

Town of Monroe
Town Board Minutes
Thursday, November 6, 2025
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Members Present

Tony Cardone, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello, Dorey Houle, Maureen Richardson
Town Counsel - Brian Nugent

Call to Order

1.1. Pledge to the Flag

The Supervisor led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Motion to Open Town Board Meeting

2.1. Motion to Open Town Board Meeting of November 6, 2025

2025-#459

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Town Board Meeting of November 6, 2025, at 7:04 PM.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Houle

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Community Announcements

3.1. Motion, Re: Accommodations

2025-#460

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to approve a request for accommodations from a particular person, which accommodations have been made known to the Town Board members in advance of the meeting. We will be taking a five-minute recess between every 30-45 minutes.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Bingham

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember

Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

3.2. Monroe-Woodbury Section 9 Champions, Girls Varsity Soccer and Boys Cross Country

Congratulations Monroe-Woodbury Section 9 Champions, Girls Varsity Soccer and Boys Cross Country.

3.3. 2025 Toys for Military Tots

Recipients: Pete & Laura Rollins representing the Children of O.C. Disabled American Vets + SMSgt Theresa Castellane of the 105th for Children of the NY Air National Guard, deployed or stationed at Stewart Air Force Base. All donations are local for our Orange County Military & Veterans.

Remember the Reason: WTBQ's 10th Annual Toys for Military Tots Drive has begun and YOU can help Santa deliver the new, unwrapped toys for children baby to 12 yrs old ~ WTBQ Radio has once again teamed up with Orange County Executive, Steve Neuhaus (Steve sparked this drive), John (Cheech) Richichi, Pres. of the Nam Knights, Amanda Dana, Dir. of OC Tourism & Film, Orange County Bank & Trust, & many more...For more Information E-mail: Taylor@WTBQ.com Please donate New, Unwrapped Toys for ages baby to 12 yrs old – wrapping paper & ribbon would be appreciated. God Bless you all for sharing with those who sacrifice so much so we may enjoy the holidays with our families. Final drop-off Dec. 12th @ WTBQ – Final Photo Op Dec. 15th @ 9:30am @ WTBQ Drop Off Sites:

Warwick: WTBQ Radio ~ Warwick Town Hall- Supervisor Jesse Dwyer-Forge 28 Studios

Warwick: Leo Kaytes Ford ~The Computer Guy — Warwick Ctr for the Performing Arts

Middletown: Orange Bank & Trust – all Branches

Goshen: John S. Burke Catholic — Orange Bank & Trust~ DMV—Kelly Eskew

Goshen: Sheriff Paul Arteta's Office—Amanda Dana—Dir. Of OC Tourism & Film—The Computer Guy

Chester: Orange Bank & Trust

Monroe: Monroe Town Hall at Supervisor Tony Cardone-Monroe-Woodbury Schools

New Windsor: Minuta Architecture – Town Hall—Patricia Clarino—Steve Bedetti & the Police Station

Montgomery: McKesson Corp-Susan Dean

Waywayanda: Denise Quinn at Town Hall

Washingtonville: Childtime Childcare

Florida: Assemblyman Karl Brabenec

3.4. American Legion Post 488 Food Drive

American Legion Post 488 Food Drive

Accepting donations now until 12/31/2025

Help us stock our local food pantries.

We are collecting non-perishable foods: canned vegetables, beans, sauces, boxed pasta,

cereal, dry foods. *No fresh items.

Drop off location: American Legion Post 488 532 Lakes Rd., Monroe, NY

For more info, call the American Legion Post 488 at 845-783-3965.

3.5. Monroe-Woodbury Rotary Winter Coat Drive

WINTER COAT DRIVE

Monroe-Woodbury Rotary

October 27 - November 17

Drop Off Locations:

- First Presbyterian Church, 142 Stage Road, Monroe, NY M-F, 9 am - 2 pm
- Monroe Town Hall, 1465 Orange Turnpike, Monroe, NY M-F, 8 am - 4 pm
- Sacred Heart Church Parish Outreach Center, 26 Still Rd., Monroe, NY M-F, 9 am - 5 pm
- Woodbury Public Library, 16 County Rte. 105, Highland Mills, NY M-F, 10 am - 4 pm
- Outback Steakhouse, 215 Larkin Drive, Monroe, NY Every day, 11 am - 9 pm

NEW COATS ONLY

Preferably Children's Sizes

For more information visit: mwrotary.org

3.6. Fall 2025 Compost Facility Schedule

TOWN OF MONROE COMPOST FACILITY Fall 2025 Schedule: This facility is open to residents of the unincorporated Town of Monroe (outside of the Villages). Village of Monroe and Village of Harriman residents should contact their respective Village for additional information on disposal options.

