Metropolitan Planning Area (PA1)" means an area delineated on the State Plan Policy Map and adopted by the State Planning Commission that is intended to be the focus for much of the State's future redevelopment and revitalization efforts.

"State Plan Policy Map" is defined as the geographic application of the State Development and Redevelopment Plan's goals and statewide policies, and the official map of these goals and policies.

"Stormwater" means water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land's surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, or is captured by separate storm sewers or other sewage or drainage facilities, or conveyed by snow removal equipment.

"Stormwater management BMP" means an excavation or embankment and related areas designed to retain stormwater runoff. A stormwater management BMP may either be normally dry (that is, a detention basin or infiltration system), retain water in a permanent pool (a retention basin), or be planted mainly with wetland vegetation (most constructed stormwater wetlands).

"Stormwater management measure" means any practice, technology, process, program, or other method intended to control or reduce stormwater runoff and associated pollutants, or to induce or control the infiltration or groundwater recharge of stormwater or to eliminate illicit or illegal non-stormwater discharges into stormwater conveyances.

"Stormwater runoff" means water flow on the surface of the ground or in storm sewers, resulting from precipitation.

"Stormwater management planning agency" means a public body authorized by legislation to prepare stormwater management plans.

"Stormwater management planning area" means the geographic area for which a stormwater management planning agency is authorized to prepare stormwater management plans, or a specific portion of that area identified in a stormwater management plan prepared by that agency.

"Tidal Flood Hazard Area" means a flood hazard area in which the flood elevation resulting from the two-, 10-, or 100-year storm, as applicable, is governed by tidal flooding from the Atlantic Ocean. Flooding in a tidal flood hazard area may be contributed to, or influenced by, stormwater runoff from inland areas, but the depth of

flooding generated by the tidal rise and fall of the Atlantic Ocean is greater than flooding from any fluvial sources. In some situations, depending upon the extent of the storm surge from a particular storm event, a flood hazard area may be tidal in the 100-year storm, but fluvial in more frequent storm events.

"Urban Coordinating Council Empowerment Neighborhood" means a neighborhood given priority access to State resources through the New Jersey Redevelopment Authority.

"Urban Enterprise Zones" means a zone designated by the New Jersey Enterprise Zone Authority pursuant to the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zones Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27H-60 et. seq.

"Urban Redevelopment Area" is defined as previously developed portions of areas:

1. Delineated on the State Plan Policy Map (SPPM) as the Metropolitan Planning Area (PA1), Designated Centers, Cores or Nodes;
2. Designated as CAFRA Centers, Cores or Nodes;
3. Designated as Urban Enterprise Zones; and
4. Designated as Urban Coordinating Council Empowerment Neighborhoods.

"Water control structure" means a structure within, or adjacent to, a water, which intentionally or coincidentally alters the hydraulic capacity, the flood elevation resulting from the two-, 10-, or 100-year storm, flood hazard area limit, and/or floodway limit of the water. Examples of a water control structure may include a bridge, culvert, dam, embankment, ford (if above grade), retaining wall, and weir.

"Waters of the State" means the ocean and its estuaries, all springs, streams, wetlands, and bodies of surface or groundwater, whether natural or artificial, within the boundaries of the State of New Jersey or subject to its jurisdiction.

"Wetlands" or "wetland" means an area that is inundated or saturated by surface water or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances does support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions, commonly known as hydrophytic vegetation.

Section III. Design and Performance Standards for Stormwater Management Measures

A. Stormwater management measures for major development shall be designed to provide erosion control, groundwater recharge, stormwater runoff quantity control, and stormwater runoff quality treatment as follows:

1. The minimum standards for erosion control are those established under the Soil and Sediment Control Act, N.J.S.A. 4:24-39 et seq., and implementing rules at N.J.A.C. 2:90.
2. The minimum standards for groundwater recharge, stormwater quality, and stormwater runoff quantity shall be met by incorporating green infrastructure.

B. The standards in this ordinance apply only to new major development and are intended to minimize the impact of stormwater runoff on water quality and water quantity in receiving water bodies and maintain groundwater recharge. The standards do not apply to new major development to the extent that alternative design and performance standards are applicable under a regional stormwater management plan or Water Quality Management Plan adopted in accordance with Department rules.

Alternative standards shall provide at least as much protection from stormwater-related loss of groundwater recharge, stormwater quantity and water quality impacts of major development projects as would be provided under the standards in N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.

Section IV. Stormwater Management Requirements for Major Development

A. The development shall incorporate a maintenance plan for the stormwater management measures incorporated into the design of a major development in accordance with the provisions contained in the stormwater management regulations and herein.

B. Stormwater management measures shall avoid adverse impacts of concentrated flow on habitat for threatened and endangered species as documented in the Department's Landscape Project or Natural Heritage Database established under N.J.S.A. 13:1B-

15.147 through 15.150, particularly *Helonias bullata* (swamp pink) and/or *Clemmys muhlnebergi* (bog turtle).

C. The following linear development projects are exempt from the groundwater recharge, stormwater runoff quality, and stormwater runoff quantity requirements of Section IV.P, Q and R:

1. The construction of an underground utility line provided that the disturbed areas are revegetated upon completion;
2. The construction of an aboveground utility line provided that the existing conditions are maintained to the maximum extent practicable; and
3. The construction of a public pedestrian access, such as a sidewalk or trail with a maximum width of 14 feet, provided that the access is made of permeable material.

D. A waiver from strict compliance from the green infrastructure, groundwater recharge, stormwater runoff quality, and stormwater runoff quantity requirements of Section IV.O, P, Q and R may be obtained for the enlargement of an existing public roadway or railroad; or the construction or enlargement of a public pedestrian access, provided that the following conditions are met:

1. The applicant demonstrates that there is a public need for the project that cannot be accomplished by any other means;
2. The applicant demonstrates through an alternatives analysis, that through the use of stormwater management measures, the option selected complies with the requirements of Section IV.O, P, Q and R to the maximum extent practicable;
3. The applicant demonstrates that, in order to meet the requirements of Section IV.O, P, Q and R, existing structures currently in use, such as homes and buildings, would need to be condemned; and
4. The applicant demonstrates that it does not own or have other rights to areas, including the potential to obtain through condemnation lands not falling under IV.D.3 above within the upstream drainage area of the receiving stream, that would provide additional opportunities to mitigate the requirements of Section IV.O, P, Q and R that were not achievable onsite.

E. Tables 1 through 3 below summarize the ability of stormwater best management practices identified and described in the New Jersey Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual to satisfy the green infrastructure, groundwater recharge, stormwater runoff quality and stormwater runoff quantity standards specified in Section IV.O, P, Q and R. When designed in accordance with the most current version of the New Jersey Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual, the stormwater management measures found at N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.2 (f) Tables 5-1, 5-2 and 5-3 and listed below in Tables 1, 2 and 3 are presumed to be capable of providing stormwater controls for the design and performance standards as outlined in the tables below. Upon amendments of the New Jersey Stormwater Best Management Practices to reflect additions or deletions of BMPs meeting these standards, or changes in the presumed performance of BMPs designed in accordance with the New Jersey Stormwater BMP Manual, the Department shall publish in the New Jersey Registers a notice of administrative change revising the applicable table. The most current version of the BMP Manual can be found on the Department's website at: https://njstormwater.org/bmp_manual2.htm.

F. Where the BMP tables in the NJ Stormwater Management Rule are different due to updates or amendments with the tables in this ordinance the BMP Tables in the Stormwater Management rule at N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.2(f) shall take precedence.

Table 1
Green Infrastructure BMPs for Groundwater Recharge, Stormwater Runoff Quality, and/or Stormwater Runoff Quantity

Best Management Practice	Stormwater Runoff Quality TSS Removal Rate (percent)	Stormwater Runoff Quantity	Groundwater Recharge	Minimum Separation from Seasonal High Water Table (feet)
Cistern	0	Yes	No	--
Dry Well[a]	0	No	Yes	2
Grass Swale	50 or less	No	No	2[e] 1[f]

Green Roof	0	Yes	No	--
Manufactured Treatment Device[a] [g]	50 or 80	No	No	Dependent upon the device
Pervious Paving System[a]	80	Yes	Yes[b] No[c]	2[b] 1[c]
Small-Scale Bioretention Basin[a]	80 or 90	Yes	Yes[b] No[c]	2[b] 1[c]
Small-Scale Infiltration Basin[a]	80	Yes	Yes	2
Small-Scale Sand Filter	80	Yes	Yes	2
Vegetative Filter Strip	60-80	No	No	--

Table 2
Green Infrastructure BMPs for Stormwater Runoff Quantity
(or for Groundwater Recharge and/or Stormwater Runoff Quality with a Waiver or Variance from N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.3)

Best Management Practice	Stormwater Runoff Quality TSS Removal Rate (percent)	Stormwater Runoff Quantity	Groundwater Recharge	Minimum Separation from Seasonal High Water Table (feet)
Bioretention System	80 or 90	Yes	Yes[b] No[c]	2[b] 1[c]
Infiltration Basin	80	Yes	Yes	2
Sand Filter[b]	80	Yes	Yes	2
Standard Constructed Wetland	90	Yes	No	N/A
Wet Pond[d]	50-90	Yes	No	N/A

Table 3
BMPs for Groundwater Recharge, Stormwater Runoff Quality, and/or Stormwater Runoff Quantity
only with a Waiver or Variance from N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.3

Best Management Practice	tormwater Runoff Quality TSS Removal Rate (percent)	Stormwater Runoff Quantity	Groundwater Recharge	Minimum Separation from Seasonal High Water Table (feet)
Blue Roof	0	Yes	No	N/A
Extended Detention Basin	40-60	Yes	No	1
Manufactured Treatment Device[h]	50 or 80	No	No	Dependent upon the device

Sand Filter[(c)]	80	Yes	No	1
Subsurface Gravel Wetland	90	No	No	1
Wet Pond	50-90	Yes	No	N/A

Notes to Tables 1, 2, and 3:

(a) subject to the applicable contributory drainage area limitation specified at Section IV.O.2;
(b) designed to infiltrate into the subsoil;
(c) designed with underdrains;
(d) designed to maintain at least a 10-foot wide area of native vegetation along at least 50 percent of the shoreline and to include a stormwater runoff retention component designed to capture stormwater runoff for beneficial reuse, such as irrigation;
(e) designed with a slope of less than two percent;
(f) designed with a slope of equal to or greater than two percent;
(g) manufactured treatment devices that meet the definition of green infrastructure at Section II;
(h) manufactured treatment devices that do not meet the definition of green infrastructure at Section II.