OPENING DATES: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25th, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8th, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15th

LOCATION: TOWN OF MONROE COMPOST FACILITY 813 LAKES ROAD MONROE, NY 10950

OPERATING HOURS: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

GUIDELINES: *DRIVER'S LICENSE / ID REQUIRED

*BRUSH MUST BE UNDER 4 FEET IN LENGTH AND NO LARGER THAN 5 INCHES IN DIAMETER.

*NO LOGS OR WOOD WILL BE ACCEPTED.

*NO COMMERCIAL OR BUSINESS WASTE PERMITTED.

PLEASE NOTE — THE COMPOST FACILITY WILL CLOSE FOLLOWING THESE DATES & REOPEN IN THE SPRING

FOR ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN OF MONROE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AT 845-782-8583.

3.7. Teenager Trends Event Hosted by Monroe-Woodbury Community Coalition

Monroe-Woodbury Community Coalition on November 20th for a Teenager Trends event including discussion on current teenage trends, how parents can support their child, and Narcan training.

3.8. Smith's Clove Park 2025 Turkey Trot

Smith's Clove Park 2025 Turkey Trot Sunday, November 23rd 9:00 am racetime.
Register online or for more information, go to www.smithsclovepark.org.

3.9. 2025 Orange County Household Hazardous Waste & Operation Safe Scripts Pharmaceutical Collection Event

2025 Orange County Household Hazardous Waste & Operation Safe Scripts Pharmaceutical Collection Event, Saturday, November 22, 2025 9AM-3PM (Rain or Shine)
OCTS #1 Maintenance Garage, 21 Training Center Lane, New Hampton, NY
Entrance across from the Mid-Hudson Psychiatric Center.

3.10. Electronic/Tire Recycling, Shredding Event Recap

Electronic/Tire Recycling, Shredding Event Recap:

Equipment Collected by Upcycle

CRT Monitors 4

Chromebooks 5

LCD Monitors 40

Laptops 27

Misc. 2

PCs 15

Printers/Scanners/Copiers 17

Smart Phones 5

TV's 30

Tablets 3

iMacs 5

iPads 4

iPhones 7

Subtotal: 164

Approximately, 45 tires were collected.

Total amount of paper shredded 5,143 lbs. (2.333 tons)

Public Hearing

4.1. Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE the 2026 Town of Monroe Preliminary Budget

2025-#461

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE the 2026 Town of Monroe Preliminary Budget.

*Transcribed by Deputy Town Clerk Barbara Singer.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The following residents signed up to speak during Public Comment on the Public Hearing RE Benefit Assessment Rolls in Relation to the 2026 Budget:

- BJ Mendelson

- Audra Schwartz

-Town Supervisor Cardone: So, some of the major items taken out of the budget include the 750 for the police enforcement. We also took out the budget officer's salary. The library was approved and that added \$25,000 to their budget and there were no adjustments done yet to salary. We usually wait and do that the last week before.

-Councilwoman Richardson: The public hearing about elected salaries already. You're talking about personnel.

-Councilwoman Houle: This is personal.

-Councilwoman Richardson: Okay.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Great. Everyone knows the rate right now currently. There was also a drop of about \$700,000 in the fund balance used. And there was \$100,000 added to the comp plan. The rate in the village is 1.24% increase and the town rate is a minus 4.16% decrease.

Anyone to speak?

-Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: I do have public comment. First speaker is BJ Mendelson followed by Audra Schwartz. Just a reminder, you'll have five minutes for comment. Please don't touch the mic. Speak clearly into the mic. Announce your name. Mr. Mendelson, just give me one second, please.

-BJ Mendelson: No problem. Got all that.

-Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Okay.