G. An alternative stormwater management measure, alternative removal rate, and/or alternative method to calculate the removal rate may be used if the design engineer demonstrates the capability of the proposed alternative stormwater management measure and/or the validity of the alternative rate or method to the municipality. A copy of any approved alternative stormwater management measure, alternative removal rate, and/or alternative method to calculate the removal rate shall be provided to the Department in accordance with Section VI.B. Alternative stormwater management measures may be used to satisfy the requirements at Section IV.O only if the measures meet the definition of green infrastructure at Section II. Alternative stormwater management measures that function in a similar manner to a BMP listed at Section O.2 are subject to the contributory drainage area limitation specified at Section O.2 for that similarly functioning BMP. Alternative stormwater management measures approved in accordance with this subsection that do not function in a similar manner to any BMP listed at Section O.2 shall have a contributory drainage area less than or equal to 2.5 acres, except for alternative stormwater management measures that function similarly to cisterns, grass swales, green roofs, standard constructed wetlands, vegetative filter strips, and wet ponds, which are not subject to a contributory drainage area limitation. Alternative measures that function similarly to standard constructed wetlands or wet ponds shall not be used for compliance with the stormwater runoff quality standard unless a variance in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:8-4.6 or a waiver from strict compliance in accordance with Section IV.D is granted from Section IV.O.

H. Whenever the stormwater management design includes one or more BMPs that will infiltrate stormwater into subsoil, the design engineer shall assess the hydraulic impact on the groundwater table and design the site, so as to avoid adverse hydraulic impacts. Potential adverse hydraulic impacts include, but are not limited to, exacerbating a naturally or seasonally high water table, so as to cause surficial ponding, flooding of basements, or interference with the proper operation of subsurface sewage disposal systems or other subsurface structures within the zone of influence of the groundwater mound, or interference with the proper functioning of the stormwater management measure itself.

I. Design standards for stormwater management measures are as follows:
   1. Stormwater management measures shall be designed to take into account the existing site conditions, including, but not limited to, environmentally critical areas; wetlands; flood-prone areas; slopes; depth to seasonal high water table; soil type, permeability, and texture; drainage area and drainage patterns; and the presence of solution-prone carbonate rocks (limestone);
   2. Stormwater management measures shall be designed to minimize maintenance, facilitate maintenance and repairs, and ensure proper functioning. Trash racks shall be installed at the intake to the outlet structure, as appropriate, and shall have parallel bars with one-inch spacing between the bars to the elevation of the water quality design storm. For elevations higher than the water quality design storm, the parallel bars at the outlet structure shall be spaced no greater than one-third the width of the diameter of the orifice or one-third the width of the weir, with a minimum spacing between bars of one inch and a maximum spacing between bars of six inches. In addition, the design of trash racks must comply with the requirements of Section VIII.C;

3. Stormwater management measures shall be designed, constructed, and installed to be strong, durable, and corrosion resistant. Measures that are consistent with the relevant portions of the Residential Site Improvement Standards at N.J.A.C. 5:21-7.3, 7.4, and 7.5 shall be deemed to meet this requirement;
4. Stormwater management BMPs shall be designed to meet the minimum safety standards for stormwater management BMPs at Section VIII; and
5. The size of the orifice at the intake to the outlet from the stormwater management BMP shall be a minimum of two and one-half inches in diameter.

J. Manufactured treatment devices may be used to meet the requirements of this subchapter, provided the pollutant removal rates are verified by the New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology and certified by the Department. Manufactured treatment devices that do not meet the definition of green infrastructure at Section II may be used only under the circumstances described at Section IV.O.4.

K. Any application for a new agricultural development that meets the definition of major development at Section II shall be submitted to the Soil Conservation District for review and approval in accordance with the requirements at Sections IV.O, P, Q and R and any applicable Soil Conservation District guidelines for stormwater runoff quantity and erosion control. For purposes of this subsection, "agricultural development" means land uses normally associated with the production of food, fiber, and livestock for sale. Such uses do not include the development of land for the processing or sale of food and the manufacture of agriculturally related products.

L. If there is more than one drainage area, the groundwater recharge, stormwater runoff quality, and stormwater runoff quantity standards at Section IV.P, Q and R shall be met in each drainage area, unless the runoff from the drainage areas converge onsite and no adverse environmental impact would occur as a result of compliance with any one or more of the individual standards being determined utilizing a weighted average of the results achieved for that individual standard across the affected drainage areas.

M. Any stormwater management measure authorized under the municipal stormwater management plan or ordinance shall be reflected in a deed notice recorded in the Office of the Middlesex County Clerk, as appropriate. A form of deed notice shall be submitted to the municipality for approval prior to filing. The deed notice shall contain a description of the stormwater management measure(s) used to meet the green infrastructure, groundwater recharge, stormwater runoff quality, and stormwater runoff quantity standards at Section IV.O, P, Q and R and shall identify the location of the stormwater management measure(s) in NAD 1983 State Plane New Jersey FIPS 2900 US Feet or Latitude and Longitude in decimal degrees. The deed notice shall also reference the maintenance plan required to be recorded upon the deed pursuant to Section X.B.5. Prior to the commencement of construction, proof that the above required deed notice has been filed shall be submitted to the municipality. Proof that the required information has been recorded on the deed shall be in the form of either a copy of the complete recorded document or a receipt from the clerk or other proof of recordation provided by the recording office. However, if the initial proof provided to the municipality is not a copy of the complete recorded document, a copy of the complete recorded document shall be provided to the municipality within 180 calendar days of the authorization granted by the municipality.

N. A stormwater management measure approved under the municipal stormwater management plan or ordinance may be altered or replaced with the approval of the municipality, if the municipality determines that the proposed alteration or replacement meets the design and performance standards pursuant to Section IV of this ordinance and provides the same level of stormwater management as the previously approved stormwater management measure that is being altered or replaced. If an alteration or replacement is approved, a revised deed notice shall be submitted to the municipality for approval and subsequently recorded with the Office of the County Clerk, as applicable, and shall contain a description and location of the stormwater management measure, as well as reference to the maintenance plan, in accordance with M above. Prior to the commencement of construction, proof that the above required deed notice has been filed shall be submitted to the municipality in accordance with M above.

O. Green Infrastructure Standards

1. This subsection specifies the types of green infrastructure BMPs that may be used to satisfy the groundwater recharge, stormwater runoff quality, and stormwater runoff quantity standards.
2. To satisfy the groundwater recharge and stormwater runoff quality standards at Section IV.P and Q, the design engineer shall utilize green infrastructure BMPs identified in Table 1 at Section IV.F. and/or an alternative stormwater management measure approved in accordance with Section IV.G. The following green

infrastructure BMPs are subject to the following maximum contributory drainage area limitations:

Best Management Practice	Maximum Contributory Drainage Area
Dry Well	1 acre
Manufactured Treatment Device	2.5 acres
Pervious Pavement Systems	Area of additional inflow cannot exceed three times the area occupied by the BMP
Small-scale Bioretention Systems	2.5 acres
Small-scale Infiltration Basin	2.5 acres
Small-scale Sand Filter	2.5 acres

3. To satisfy the stormwater runoff quantity standards at Section IV.R, the design engineer shall utilize BMPs from Table 1 or from Table 2 and/or an alternative stormwater management measure approved in accordance with Section IV.G.

4. If a variance in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:8-4.6 or a waiver from strict compliance in accordance with Section IV.D is granted from the requirements of this subsection, then BMPs from Table 1, 2, or 3, and/or an alternative stormwater management measure approved in accordance with Section IV.G may be used to meet the groundwater recharge, stormwater runoff quality, and stormwater runoff quantity standards at Section IV.P, Q and R.

5. For separate or combined storm sewer improvement projects, such as sewer separation, undertaken by a government agency or public utility (for example, a sewerage company), the requirements of this subsection shall only apply to areas owned in fee simple by the government agency or utility, and areas within a right-of-way or easement held or controlled by the government agency or utility; the entity shall not be required to obtain additional property or property rights to fully satisfy the requirements of this subsection. Regardless of the amount of area of a separate or combined storm sewer improvement project subject to the green infrastructure requirements of this subsection, each project shall fully comply with the applicable groundwater recharge, stormwater runoff quality control, and stormwater runoff quantity standards at Section IV.P, Q and R, unless the project is granted a waiver from strict compliance in accordance with Section IV.D.

P. Groundwater Recharge Standards

1. This subsection contains the minimum design and performance standards for groundwater recharge.

2. The design engineer shall, using the assumptions and factors for stormwater runoff and groundwater recharge calculations at Section V, either:
   i. Demonstrate through hydrologic and hydraulic analysis that the site and its stormwater management measures maintain 100 percent of the average annual pre-construction groundwater recharge volume for the site; or
   ii. Demonstrate through hydrologic and hydraulic analysis that the increase of stormwater runoff volume from pre-construction to post-construction for the 2-year storm is infiltrated.

3. This groundwater recharge requirement does not apply to projects within the "urban redevelopment area," or to projects subject to 4 below.

4. The following types of stormwater shall not be recharged:

   i. Stormwater from areas of high pollutant loading. High pollutant loading areas are areas in industrial and commercial developments where solvents and/or petroleum products are loaded/unloaded, stored, or applied, areas where pesticides are loaded/unloaded or stored; areas where hazardous materials are expected to be present in greater than "reportable quantities" as defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR 302.4; areas where recharge would be inconsistent with Department approved remedial

action work plan or landfill closure plan and areas with high risks for spills of toxic materials, such as gas stations and vehicle maintenance facilities; and

ii. Industrial stormwater exposed to "source material." "Source material" means any material(s) or machinery, located at an industrial facility, that is directly or indirectly related to process, manufacturing or other industrial activities, which could be a source of pollutants in any industrial stormwater discharge to groundwater. Source materials include, but are not limited to, raw materials; intermediate products; final products; waste materials; by-products; industrial machinery and fuels, and lubricants, solvents, and detergents that are related to process, manufacturing, or other industrial activities that are exposed to stormwater.

Q. Stormwater Runoff Quality Standards

1. This subsection contains the minimum design and performance standards to control stormwater runoff quality impacts of major development. Stormwater runoff quality standards are applicable when the major development results in an increase of one-quarter acre or more of regulated motor vehicle surface.

2. Stormwater management measures shall be designed to reduce the post-construction load of total suspended solids (TSS) in stormwater runoff generated from the water quality design storm as follows:

   i. Eighty percent TSS removal of the anticipated load, expressed as an annual average shall be achieved for the stormwater runoff from the net increase of motor vehicle surface.

   ii. If the surface is considered regulated motor vehicle surface because the water quality treatment for an area of motor vehicle surface that is currently receiving water quality treatment either by vegetation or soil, by an existing stormwater management measure, or by treatment at a wastewater treatment plant is to be modified or removed, the project shall maintain or increase the existing TSS removal of the anticipated load expressed as an annual average.

3. The requirement to reduce TSS does not apply to any stormwater runoff in a discharge regulated under a numeric effluent limitation for TSS imposed under the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) rules, N.J.A.C. 7:14A, or in a discharge specifically exempt under a NJPDES permit from this requirement. Every major development, including any that discharge into a combined sewer system, shall comply with 2 above, unless the major development is itself subject to a NJPDES permit with a numeric effluent limitation for TSS or the NJPDES permit to which the major development is subject exempts the development from a numeric effluent limitation for TSS.

4. The water quality design storm is 1.25 inches of rainfall in two hours. Water quality calculations shall take into account the distribution of rain from the water quality design storm, as reflected in Table 4, below. The calculation of the volume of runoff may take into account the implementation of stormwater management measures.

Table 4 - Water Quality Design Storm Distribution

Time (Minutes)	Cumulative Rainfall (Inches)	Time (Minutes)	Cumulative Rainfall (Inches)	Time (Minutes)	Cumulative Rainfall (Inches)
1	0.00166	41	0.1728	81	1.0906
2	0.00332	42	0.1796	82	1.0972
3	0.00498	43	0.1864	83	1.1038
4	0.00664	44	0.1932	84	1.1104
5	0.00830	45	0.2000	85	1.1170
6	0.00996	46	0.2117	86	1.1236
7	0.01162	47	0.2233	87	1.1302
8	0.01328	48	0.2350	88	1.1368
9	0.01494	49	0.2466	89	1.1434
10	0.01660	50	0.2583	90	1.1500
11	0.01828	51	0.2783	91	1.1550
12	0.01996	52	0.2983	92	1.1600
13	0.02164	53	0.3183	93	1.1650
14	0.02332	54	0.3383	94	1.1700
15	0.02500	55	0.3583	95	1.1750
16	0.03000	56	0.4116	96	1.1800
17	0.03500	57	0.4650	97	1.1850
18	0.04000	58	0.5183	98	1.1900
19	0.04500	59	0.5717	99	1.1950
20	0.05000	60	0.6250	100	1.2000
21	0.05500	61	0.6783	101	1.2050
22	0.06000	62	0.7317	102	1.2100
23	0.06500	63	0.7850	103	1.2150
24	0.07000	64	0.8384	104	1.2200
25	0.07500	65	0.8917	105	1.2250
26	0.08000	66	0.9117	106	1.2267
27	0.08500	67	0.9317	107	1.2284
28	0.09000	68	0.9517	108	1.2300
29	0.09500	69	0.9717	109	1.2317
30	0.10000	70	0.9917	110	1.2334
31	0.10660	71	1.0034	111	1.2351
32	0.11320	72	1.0150	112	1.2367
33	0.11980	73	1.0267	113	1.2384
34	0.12640	74	1.0383	114	1.2400
35	0.13300	75	1.0500	115	1.2417
36	0.13960	76	1.0568	116	1.2434
37	0.14620	77	1.0636	117	1.2450
38	0.15280	78	1.0704	118	1.2467
39	0.15940	79	1.0772	119	1.2483
40	0.16600	80	1.0840	120	1.2500

5. If more than one BMP in series is necessary to achieve the required 80 percent TSS reduction for a site, the applicant shall utilize the following formula to calculate TSS reduction:

   R = A + B – (A *x* B) / 100,
   Where

   R = total TSS Percent Load Removal from application of both BMPs, and
   A = the TSS Percent Removal Rate applicable to the first BMP
   B = the TSS Percent Removal Rate applicable to the second BMP.

6. Stormwater management measures shall also be designed to reduce, to the maximum extent feasible, the post-construction nutrient load of the anticipated load from the developed site in stormwater runoff generated from the water quality design storm. In achieving reduction of nutrients to the maximum extent feasible, the design of the site shall include green infrastructure BMPs that optimize nutrient removal while still achieving the performance standards in Section IV.P, Q and R.

7. In accordance with the definition of FW1 at N.J.A.C. 7:9B-1.4, stormwater management measures shall be designed to prevent any increase in stormwater runoff to waters classified as FW1.

8. The Flood Hazard Area Control Act Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:13-4.1(c)1 establish 300-foot riparian zones along Category One waters, as designated in the Surface Water Quality Standards at N.J.A.C. 7:9B, and certain upstream tributaries to Category One waters. A person shall not undertake a major development that is located within or discharges into a 300-foot riparian zone without prior authorization from the Department under N.J.A.C. 7:13.

9. Pursuant to the Flood Hazard Area Control Act Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:13-11.2(j)3.i, runoff from the water quality design storm that is discharged within a 300-foot riparian zone shall be treated in accordance with this subsection to reduce the post-construction load of total suspended solids by 95 percent of the anticipated load from the developed site, expressed as an annual average.

10. This stormwater runoff quality standards do not apply to the construction of one individual single-family dwelling, provided that it is not part of a larger development or subdivision that has received preliminary or final site plan approval prior to December 3, 2018, and that the motor vehicle surfaces are made of permeable material(s) such as gravel, dirt, and/or shells.

R. Stormwater Runoff Quantity Standards

1. This subsection contains the minimum design and performance standards to control stormwater runoff quantity impacts of major development.
2. In order to control stormwater runoff quantity impacts, the design engineer shall, using the assumptions and factors for stormwater runoff calculations at Section V, complete one of the following:

   i. Demonstrate through hydrologic and hydraulic analysis that for stormwater leaving the site, post-construction runoff hydrographs for the 2-, 10-, and 100-year storm events do not exceed, at any point in time, the pre-construction runoff hydrographs for the same storm events;
   ii. Demonstrate through hydrologic and hydraulic analysis that there is no increase, as compared to the pre-construction condition, in the peak runoff rates of stormwater leaving the site for the 2-, 10- and 100-year storm events and that the increased volume or change in timing of stormwater runoff will not increase flood damage at or downstream of the site. This analysis shall include the analysis of impacts of existing land uses and projected land uses assuming full development under existing zoning and land use ordinances in the drainage area;
   iii. Design stormwater management measures so that the post-construction peak runoff rates for the 2-, 10- and 100-year storm events are 50, 75 and 80 percent, respectively, of the pre-construction peak runoff rates. The percentages apply only to the post-construction stormwater runoff that is attributable to the portion of the site on which the proposed development or project is to be constructed; or
   iv. In tidal flood hazard areas, stormwater runoff quantity analysis in accordance with 2.i, ii and iii above is required unless the design engineer demonstrates through hydrologic and hydraulic analysis that the increased volume, change in timing, or increased rate of the stormwater runoff, or any combination of the three will not result in additional flood damage below the point of discharge of the major development. No analysis is required if the stormwater is discharged directly into any ocean, bay, inlet, or the reach of any watercourse between its confluence with an ocean, bay, or inlet and downstream of the first water control structure.