-BJ Mendelson: Okay. I'd like to request that public workshop be held concerning the budget due to the fact that, like the president's current cognitive state, it's structurally deficient. I'll provide two brief examples. First, despite the hilarious freakout that you might have heard at the end of the October 20th town board meeting after public comment was closed, the Town of Monroe does not offer its residents much in the way of an emergency plan. Nor does it offer a way to contact all residents, not just those who have opted in, in the event of a true emergency. Given the current state of our climate and warnings from the DEC about our area's high potential for forest fires, we must seek proactive solutions that do not require our residents to opt in for notifications. The health and safety of our residents must come first. Second, my primary concern in this area is the health and well-being of three disabled adults I take care of. After 5:00 p.m., the town of Monroe does not have its own EMS coverage. We rely on other municipalities. This is an unacceptable arrangement that adds to response times, something that could kill since every second counts an emergency. Since this town budget does not provide for 24/7 EMS coverage of town residents, something that is shocking given the elderly population of the town, I'm requesting that a public workshop be held to discuss this budget, that the two new council members elect are invited to attend, and that there's an opportunity for the public to participate in such a workshop. Thanks.

-Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Audra Schwartz.

-Audra Schwartz: Good evening everyone. I actually think, if I just heard you correctly, so you're taking off the budget any monies for an IMA or the sheriff's? Okay. So, then we probably just need to sit down then. I haven't had any meetings with anyone over the court's budget. Which seems to be somewhat par for the course, but my numbers that I submitted for the court's

budget were not put into the tentative budget, numbers were changed. No one's explained to me why. So, I need to understand where you're coming from on cutting my numbers. So that way we can have a discussion.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Where were your numbers cut?

-Audra Schwartz: The court officers primarily, there were a few but the court officer supervisor and then the court officers are the big ones. And then a few of the others were cut as well. I understand that you haven't made decisions about raises for employees across the board. I mean, my recollection is for the most part, you know, you come up with some percentage across the board for employees. So, I would hope that my court officers would get the similar raise, which is what I had asked for. But what I was trying to do was to come up with numbers that would work if we had to add court dockets because you were adding on a sheriff's department or an IMA or something like that. As it is, we cut our court dates significantly. So now we only have four court dates a month. But what we've been doing to fit in the other things is to add hours on. So even though court normally would be like 5 to 7:30 or 8:30, we are often times starting at like 4:00 to fit in cases or adding another day in to fit in motion hearings and things like that. So, wrapping that kind of concept in plus if you're going to have a sheriff's department or some sort of IMA with additional traffic tickets being written, then we would probably be adding in court nights to accommodate for that. And so, I need some more, I think, guidance and understanding. I was going along the thought process of we were going to need additional time and court, you know, court dockets and yet you've cut numbers. So, I wouldn't be able to do that without security. Where you've cut the numbers is for the court officer staff. I can't have additional hours and court nights if I don't have security. So, I think it's probably more appropriate of a conversation where we could sit down and I can understand what your thought process was.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: I'm going to tell you my thought process is currently through 10:15 you've expended for the supervisor \$4,900.

-Audra Schwartz: Yeah, he's definitely

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Can you let me finish please?

-Audra Schwartz: Sure.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: I'll give you a little more time. It was cut from 13,6 to 10,500. So, you have three months, let's say, to spend 5,000 additional dollars.

-Audra Schwartz: Yeah, I wasn't actually talking about his number because in my budget I asked simply that he would get the same raise as the other people, but I didn't put in a specific number for him because I'm still trying to understand.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Any raises. (inaudible)

-Audra Schwartz: Yes, I heard that before. I stated that before as well, but with respect to the court officers, I had asked for raises for them like everyone else, but to have that line item be no less than the 25,000. And I understand their number is under also, you know, I only had the numbers, my budget, through September 30th. I don't have an updated one, but I show them as what being about 70% expended through September 30th, right? So, they're kind of on target for their line item.

-Councilwoman Richardson: So, you're saying October's metrics and you sent late September, so there might be.

-Audra Schwartz: I don't know. I'm not sure, but I'm not, I recognize the head of my security has spent less than budgeted and I think we will be under that number. I'm still trying to gauge where I will be for next year. I'm more concerned about the court officers because they're pretty much on target as far as I can tell and they were budgeted for what 2025 at 22,000, right? So, I was saying, "Hey, let's give them the same raise as everyone else, and let's put that number at around 25, anticipating that we're going to have extra court dockets." And maybe I'm off, maybe I'm not. I'm not sure, but I think we need to sit down and really think about what your reasoning was, what's likely going to happen.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Explain my reason.

-Audra Schwartz: No, you talked about the court head of security. I keep talking about the court officers.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Okay. So, rather than sit down, let's move it to 24. I think that's a fair number there.