3. The stormwater runoff quantity standards shall be applied at the site's boundary to each abutting lot, roadway, watercourse, or receiving storm sewer system.

Section V. Calculation of Stormwater Runoff and Groundwater Recharge:

A. Stormwater runoff shall be calculated in accordance with the following:

1. The design engineer shall calculate runoff using one of the following methods:

   i. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) methodology, including the NRCS Runoff Equation and Dimensionless Unit Hydrograph, as described in Chapters 7, 9, 10, 15 and 16 Part 630, Hydrology National Engineering Handbook, incorporated herein by reference as amended and supplemented. This methodology is additionally described in Technical Release 55 - Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds (TR-55), dated June 1986, incorporated herein by reference as amended and supplemented. Information regarding the methodology is available from the Natural Resources Conservation Service website at:

https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1044171.pdf

or at United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, 220 Davison Avenue, Somerset, New Jersey 08873; or

ii. The Rational Method for peak flow and the Modified Rational Method for hydrograph computations. The rational and modified rational methods are described in "Appendix A-9 Modified Rational Method" in the Standards for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control in New Jersey, January 2014. This document is available from the State Soil Conservation Committee or any of the Soil Conservation Districts listed at N.J.A.C. 2:90-1.3(a)3. The location, address, and telephone number for each Soil Conservation District is available from the State Soil Conservation Committee, PO Box 330, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. The document is also available at:

http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/anr/pdf/2014NJSoilErosionControlStandardsComplete.pdf.

2. For the purpose of calculating runoff coefficients and groundwater recharge, there is a presumption that the pre-construction condition of a site or portion thereof is a wooded land use with good hydrologic condition. The term "runoff coefficient" applies to both the NRCS methodology above at Section V.A.1.i and the Rational and Modified Rational Methods at Section V.A.1.ii. A runoff coefficient or a groundwater recharge land cover for an existing condition may be used on all or a portion of the site if the design engineer verifies that the hydrologic condition has existed on the site or portion of the site for at least five years without interruption prior to the time of application. If more than one land cover have existed on the site during the five years immediately prior to the time of application, the land cover with the lowest runoff potential shall be used for the computations. In addition, there is the presumption that the site is in good hydrologic condition (if the land use type is pasture, lawn, or park), with good cover (if the land use type is woods), or with good hydrologic condition and conservation treatment (if the land use type is cultivation).

3. In computing pre-construction stormwater runoff, the design engineer shall account for all significant land features and structures, such as ponds, wetlands, depressions, hedgerows, or culverts, that may reduce pre-construction stormwater runoff rates and volumes.

4. In computing stormwater runoff from all design storms, the design engineer shall consider the relative stormwater runoff rates and/or volumes of pervious and impervious surfaces separately to accurately compute the rates and volume of stormwater runoff from the site. To calculate runoff from unconnected impervious cover, urban impervious area modifications as described in the NRCS Technical Release 55 – Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds or other methods may be employed.

5. If the invert of the outlet structure of a stormwater management measure is below the flood hazard design flood elevation as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:13, the design engineer shall take into account the effects of tailwater in the design of structural stormwater management measures.

B. Groundwater recharge may be calculated in accordance with the following:

The New Jersey Geological Survey Report GSR-32, A Method for Evaluating Groundwater-Recharge Areas in New Jersey, incorporated herein by reference as amended and supplemented. Information regarding the methodology is available from the New Jersey Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual; at the New Jersey Geological Survey website at:

https://www.nj.gov/dep/njgs/pricelst/gsreport/gsr32.pdf

or at New Jersey Geological and Water Survey, 29 Arctic Parkway, PO Box 420 Mail Code 29-01, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420.

Section VI. Sources for Technical Guidance:

A. Technical guidance for stormwater management measures can be found in the documents listed below, which are available to download from the Department's website at:

http://www.nj.gov/dep/stormwater/bmp_manual2.htm.

1. Guidelines for stormwater management measures are contained in the New Jersey Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual, as amended and supplemented. Information is provided on stormwater management measures such as, but not limited to, those listed in Tables 1, 2, and 3.

2. Additional maintenance guidance is available on the Department's website at:

https://www.njstormwater.org/maintenance_guidance.htm.

B. Submissions required for review by the Department should be mailed to:

The Division of Water Quality, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Mail Code 401-02B, PO Box 420, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420.

Section VII. Solids and Floatable Materials Control Standards:

A. Site design features identified under Section IV.F above, or alternative designs in accordance with Section IV.G above, to prevent discharge of trash and debris from drainage systems shall comply with the following standard to control passage of solid and floatable materials through storm drain inlets. For purposes of this paragraph, "solid and floatable materials" means sediment, debris, trash, and other floating, suspended, or settleable solids. For exemptions to this standard see Section VII.A.2 below.

1. Design engineers shall use one of the following grates whenever they use a grate in pavement or another ground surface to collect stormwater from that surface into a storm drain or surface water body under that grate:

i. The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) bicycle safe grate, which is described in Chapter 2.4 of the NJDOT Bicycle Compatible Roadways and Bikeways Planning and Design Guidelines; or

ii. A different grate, if each individual clear space in that grate has an area of no more than seven (7.0) square inches, or is no greater than 0.5 inches across the smallest dimension.

Examples of grates subject to this standard include grates in grate inlets, the grate portion (non-curb-opening portion) of combination inlets, grates on storm sewer manholes, ditch grates, trench grates, and grates of spacer bars in slotted drains. Examples of ground surfaces include surfaces of roads (including bridges), driveways, parking areas, bikeways, plazas, sidewalks, lawns, fields, open channels, and stormwater system floors used to collect stormwater from the surface into a storm drain or surface water body.

iii. For curb-opening inlets, including curb-opening inlets in combination inlets, the clear space in that curb opening, or each individual clear space if the curb opening has two or more clear spaces, shall have an area of no more than seven (7.0) square inches, or be no greater than two (2.0) inches across the smallest dimension.

2. The standard in A.1. above does not apply:

i. Where each individual clear space in the curb opening in existing curb-opening inlet does not have an area of more than nine (9.0) square inches;

ii. Where the municipality agrees that the standards would cause inadequate hydraulic performance that could not practicably be overcome by using additional or larger storm drain inlets;

iii. Where flows from the water quality design storm as specified in N.J.A.C. 7:8 are conveyed through any device (e.g., end of pipe netting facility, manufactured treatment device, or a catch basin hood) that is designed, at a minimum, to prevent delivery of all solid and floatable materials that could not pass through one of the following:
   a. A rectangular space four and five-eighths (4.625) inches long and one and one-half (1.5) inches wide (this option does not apply for outfall netting facilities); or
   b. A bar screen having a bar spacing of 0.5 inches.

Note that these exemptions do not authorize any infringement of requirements in the Residential Site Improvement Standards for bicycle safe grates in new residential development (N.J.A.C. 5:21-4.18(b)2 and 7.4(b)1).

iv. Where flows are conveyed through a trash rack that has parallel bars with one-inch (1 inch) spacing between the bars, to the elevation of the Water Quality Design Storm as specified in N.J.A.C. 7:8; or

v. Where the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection determines, pursuant to the New Jersey Register of Historic Places Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:4-7.2(c), that action to meet this standard is an undertaking that constitutes an encroachment or will damage or destroy the New Jersey Register listed historic property.

Section VIII. Safety Standards for Stormwater Management Basins:

A. This section sets forth requirements to protect public safety through the proper design and operation of stormwater management BMPs. This section applies to any new stormwater management BMP.

B. The provisions of this section are not intended to preempt more stringent municipal or county safety requirements for new or existing stormwater management BMPs. Municipal and county stormwater management plans and ordinances may, pursuant to their authority, require existing stormwater management BMPs to be retrofitted to meet one or more of the safety standards in Section VIII.C.1, VIII.C.2, and VIII.C.3 for trash racks, overflow grates, and escape provisions at outlet structures.

C. Requirements for Trash Racks, Overflow Grates and Escape Provisions

1. A trash rack is a device designed to catch trash and debris and prevent the clogging of outlet structures. Trash racks shall be installed at the intake to the outlet from the Stormwater management BMP to ensure proper functioning of the BMP outlets in accordance with the following:

   i. The trash rack shall have parallel bars, with no greater than six-inch spacing between the bars;
   ii. The trash rack shall be designed so as not to adversely affect the hydraulic performance of the outlet pipe or structure;
   iii. The average velocity of flow through a clean trash rack is not to exceed 2.5 feet per second under the full range of stage and discharge. Velocity is to be computed on the basis of the net area of opening through the rack; and
   iv. The trash rack shall be constructed of rigid, durable, and corrosion resistant material and designed to withstand a perpendicular live loading of 300 pounds per square foot.