-Audra Schwartz: Well, I don't know that because I don't know what the raises will be. So, without that information, I can't. It's really hard for me to figure out what the number is going to be. They're entitled to the same rate as everyone else is entitled to. And then based on that, I can figure out the number of how many hours I think we're going to need based on the number of dockets we're going to have. I can't really shoot blind on this one, in other words.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Okay, we're talking about \$1,000 here. So, if I left it at 25, you're okay?

-Audra Schwartz: Probably.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Okay. So, we leave it at 25.

-Audra Schwartz: But then what I usually do is I have extra pots of money just in case to move around and some of those things, you know, you've also cut and without explanation, you know, my other expense we had currently at 1,800 I was upping it to the 23 education and dues 2400 I only gave it an extra \$100 but you know.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: That's doubled from what you put in. So, if you want to flip that back, you put in, hold on.

-Audra Schwartz: Which line item are we talking about?

-Town Supervisor Cardone: 100 for justice court other.

-Audra Schwartz: Yeah.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Right.

-Audra Schwartz: Yes.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: That was cut. And you, I'm sorry, you put in 2500 for education, for the dues.

-Audra Schwartz: Dues and meeting.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Yes. And I cut it to 2400.

-Audra Schwartz: Yeah. So, can we put back the 2300 on the Justice Court other?

-Town Supervisor Cardone: You want me to put your numbers back to where they were, I'll put them back. But my true belief is that there's got to be a little bit more of an efficiency in there, and there's got to be more income coming out of there. I know your position on it, but the income has been dwindling, dwindling, dwindling over the last three years.

-Audra Schwartz: Right.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: So, I'll put your numbers back.

-Audra Schwartz: But we recognize that the court is not a revenue center.

-Councilwoman Richardson: It's almost like you just cut all the enforcement revenue that we had or actually the expense budget that we had for police.

-Audra Schwartz: I can't control the revenue.

-Councilwoman Bingham: Right, you can't control the number of tickets written violations, citing.

-Audra Schwartz: I don't write the tickets.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: I'm not going to get into it. I mentioned the word efficiency too.

-Audra Schwartz: And where we have a big savings is that the head clerk number there's a significant savings there we did take some of that money from the head clerk line item and gave the current clerk's raises because they're taking on all that extra work, but there's still a significant savings there. So, what it comes down to is I still need to operate efficiently. Dues for everything go up like everything else does. And so, I was asking for more money there. And then the other expense usually accommodates extra things. But, I mean I don't have the information that you have on why you cut some of these items. There's no discussion. They were just cut. So, I can't really speak to it because

-Town Supervisor Cardone: To trim some money out.

-Audra Schwartz: Randomly?

-Town Supervisor Cardone: I do it with every department.

-Audra Schwartz: But randomly? Like there was no discussion. No one talked to me about, well, where can we shave?

-Town Supervisor Cardone: This is the discussion. Okay, So, then rather than going back.

-Audra Schwartz: This is me signing up as a community member having to talk like I'm a community member. I'm the head of the court. Come on.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Here's what you do. Come back with numbers that are sufficient for you. If you could trim a little fat, I'd be happy.

-Councilwoman Richardson: She provided the numbers.

-Audra Schwartz: I did provide the numbers.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: I know that.

-Audra Schwartz: And I shaved quite a bit.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: I'm asking you to trim a little more.

-Audra Schwartz: Well, what's a little more mean?

-Town Supervisor Cardone: What is sufficient for you?

-Audra Schwartz: I submitted what was sufficient for me. You cut numbers without explanation.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: That doesn't mean it gets approved.

-Audra Schwartz: I totally understand that. What I would expect would be a responsible conversation if you wanted to shave numbers to talk with the court about where that could possibly be done and still have the court operate effectively, not randomly cut numbers without any discussion and not be able to provide me with an explanation.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Explanation because we didn't salaries yet, that's why.

-Audra Schwartz: You haven't what?

-Town Supervisor Cardone: We haven't done salaries yet. That's why.

-Audra Schwartz: Well, I don't know how you expect anyone to do a budget then. If I don't know what the salaries are going to be, how can I anticipate how much I will need to spend for court officers?

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Whatever you want, Audra. Whatever you want. Just send me numbers.

-Audra Schwartz: I gave you what I want. I would like my numbers.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: You want your numbers back?

-Audra Schwartz: But I'm happy to have an actual discussion.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: No. Do you want your numbers back?

-Audra Schwartz: Yes.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Okay. You can have your numbers back. As long as this board approves it, I have no problem with it.

-Audra Schwartz: Okay.

-Councilwoman Richardson: I would like to sit down with the court liaison and the head of the court to let's see if we can find an efficient, collaborative middle ground where if we have a target goal as a board, we can give you an overall total and see if you can do the trimming to get to that point.

-Audra Schwartz: That would be fantastic. Thank you.

-Councilwoman Bingham: Thank you. We'll do that.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Wait, wait a minute. So, you just said you wanted the numbers you gave me, but now you just said you're going to trim.

-Audra Schwartz: I would be happy to have a discussion about what your needs are based on and what my needs are and to see if we can come up with something. What I won't do is sit here and have random cuts without any explanation and any information here.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Here what. Can you cut like 6% out somewhere?

-Audra Schwartz: I have no idea. I have to sit down and look at it. If what you're shooting for is 6% then I will look at it but no one is, you can laugh all you want but I don't find this funny at all. The fact of the matter is we have (inaudible)

--Town Supervisor Cardone: Talk to your liaison. Your liaison never came to me. Talk with Councilwoman Richardson and then I think (inaudible)

-Audra Schwartz: We just agreed upon that. We were happy with that. You were the one who second guessed it.

-Councilwoman Richardson: All we need

-Town Supervisor Cardone: No, I second guessed it because you said you would cut after you spoke.

-Audra Schwartz: I'm happy to meet with you.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Let's move on. Next speaker.

-Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: That's all for public comment.

-Councilwoman Richardson: If you want to give us a target figure

-Town Supervisor Cardone: I just did, 6% I just said 6%.

-Councilwoman Richardson: And also, the raises that you're projecting. We'll be happy to do that.

-Audra Schwartz: Yeah. Once you have that figure in mind, we can sit down with that 6% number.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Next speaker.

-Audra Schwartz: Thank you.

-Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: That that's all for public comment. I do just want to make one comment as far as speaking. When there's multiple people speaking and I'm doing the transcription for the minutes, it's going to say inaudible because I cannot decipher who's speaking and when. So, all I'm saying is for your comments to be heard and documented if we can please respect each other and one person speak at a time.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Thank you, ma'am. Apologies. I'm going to make a motion to close the public hearing regarding the 2026 Town of Monroe preliminary budget. And I also want to add that any changes that are made from now until the 17th will be approved on the 17th or disapproved on the 17th. But as council has recommended in the past, we should do that with the ability to make changes.

-Town Attorney Nugent: Close the public hearing, and then the board the process is you're free to make changes between now and the 17th, at which point you have to adopt, you know, that night unless you're going to meet before November 20th again.

-Councilwoman Richardson: Close for written comment.

-Town Attorney Nugent: That's up to the board. You can do that.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: With written comments up to 10 days after tonight.

-Councilwoman Houle: So that'll put us at November 16.

4.2. Motion to Close the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE the 2026 Town of Monroe Preliminary Budget

2025-#462

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Close the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE the 2026 Town of Monroe Preliminary Budget leaving written comments open for 10 days.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson
Nays: None
Abstain: None

4.3. Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE Police Services in the Town

2025-#463

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE Police Services in the Town. *Transcribed by Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson
Nays: None
Abstain: None

The following residents signed up to speak during Public Comment on the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE Police Services in the Town:

- Jack Collins
- Luis Rivera
- BJ Mendelson
- Aaron Hughes
- Beth Stevens
- Carol Sotaropoulos
- Kathryn Troiano

- Supervisor Cardone: Madam Clerk. First speaker for public comment is Jack Collins followed by Luis Rivera. Once again, you'll have five minutes for comment. Please announce your name. Speak into the mic clearly and don't touch the mic. Thank you.

- Jack Collins: I'm Jack Collins, a resident of the town for the past 27 years. Uh, good evening board members. I compliment you on allowing persons who do not live in a town to speak. Many other municipalities only allow residents to speak. Although some may have good ideas and intentions, I would hope that the board considers thoughts that are only good for the town. That being said, it seems logical that increasing law enforcement activities throughout the town is a good idea, an idea that will cost town residents an increase in tax burden. For some of us, it will not be an issue, while others, it might be a very significant issue. I hope that you are good stewards of our money. As I've watched previous board meetings, as well as folks' personal opinions on social media, such as Monroe Matters, many of the claims seemed outrageous. I did some independent research. Very little of what I heard cannot be reasonably substantiated. Deportations of American citizens has been claimed. Since 2025 began, there is one alleged case that a 2-year-old was deported to Honduras. Although in