2. An overflow grate is designed to prevent obstruction of the overflow structure. If an outlet structure has an overflow grate, such grate shall meet the following requirements:

   i. The overflow grate shall be secured to the outlet structure but removable for emergencies and maintenance.

   ii. The overflow grate spacing shall be no less than two inches across the smallest dimension

   iii. The overflow grate shall be constructed and installed to be rigid, durable, and corrosion resistant, and shall be designed to withstand a perpendicular live loading of 300 pounds per square foot.

3. Stormwater management BMPs shall include escape provisions as follows:

   i. If a stormwater management BMP has an outlet structure, escape provisions shall be incorporated in or on the structure. Escape provisions include the installation of permanent ladders, steps, rungs, or other features that provide easily accessible means of egress from stormwater management BMPs. With the prior approval of the municipality pursuant to VIII.C, a free-standing outlet structure may be exempted from this requirement;

   ii. Safety ledges shall be constructed on the slopes of all new stormwater management BMPs having a permanent pool of water deeper than two and one-half feet. Safety ledges shall be comprised of two steps. Each step shall be four to six feet in width. One step shall be located approximately two and one-half feet below the permanent water surface, and the second step shall be located one

to one and one-half feet above the permanent water surface. See VIII.E for an illustration of safety ledges in a stormwater management BMP; and

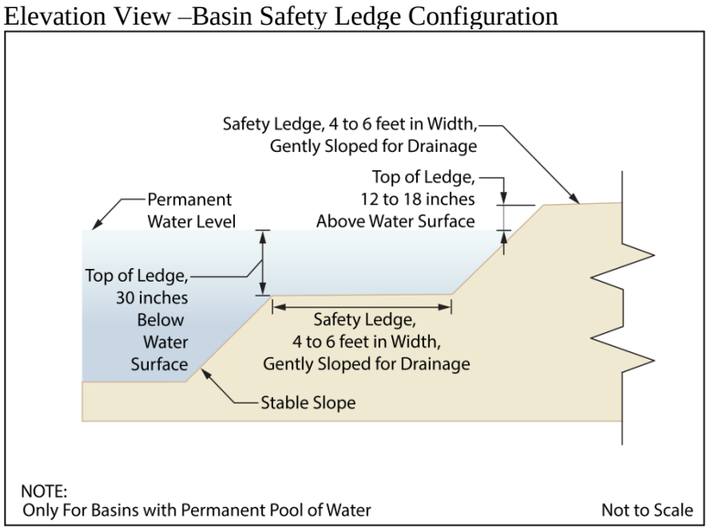
iii. In new stormwater management BMPs, the maximum interior slope for an earthen dam, embankment, or berm shall not be steeper than three horizontal to one vertical.

D. Variance or Exemption from Safety Standard

A variance or exemption from the safety standards for stormwater management BMPs may be granted only upon a written finding by the municipality that the variance or exemption will not constitute a threat to public safety

E. Safety Ledge Illustration

Elevation View –Basin Safety Ledge Configuration



Section IX. Requirements for a Site Development Stormwater Plan:

A. Submission of Site Development Stormwater Plan

1. Whenever an applicant seeks municipal approval of a development subject to this ordinance, the applicant shall submit all of the required components of the Checklist for the Site Development Stormwater Plan at Section IX.C below as part of the submission of the application for approval.

2. The applicant shall demonstrate that the project meets the standards set forth in this ordinance.

3. The applicant shall submit a minimum of three copies of the materials listed in the checklist for site development stormwater plans in accordance with Section IX.C of this ordinance.

B. Site Development Stormwater Plan Approval

The applicant's Site Development project shall be reviewed as a part of the review process by the municipal board or official from which municipal approval is sought. That municipal board or official shall consult the municipality's review engineer to determine if all of the checklist requirements have been satisfied and to determine if the project meets the standards set forth in this ordinance.

C. Submission of Site Development Stormwater Plan

The following information shall be required:

1. Topographic Base Map

The reviewing engineer may require upstream tributary drainage system information as necessary. It is recommended that the topographic base map of the site be submitted which extends a minimum of 200 feet beyond the limits of the proposed development, at a scale of 1"=200' or greater, showing 2-foot contour intervals. The map, as appropriate, may indicate the following: existing surface water drainage,

shorelines, steep slopes, soils, erodible soils, perennial or intermittent streams that drain into or upstream of the Category One waters, wetlands and flood plains along with their appropriate buffer strips, marshlands and other wetlands, pervious or vegetative surfaces, existing man-made structures, roads, bearing and distances of property lines, and significant natural and manmade features not otherwise shown.

2. Environmental Site Analysis

   A written and graphic description of the natural and man-made features of the site and its surroundings should be submitted. This description should include a discussion of soil conditions, slopes, wetlands, waterways and vegetation on the site. Particular attention should be given to unique, unusual, or environmentally sensitive features and to those that provide particular opportunities or constraints for development.

3. Project Description and Site Plans

   A map (or maps) at the scale of the topographical base map indicating the location of existing and proposed buildings roads, parking areas, utilities, structural facilities for stormwater management and sediment control, and other permanent structures. The map(s) shall also clearly show areas where alterations will occur in the natural terrain and cover, including lawns and other landscaping, and seasonal high groundwater elevations. A written description of the site plan and justification for proposed changes in natural conditions shall also be provided.

4. Land Use Planning and Source Control Plan

   This plan shall provide a demonstration of how the goals and standards of Sections III through V are being met. The focus of this plan shall be to describe how the site is being developed to meet the objective of controlling groundwater recharge, stormwater quality and stormwater quantity problems at the source by land management and source controls whenever possible.

5. Stormwater Management Facilities Map
   The following information, illustrated on a map of the same scale as the topographic base map, shall be included:

   i. Total area to be disturbed, paved or built upon, proposed surface contours, land area to be occupied by the stormwater management facilities and the type of vegetation thereon, and details of the proposed plan to control and dispose of stormwater.

   ii. Details of all stormwater management facility designs, during and after construction, including discharge provisions, discharge capacity for each outlet at different levels of detention and emergency spillway provisions with maximum discharge capacity of each spillway.

6. Calculations

   i. Comprehensive hydrologic and hydraulic design calculations for the pre-development and post-development conditions for the design storms specified in Section IV of this ordinance.

   ii. When the proposed stormwater management control measures depend on the hydrologic properties of soils or require certain separation from the seasonal high water table, then a soils report shall be submitted. The soils report shall be based on onsite boring logs or soil pit profiles. The number and location of required soil borings or soil pits shall be determined based on what is needed to determine the suitability and distribution of soils present at the location of the control measure.

7. Maintenance and Repair Plan

   The design and planning of the stormwater management facility shall meet the maintenance requirements of Section X.

8. Waiver from Submission Requirements

   The municipal official or board reviewing an application under this ordinance may, in consultation with the municipality's review engineer, waive submission of any of the requirements in Section IX.C.1 through IX.C.6 of this ordinance when it can be

demonstrated that the information requested is impossible to obtain or it would create a hardship on the applicant to obtain and its absence will not materially affect the review process.

Section X. Maintenance and Repair:

A. Applicability

Projects subject to review as in Section I.C of this ordinance shall comply with the requirements of Section X.B and X.C.

B. General Maintenance

1. The design engineer shall prepare a maintenance plan for the stormwater management measures incorporated into the design of a major development.

2. The maintenance plan shall contain specific preventative maintenance tasks and schedules; cost estimates, including estimated cost of sediment, debris, or trash removal; and the name, address, and telephone number of the person or persons responsible for preventative and corrective maintenance (including replacement). The plan shall contain information on BMP location, design, ownership, maintenance tasks and frequencies, and other details as specified in Chapter 8 of the NJ BMP Manual, as well as the tasks specific to the type of BMP, as described in the applicable chapter containing design specifics.

3. If the maintenance plan identifies a person other than the property owner (for example, a developer, a public agency or homeowners' association) as having the responsibility for maintenance, the plan shall include documentation of such person's or entity's agreement to assume this responsibility, or of the owner's obligation to dedicate a stormwater management facility to such person under an applicable ordinance or regulation.

4. Responsibility for maintenance shall not be assigned or transferred to the owner or tenant of an individual property in a residential development or project, unless such owner or tenant owns or leases the entire residential development or project. The individual property owner may be assigned incidental tasks, such as weeding of a green infrastructure BMP, provided the individual agrees to assume these tasks; however, the individual cannot be legally responsible for all of the maintenance required.

5. If the party responsible for maintenance identified under Section X.B.3 above is not a public agency, the maintenance plan and any future revisions based on Section X.B.7 below shall be recorded upon the deed of record for each property on which the maintenance described in the maintenance plan must be undertaken.

6. Preventative and corrective maintenance shall be performed to maintain the functional parameters (storage volume, infiltration rates, inflow/outflow capacity, etc.).of the stormwater management measure, including, but not limited to, repairs or replacement to the structure; removal of sediment, debris, or trash; restoration of eroded areas; snow and ice removal; fence repair or replacement; restoration of vegetation; and repair or replacement of non-vegetated linings.

7. The party responsible for maintenance identified under Section X.B.3 above shall perform all of the following requirements:

   i. maintain a detailed log of all preventative and corrective maintenance for the structural stormwater management measures incorporated into the design of the development, including a record of all inspections and copies of all maintenance-related work orders;

   ii. evaluate the effectiveness of the maintenance plan at least once per year and adjust the plan and the deed as needed; and

   iii. retain and make available, upon request by any public entity with administrative, health, environmental, or safety authority over the site, the maintenance plan and the documentation required by Section X.B.6 and B.7 above.