civil, not criminal litigation, I believe the phrase innocent until proven guilty isn't a constitutional right. But the fifth, 14th, and sixth amendments do apply. Possibly we should wait until this civil trial has been resolved. Again, this is a civil, not a criminal matter. Kidnapping of American by law enforcement. My research did find two cases currently in trial of persons posing as police officers or law enforcement officers who allegedly kidnapped one person each. The imposters were arrested by real police officers. In 2025, not one law enforcement of person has been charged with kidnapping. Although the term kidnapping has been used in civil suits brought, no criminal arrests, let alone convictions of law enforcement have been made in 2025. According to my research, in each case above, we are talking about one to a handful of people out of millions of illegal aliens admitted to this country unlawfully. One is too many, but let's keep our arguments factual. Let's consider the size of the problem as well. I've heard of resident aliens being afraid to speak up publicly. I do have a bit of experience as both of my wives at one time were resident aliens prior to obtaining citizenship in the proper way. I am personally acquainted with almost a half a dozen illegal aliens in this area. I also discovered that for a few of them that their employer took advantage of them to the tune of almost \$1 million. When I told them about it and my hesitation about reporting it to authorities so as to not bring their illegal status to light, their leader told me to report it. They wanted the injustice fixed regardless of how it might affect them. Some of them have been here illegally longer than I have lived in Monroe. They wanted to do the right thing. I've heard that town residents who are also village residents come to complain about lack of enforcement, much of which is traffic issues. Let us not confuse the issue because the village has its own police department. Our village resident neighbors need to take those concerns to the village. I suspect that should the town contract with the sheriff's department, they would not respond to village issues unless the village police requested them. Is that correct?

I've heard that the sheriff's department has a contract with ICE. Some seem to indicate that means the sheriff officers are deputized ICE agents. Nothing could be further from the truth. The jail in Goshen does have an intergovernmental service agreement with the Department of Homeland Security to detain persons who have been arrested by federal law enforcement.

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: One minute.
- Jack Collins: Including the FBI and US Marshals. I'm not sure I understand how that has anything to do with Monroe contracting for law enforcement within this town by the sheriff. There are numerous other ideas that have been brought up as facts that upon scrutinized expiration don't hold much water. I hope that you, our duly elected representatives, will abide by the law as well as do what is the right thing for the town. Thank you for your time.
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Luis Rivera followed by BJ Mendelson.
- Luis Rivera: Good evening, council members and Supervisor Cardone.
- Supervisor Cardone: Evening.
- Luis Rivera: I stand before you tonight as a voice for the Hispanic community here in Monroe. On October 25th, I had the honor of attending a 5:30 Spanish mass at St. Anastasia Church. The priest welcomed Chief Guzman to speak directly to the congregation. Chief Guzman explained that under his leadership with the village police department, he prioritized hiring bilingual officers and providing cultural and train cultural and diversity training. He spoke about how important it is to have local officers who know our families, our neighborhoods, and our community's needs. That is the kind of policing I believe in. Local officers serving the local community, building relationships, understanding our culture, and protecting the people they work with every day. Right now, the proposal being considered contracting with the sheriff's department for six months at a cost of \$750,000 is not the heart of this issue. The heart of this issue is that the Sheriff's department works closely with Federal Immigration Enforcement. Whether intended or

not, that relationship, that relationship creates fear in the Hispanic community. Fear that calling the police could result in separation from loved ones, ultimately leading to harm rather than help. A community that is afraid of, of, of its police is a community that will not that will live in fear and frankly that is not living. I'm asking the board to, to pause and reflect to consider not only of the dollars and cents but the human impact. We are called to love our neighbor and to act with compassion. As a Catholic through our teachings, we are called to protect the meek in society. I humbly ask the board to please think carefully about the impact of this choice. We all know God is watching all that we do. Would God turn his back on the immigrant who came here seeking opportunity? Would he disrespect disregard them? Or would he stand with them, protect them and ensure that they are treated with dignity? I humbly ask the board to choose compassion, community, and frankly to just do the right thing. Thank you.