8. The requirements of Section X.B.3 and B.4 do not apply to stormwater management facilities that are dedicated to and accepted by the municipality or another governmental agency, subject to all applicable municipal stormwater general permit conditions, as issued by the Department.

9. In the event that the stormwater management facility becomes a danger to public safety or public health, or if it is in need of maintenance or repair, the municipality shall so notify the responsible person in writing. Upon receipt of that notice, the responsible person shall have fourteen (14) days to effect maintenance and repair of the facility in a manner that is approved by the municipal engineer or his designee. The municipality, in its discretion, may extend the time allowed for effecting maintenance and repair for good cause. If the responsible person fails or refuses to perform such maintenance and repair, the municipality or County may immediately proceed to do so and shall bill the cost thereof to the responsible person. Nonpayment of such bill may result in a lien on the property.

10. Maintenance and inspection guidance can be found on the Departments' website at: https://www.njstormwater.org/maintenance_guidance.htm.

C. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the municipality in which the major development is located from requiring the posting of a performance or maintenance guarantee in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53

Section XI. Penalties:

Any person(s) who erects, constructs, alters, repairs, converts, maintains, or uses any building, structure or land in violation of this ordinance may be subject to penalties as permitted by the Code of the Township of Monroe.

Section XII. Severability:

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

Section XIII. Effective Date:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as required by law.

SO, ORDAINED as aforesaid.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-2-2021-003** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed

PUBLIC HEARING:

Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio asked if this was the new stormwater management the State has put out and where can this be found on the Township's website, as well as if the full ordinance language will include the State regulations; Attorney Rainone answered that this is the model State ordinance that all municipalities must adopt in March 2021. He noted that there are references to State regulations but if you go to the State DEP website, the regulations will be explained in detail. He added that this ordinance will be put into the Township's Code Book under section 108-5.27.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-2-2021-003** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was passed on Second Reading and Final Adoption:

O-2-2021-003 **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE BY DELETING EXISTING SECTION 108-5.27 ENTITLED "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT" IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACING IT WITH NEW SECTION 108-5.27 ENTITLED "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT".**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-2-2021-003

In regards to the Introduction Ordinance, Councilman Dipierro asked what the community savings rate is currently; Administrator Weinberg answered that during the Winter we are about 12% under JCP&L rates and our current rates are in effect until December 2021.

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

O-3-2021-004 **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO RE-AUTHORIZE A GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM FOR ELECTRICITY PURSUANT TO P.L. 2003, c. 24 AND N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-3-2021-004

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

O-3-2021-005 **BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR WATER-SEWER IMPROVEMENTS TO WELL #25 FOR THE WATER-SEWER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING $2,825,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $2,825,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-3-2021-005

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

O-3-2021-006 **BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING $2,535,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $1,853,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-3-2021-006

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:** (R-3-2021-066 – R-3-2021-081 with the exception of Resolutions R-3-2021-070, R-3-2021-071, R-3-2021-072 and R-3-2021-076 which will be voted on separately)

R-3-2021-066 **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP 2021 ANNUAL BUDGET TO APRIL 5, 2021.**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 provides that the governing body shall introduce and approve the annual budget in the case of a municipality not later than February 10th of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5.1 there exists a need to extend the date upon which to introduce and approve the Monroe Township 2021 annual budget to April 5, 2021 due to the need for receipt of revenue figures;

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 extension of the introduction and approval of the Monroe Township 2021 annual budget to April 5, 2021.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-3-2021-067 **RESOLUTION OPPOSING COMCAST'S USAGE-BASED DATA OVERAGE CHARGES TO NORTHEAST CUSTOMERS.** (oppose rate increase in 2022)

WHEREAS, Comcast Corporation ("Comcast") is a national telecommunications and home internet service provider with a significant number of customers in Monroe Township; and

WHEREAS, Comcast initially planned to implement usage-based data overage charges to customers in northeastern states, including New Jersey, beginning in April 2021; and

WHEREAS, these data overage charges would amount to additional fees to Comcast internet customers who use more than 1.2 terabytes of data per month, at a rate of $10 for every extra 50 gigabytes of data, up to as much as $100 in additional fees per month; and

WHEREAS, Attorneys General in several northeastern states strongly urged Comcast to abandon this ill-timed plan to impose additional fees on customers; and

WHEREAS, a number of New Jersey legislators requested that Comcast immediately reconsider its plans to impose a data cap and additional fees in our region, including the Chair of the State Senate Judiciary Committee, the Chair of the State Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee, and other legislators; and

WHEREAS, Comcast has not cancelled its plan to impose this data cap and additional fees, but merely delayed the implementation of its plan until 2022; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey State Senator Linda Greenstein, who represents Monroe, has co-sponsored a bill, S-3410, which would prohibit internet service providers from increasing service rates during public health emergencies or states of emergency, and would require internet service providers to notify subscribers six months in advance of any service rate increase; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Monroe Township residents depend on their internet service more than ever, to work from home, to learn from home, to run small businesses from home, and to access vaccinations and other vital health care services; and

WHEREAS, Comcast's plan to raise rates on Monroe Township families, and families throughout the Northeast region, during this time of extraordinary personal and economic pressures is unacceptable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Monroe:

(1) Demand that Comcast immediately rescind its plan to impose a data cap with additional charges to customers in the Northeast region; and

(2) Urge the New Jersey Legislature to pass S-3410, and to explore all legislative efforts to protect New Jersey consumers' access to much-needed internet service without any data caps or additional charges.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-3-2021-068 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PIAZZA AND ASSOCIATES AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021.**
(per fee schedule – not to exceed $7,500.)

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 2021.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-3-2021-069 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC AUCTION OF A 2003 CHEVROLET S10 PICK-UP TRUCK BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

WHEREAS, either through abandonment or the failure of owners to claim the same, the Township of Monroe Police Department came into possession of a 2003 Chevrolet S-10 Pick-up Truck, VIN# Igcdt13x53k1528 11 with an odometer reading of 154,451 miles and not in operating condition; 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 said Pick-Up truck 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) 2003 Chevrolet S-10 Pick-Up truck on March 24, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in front of the Township of Monroe Emergency Medical Services Building, Two Municipal Plaza, Monroe Township, New Jersey 08831

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the minimum opening bid for the Pick-Up truck shall be $10,000.00. 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 Pick-Up truck, 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 that in the event no bids are received by the Township, the Monroe Township Police Department shall be awarded ownership of the Pick-Up truck.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-3-2021-073 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO SHANNON CHEMICAL CORPORATION FOR CONTRACT 498 - "CITRIC ACID 50% AND SODA ASH DENSE" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.)**
(3-year Contract – unit pricing)

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2021 three (3) sealed bid were received, and publicly opened and read aloud, by the Monroe Township Utility Department Purchasing Agent for Contract 194, "Citric Acid 50% and Soda Ash Dense", required by the M.T.U.D.

WHEREAS, the bidder Shannon Chemical Corporation Exton PA submitted the lowest priced bid that meets all requirements of the bid; and

WHEREAS, the M.T.U.D. Purchasing Agent, after consultation with the M.T.U.D. Director has recommended in a letter dated February 17, 2021, a three (3) year contract be awarded to low bidder Shannon Chemical Corporation based upon the unit pricing and estimated quantities contained within their bid documents estimated at $7,000 annually, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS the Township Council has reviewed the recommendations made by the M.T.U.D. Purchasing Agent regarding said bid; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Chief Financial Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-210013 copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; 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; and

WHEREAS, Shannon Chemical Corporation has submitted all the required documents with their bid; and

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a three-year contract Shannon Chemical Corporation in accordance with their submitted bid;

(2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for material delivered by Shannon Chemical Corporation 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;

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-3-2021-074 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF THIRD-PARTY TAX LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS.

WHEREAS, Premiums have been paid for various properties for the purchase of Tax Lien Certificates for properties listed on the Tax Map of the Township of Monroe, in the amount of Sixty-Seven Thousand Two-Hundred dollars and no cents **($67,200.00)**,

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54: 5-33 said premiums must be returned to the purchasers upon redemption:

WHEREAS, The Tax Lien Certificates as outlined on Schedule A have been redeemed:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Monroe in the County of Middlesex in the State of New Jersey that the Township's Certified Municipal Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to draw a check from the Township's Trust Account in the amount listed on Schedule A and forward same to the Tax Collector for distribution to the purchasers.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-3-2021-075 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS.

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector for the Township of Monroe has recommended this Council's approval to make refunds for tax overpayments in the amount of Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Ten dollars and Twenty-Five cents **($19,810.25)** for the amounts described on Schedule A and attached hereto

WHEREAS, good cause has been shown

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-3-2021-077 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR ROP# 17-26, 429-431 SPOTSWOOD GRAVEL HILL ROAD.**

WHEREAS, American Tower has posted a Performance Guarantee with Monroe Township for Road Opening project ROP #17-26, for the purpose of installation of sidewalk/curb in front of the premises of 429-431 Spotswood Gravel Hill Road; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has inspected the work and has recommended that the Township Council approve the request for release of the performance guarantee, as detailed in his letter dated January 27, 2021, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

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 Performance Guarantee posted for Road Opening project ROP #17-26, in the amount of $19,186.00 be released to American Tower as reflected in the Township Engineers letter annexed hereto.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-3-2021-078 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR ROP#18-43, POSSUM HOLLOW ROAD.**

WHEREAS, U.S Home Corporation, d/b/a Lennar has posted a Performance Guarantee with Monroe Township for Road Opening project ROP #18-43, for the purpose of installation of sanitary sewer improvements on Possum Hollow Road; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has inspected the work and has recommended that the Township Council approve the request for release of the performance guarantee, as detailed in his letter dated January 27, 2021, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

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 Performance Guarantee posted for Road Opening project ROP #18-43, in the amount of $6,000.00 be released to U.S Home Corporation, d/b/a Lennar as reflected in the Township Engineers letter annexed hereto.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-3-2021-079 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFERS.**

WHEREAS, there are certain 2020 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 2020 accounts:

CURRENT FUND TRANSFER FROM	**TRANSFER AMOUNT**
DATA PROCESSING Other Expenses	$ 35,000.00

ADMINISTRATION Salary & Wage	$ 25,000.00
TOWNSHIP CLERK Other Expenses	$ 11,000.00
ZONING BOARD Salary & Wage	$ 10,000.00
CONSTRUCTION Salary & Wage	$ 25,000.00
GROUP INSURANCE Other Expenses	$ 25,000.00
HEALTH WAIVER	$ 50,000.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT Other Expenses	$ 50,000.00
STREETS & ROADS Salary & Wage	$ 65,000.00
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS Salary & Wage	$ 80,000.00
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE Salary & Wage	$ 10,000.00
RECREATION Salary & Wage	$ 25,000.00
RECREATION Other Expenses	$ 50,000.00
SENIOR SERVICES Salary & Wage	$ 10,000.00
SENIOR SERVICES Other Expenses	$ 32,000.00
CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS Other Expenses	$ 8,600.00
UTILITIES Other Expenses	$ 100,000.00
RECYCLING Other Expenses	$ 100,000.00
CULTURAL ARTS Other Expenses	$ 34,000.00
REVENUE COLLECTOR Salary & Wage	$ 4,400.00
TOTAL CURRENT FUND:	**$ 750,000.00**

TRANSFER TO:	**AMOUNT**
POLICE Salary & Wages	$ 35,000.00
PLANNING BOARD Other Expenses	$ 15,000.00
GROUP INSURANCE	$100,000.00
WORKERS COMPENSATION Other Expenses	$100,000.00

STREETS & ROADS Other Expenses	$ 300,000.00
ACCUMULATED SICK Salary & Wages	$ 200,000.00
TOTAL CURRENT FUND:	**$750,000.00**

R-3-2021-080 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY 2021 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 2021 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 2021, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20), including this Resolution, is **$100,000.00;**

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**
Finance Data Processing	$ 53,000.00
Zoning Board Other Expenses	$ 10,000.00
Division of Planning Other Expenses	$ 3,000.00
Master Plan	$ 29,000.00
Cultural Arts Commission Salaries & Wages	$ 5,000.00
TOTAL BUDGET	**$ 100,000.00**

2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2021 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.

R-3-2021-081 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH H2M ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PLANNING SERVICES FOR A COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN.**
(Additional $119,000)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe and H2M Associates, Inc. are parties to a Professional Services Contract per Resolution No. R-12-2020-277 for a public outreach consultant in connection with the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe and H2M Associates, Inc. amended their Professional Services Contract per Resolution No. R-12-2021-039 to include the Circulation Element within the Township's Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend the Professional Services Contract with H2M Associates, Inc. to provide for planning services for the Township's comprehensive Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the fee to amend the contract for the additional services is an additional One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Dollars ($119,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for such an engagement in Certificate No. C-2000067, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council, upon its review, authorizes the amendment to the Professional Services Contract with H2M Associates, Inc. to provide for planning services for the Township's comprehensive Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to pay Invoices for services rendered by **H2M Associates, Inc.** under a Professional Services Contract in connection with the Township's Master Plan, including planning services for a comprehensive Master Plan with a Circulation Element and a public outreach consultant; for an additional amount not to exceed One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Dollars ($119,000.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached amendment to the Professional Services Contract to provide planning services for the Township's comprehensive Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a notice of this action shall be printed in the Homes News Tribune.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

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

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption and considered separately:

R-3-2021-070 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR MONROE MANOR, SECTIONS 1, 2 AND 3 – PB-734-01. (**Butcher Road)

WHEREAS, Monroe Manor Inc. has posted Performance Guarantees for the Monroe Manor, Sections 1, 2 and 3 project (PB-734-01); 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 has recommended release of the Performance Guarantees; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Performance Guarantees posted for the Monroe Manor, Sections 1, 2 and 3 project (PB-734-01), be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated January 28, 2021, attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the approvals for release of the Performance Guarantees are conditioned upon the posting of maintenance guarantees as follows:

Section 1 - $191,217.15
Section 2 - $87,572.33
Section 3 - $153,492.08

Such maintenance guarantees 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 the Township Engineer's office feels the funds currently being held in escrow with the Township will be sufficient.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-3-2021-071 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR MONROE MANOR, SECTION 5 – PB-1037-07. (**Butcher Road)

WHEREAS, Monroe Manor Inc. has posted Performance Guarantees for the Monroe Manor Section 5 project (PB-1037-07); 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 has recommended release of the Performance Guarantees; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Performance Guarantees posted for the Monroe Manor Section 5 project (PB-1037-07), be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated January 28, 2021, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **$115,796.29.** 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 the Township Engineer's office feels the funds currently being held in escrow with the township will be sufficient.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-3-2021-072 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR MONROE MANOR, SECTION 7 – PB-1039-07. (**Butcher Road)

WHEREAS, Monroe Manor Inc. has posted Performance Guarantees for the Monroe Manor Section 7 project (PB-1039-07); 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 has recommended release of the Performance Guarantees; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Performance Guarantees posted for the Monroe Manor Section 7 project (PB-1039-07), be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated January 28, 2021, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **$163,073.72.** 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 the Township Engineer's office feels the funds currently being held in escrow with the township will be sufficient.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

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

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the following Resolution was moved for Adoption and considered separately:

R-3-2021-076 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR STONEBRIDGE, PHASE 1, SECTION 6 – PB-1011-06.** (Federal Rd)

WHEREAS, Lori Gardens Associates II, LLC. has posted Performance Guarantees for the Stonebridge Phase 1, Section 6 project (PB-1011-06); 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 has recommended release of the Performance Guarantees; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Performance Guarantees posted for the Stonebridge Phase 1, Section 6 project (PB-1011-06), be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated February 5, 2021, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **$126,709.32.** 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 the Township Engineer's office recommends the developer post **$2,500.00** at this time into the existing engineering inspection escrow account which is more reasonable.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

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

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

Administrator's Report – Administrator Weinberg reported that the top priority for the Township has been the vaccines, which is incredibly important to the community, as well as, watching the fluctuation of cases. He stated that the good news is the number of cases has dropped from its peak of 196 cases in the second week of January down to 55 cases reported this past week with the hopes of a continual decline. Administrator Weinberg shared that with the decline in cases, the Mayor and Council have been looking at how to begin reopening safely in the coming weeks or months. He noted that the challenge has been that there have not been enough doses on top of navigating through a complicated State scheduling system but reminded residents that the mega site in Edison is a great site to try scheduling with. Also mentioned that the Senior Center is vaccinating Township and County residents, but the dosages are limited. Administrator Weinberg mentioned that the Mayor and Council have stressed the need to serve our residents and thanked them for establishing the volunteer program, which has already connected hundreds of seniors to volunteers who have helped schedule them for vaccines. He shared that anyone with limited technology and needing help scheduling an appointment can call Eileen in the Mayor's Office, 732-521-4400 ext. 114.

Thanked the DPW and MTUD employees for their hard work braving the conditions during the snow storms. He noted there were staff working 12 hour shifts to clear the roadways. He also thanked the residents for their support as they rely on the Township to get the job done, as well as the Police Department and EMS for keeping our residents safe.

Administrator Weinberg reported in regard to the energy aggregation program he has received phone calls from concerned residents watching what has happened in Texas with their lack of energy supply during snowstorms that have hit their area explaining that we are not in similar scenario as Texas as we are on a 13 state grid that has hardened and winterized lines. He noted that we are locked in until the end of the year and have saved 12% equating to close to $50 million; added that we are looking to do this again but assured everyone that it is incredibly unlikely to suffer the way Texas has.

Reported that another community cleanup is scheduled for March 27th on North State Home Road with more details in the coming weeks. Also noted that on April 24th , in celebration of Earth Day, there is a plan to clean up multiple locations. He thanked the Mayor and Council for moving forward with this as it is not only DPW's responsibility but ours as well.

Reported that Monroe has been named the 4th safest city in the State of NJ and 10th in the nation which is a great accomplishment in part to our police department and residents.

Our share of school funding has increased by $1.635 million; vowing to continue the fight for our fair share but is happy with the increase.

Lastly, the NJDOT grant for Lower Matchaponix Avenue, Spotswood Gravel Hill Road and North State Home Road will be moving forward with the bond ordinance introduced at tonight's meeting. Also mentioned that we will be looking to do another roadway paving project this summer as well.

Engineer's Report - Engineer Rasimowicz reported that work has been slow due to the weather but the 2020 Roadway Improvement Project is finished with the guiderail being completed last week.

Reported that the traffic signal project at the intersection of Matchaponix Avenue and Spotswood-Gravel Hill Road is moving along. A letter was received from the electrical contractor that the equipment will be shipped on March 22nd. Verizon has been on site completing work with some existing poles yet to be removed.

Reported that the County's project on Old Bridge-Englishtown Road and Mounts Mills Road is moving forward. The Township is obligated to obtain the Right of Way acquisitions, but the weather has hampered the appraiser from getting out to do the appraisals but now that the weather is warming up the appraiser will be out next week, with the appraisals done within a month and then the Township can move forward.

Lastly, reported that the County's project at the intersection of Rossmoor and Forsgate Drive should begin in late March or the beginning of April as they have been out doing testing.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Vice-President Schneider –

- Congratulated and welcomed 5 new police officers to the best Police Department in the County and the State in her opinion.
- Shared that the Senior Center shared programs via Zoom with 480 residents; Social Services received 503 Covid calls and Transportation transported 342 residents to medical transport and 98 residents for trips to Walmart and Stop & Shop.
- Many residents have asked to share their gratitude with Mayor Dalina.
- The Senior Center on Valentine's Day sent out a nice valentine message to members to brighten spirits.
- April 17th there will be a food drive held at the Park & Ride on Applegarth.
- Due to Covid, AARP cannot do tax returns as done in previous years but shared that a resident who is part of the Tax Advisory Group and he would charge $49 to file returns for any seniors who are interested. If anyone is interested in his information she will be glad to share it.

Councilman Baskin –

- Shared that as liaison to the Environmental Committee, there has been no scheduled meeting yet but looks forward to working with everyone.
- Thanked Eileen Biennas for managing the volunteer program to help residents schedule their Covid19 vaccines. He noted that he has directed several people to Stephanie from the Middlesex County Department of Health, who has been amazing in helping people schedule their appointments as well.

- In regard to the H2M proposal, he stated that several intersections were mentioned to be looked into but there was no mention to Route 33; Director Stroin answered that Route 33 is included in the overall data analysis and the whole corridor will be included.

Councilman Van Dzura –

- Extended compliments to the DPW for their winter storm work. He has read that this February was recorded as one of the ten worst snow months on record but our DPW and MTUD employees did an amazing job of clearing it all.
- Shared that Monroe Township is one of the 10 safest cities in the country and that is a testament to how well our police department operates.

Councilman Dipierro –

- Stated that as our community grows so does the police department and they keep us very safe. Wished the new police officers well.
- Thanked the Mayor and Administration for working to get additional aid for our schools.
- Thanked Eileen Biennas and Mayor Dalina for making the volunteer program a reality.
- Mentioned to Engineer Rasimowicz that the 2021 Paving List needs to include the section of Matchaponix Avenue extension that is Township owned and needs to be paved as it is in dire need.
- Reminded everyone to try to shop local and help keep our Township businesses open.
- Cannot say enough about the fabulous job done by the DPW in snow plowing.
- Asked if there was any report on the BFI landfill; Director Stroin stated that BFI continues to proceed to reintroduce leachate into the sewer system. He noted that the regional agencies were told they must inform in writing that it is safe to be reintroduced and all has been mitigated.
- Asked Engineer Rasimowicz if we have an Open Space list; Engineer Rasimowicz answered no as the intent is to have it included in the Master Plan.
- Asked if there was any word from the County regarding the intersection of Prospect Plains Road and Applegarth Road; Engineer Rasimowicz stated no there was no timing from the County as to when that will start.
- Announced that on March 27th there will be a community cleanup of North State Home Road and he hopes to see a lot of volunteers helping out that day.

Council President Cohen –

- Thanked the police department for their hard work in keeping our community and its residents safe.
- Expressed her personal thanks to Eileen Biennas for the volunteer program. Shared that she received an email from a resident who thanked Eileen for all of the work she is doing.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dalina shared that the theme of his report will be positivity. In the first few weeks as Mayor his focus has been on vaccine efforts, as the more vaccines we have the better. Mentioned that Eileen has been dealing with extreme concerns from our residents and has been handling it amazingly. He noted that the Johnson and Johnson vaccine will be a game changer. Mayor Dalina stated that we need to continue to be patient as we are that much closer.

Proud that our residents have stepped up to help with the vaccine registration program and have always risen to the challenges faced. Monroe Residents always step up to help, in desperate times Monroe rises up. The Monroe Township Volunteers helping 110s of people get appointments.

Thanked the DPW for all their hard work during the 3 day snowstorm, commend all of the drivers.

Positivity -School funding increase.

Mayor Dalina mentioned slowly opening up the Municipality, we want to do it right, protect our Employees and citizens. Mentioned the Library programs opened and then had to close again due to an exposure. It's a slow process to get everyone back inside and do it right.

Met with H2M regarding the Master Plan; a sad note to report that the person who was to be our point person had passed away unexpectedly. Noted that the Master Plan Committee is a subgroup of the Planning Board which will encompass members of both the Zoning Board and Planning Board. He noted that we will reach out to various members of the public, Board of Education, Recreation and our residents and shared that it will be all inclusive.

Very excited to welcome Spring and bring forth positive energy.

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

Administrator Weinberg quickly added that the Budget Hearing will be on March 29th at 6:30pm via Zoom.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chrissy Skurbe, 21 Preakness Dr. – Mrs. Skurbe commented that we received more State funding but stressed that we are still very underfunded, and our fight is not over. She thanked the Mayor and Council for continuing the fight.

Thanked Eileen for setting up the volunteer program to help our seniors schedule their vaccine appointments, adding that this is a great service to our senior community. Mrs. Skurbe added that the State has rolled out this vaccine program terribly and once again thanked Eileen for pairing our seniors up with a volunteer to get an appointment scheduled.

Mrs. Skurbe asked why there was a delay in receiving the school money to which Administrator Weinberg answered that it was a communication failure as $5,000 was sent on the 11th but the bank held up for a 2nd signature, therefore, it was a technical error on the bank's behalf.

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab agreed with Mayor Dalina in starting off with positivity and thanked everyone for their help getting our residents scheduled for the vaccine. Mr. Parab asked how many vaccines the Township is receiving each week to which Chief Biennas answered that it varies. Mr. Parab asked what the age groups are that are being vaccinated to which Chief Biennas answered that is not known. Mr. Parab asked what type of disinfectant we are using to prevent Covid and noted that he has heard the Township is receiving $3 million to help with the costs of Covid. Chief Biennas answered that we use the services of IRS who comes in and disinfects the offices in the municipal building. Administrator Weinberg answered that the bill is over to the Senate now and it is too early to tell how much money we will receive as it is a formula that will be used to determine the amount given.

Lastly, Mr. Parab commented on the inadequate amount of State funding we received and urged all to continue contacting the legislators so we can receive our fair share.

Andy Paluri, 16 St. James St. – Mr. Paluri thanked the DPW for the wonderful job done during the snowstorms.

Commented that the Biennas family is fantastic in all they are doing and it shows in the quality of officers on the police force.

Urged that we continue to fight for our fair share of school funding.

Thanked Mayor Dalina for his laser focus in dealing with the Covid19 vaccine and stated that he hopes that we can get vaccines to our clubhouses in the senior communities.

Mr. Paluri asked if there was an expected completion date for the traffic signal improvement project at the intersection of Matchaponix Avenue and Spotswood Gravel Hill Road; Engineer Rasimowicz answered that the project is substantially complete with a final completion date of May 1st. He added that Verizon has been on site for meetings and hopefully if the weather cooperates we will get the project wrapped up.

Invited any Monroe resident who may be interested in learning more about Middlesex County College to call.

Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio shared her agreement with all of the accolades previously stated.

Mrs. Arminio asked what the amount of Resolution R-3-2021-079 is; Administrator Weinberg answered that the amount is for $750,000 to which Mrs. Arminio questioned where it was going; Administrator Weinberg answered that we will be moving money into the Storm Trust Fund.

Asked in regard to Resolution R-3-2021-068 if that was a yearly fee paid to Piazza & Associates; Administrator Weinberg answered that Piazza & Associates work with us on the placement in affordable housing units for the year. Mrs. Arminio asked if they receive other fees to which Administrator Weinberg responded that he would do some research. Mrs. Arminio asked how many placements were done last year to which Administrator Weinberg answered they fill units when they are open and available adding that it is different every single year as it is based on how many units are available. Mrs. Arminio questioned if there was a document to review with this information to which Administrator Weinberg answered that the Mid-Point Review would be helpful and he would get a copy for her to review.

Mrs. Arminio asked for an explanation on Resolution R-3-2021-081; Director Stroin answered that firm on heels of reexamination report and this is now where the Township will look at 5 different elements of the

Master Plan and synthesize a very large public input within a 6-month period of time.

Mrs. Arminio thanked Mayor Dalina for including the school board and stated that it would be her pleasure to work together and move the effort forward.

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

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 8:08pm.

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

Patricia Reid
PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

Miriam Cohen
MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

Minutes were adopted on: April 5, 2021