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: BJ Mendelson, followed by Aaron Hughes.
- BJ Mendelson: The only people living here. That's not illegal in America are our native brothers and sisters, but that's not what I'm here to talk about. I'd like to speak about the one-and-a-half-page contract signed on September 12th, 2025 by Sheriff Paul Artetta, a contract Mr. Scancarello hid from the community and lied about its status at two public hearings held on October 6 and October 20th. This is not an allegation. This is something that could be factually observed on watching the video of his meetings. I mentioned Mr. Scancarello because as the last man standing for team Monroe, Councilman Scancarello, now bears the full weight and responsibility of every single sin committed by Dorey Houle and Tony Cardone.
- Supervisor Cardone: Can you, can you stop us for a second, Mr. Mendelson?
- BJ Mendelson: I'm still speaking.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah, I stopped your clock. If, if you're going to come up here and continually attack us, I'm, I'm really going to ask you to sit down. Cause you know what? Your side won. They won the election.
- BJ Mendelson: That's where you're wrong.
- Supervisor Cardone: No, let me finish. Let me finish.
- (Inaudible)
- Supervisor Cardone: Let me finish or I'll start your clock. Let me finish.
- BJ Mendelson: Okay.
- Supervisor Cardone: Okay.
- BJ Mendelson: Yeah.
- Supervisor Cardone: Be productive.
- BJ Mendelson: Sure.
- Supervisor Cardone: Don't be divisive cause that's all you've been since you walked into these town hall meetings.
- (Inaudible)
- Councilwoman Richardson: Excuse me. Excuse me. There's conduct rules and we can just call out what's against the conduct rules.
- BJ Mendelson: Yep.
- Councilwoman Richardson: And then just proceed. You can't. (Inaudible)
- Supervisor Cardone: I'll run the meeting. You don't run it till January. I'll run the meeting.
- BJ Mendelson: Oh my god. What a baby.
- Supervisor Cardone: Continue.
- Councilwoman Richardson: And please don't talk about the election either because it's against the conduct.
- Supervisor Cardone: I didn't talk about the election.
- Councilwoman Richardson: You did.

- Supervisor Cardone: Continue.
- BJ Mendelson: What a baby. Are we, are you done? Okay, good. So, Mr. Scancarello, can you explain to the community why this agreement with the Sheriff was hidden from them for nearly a month before the first public hearing? It's factually accurate. You can make cases all you want, Tony. Now, I also want to say that I spoke with Michael Susman about this contract and he said, quote, "If that document came to me as a Village or Town Attorney, I'd throw it in the garbage." So, Mr. Nugent, I'd like to ask you a question. Do you agree with Mr. Susman's assessment of the proposed contract? The contract, for those who have not seen or read it, which is the majority of the people that live in this town, states that the sheriff has the discretion to assign or not to assign two individuals to the town. That means that on any given day, we would have no police presence at all despite the claims made by this board. I'd like to hear an explanation, particularly from Mr. Scancarello, about how that arrangement is worth \$750,000 in town taxpayers, especially given that the State Police offers that same kind of coverage for free. Despite the fact that both the Sheriff's department and Orange County have insurance, this agreement also includes a clause to hold the sheriff harmless for anything does within the town of Monroe. This indemnification, I want to inform the public, would include the potential participation in ICE raids. Since ICE enforcement methods meet the legal definition of kidnapping, despite what you might have heard in Fox News, which is to take someone and deny them due process and access to attorney, I believe any law enforcement officer or member of ICE participating such activities should be held in charge to the maximum extent possible under the law. Finally, within this contract, there is no supervision provided of the deputies we would get, assuming we got them at all. So, who do the deputies report to when providing law enforcement services on behalf of the town? Would it be you, Mr. Scancarello? Given all this, I'm going to ask Mr. Scancarello to join with Councilwoman Bingham and Supervisor Elect Tony, Supervisor Elect Richardson in doing what the people have resoundingly requested on election day. Throw out this agreement with the Sheriff's department and publicly commit to invest the resources needed to the Village of Monroe and their police department to properly expand its presence within our town borders which is what everyone wants and beginning with first the study that was requested by the village. Thank you very much.
- Supervisor Cardone: Next speaker.
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Aaron Hughes followed by Beth Stevens.
- Aaron Hughes: Hi. My name is Aaron Hughes. I'm here to speak in favor of forgoing the adoption of any contract with the Orange County Sheriff's Department in light of Tuesday's elections. I believe it would be both unjust and unwise for the current board to commit to a contract when that contract was an issue in the election and would have to be administered by a new board which opposed it. We all prefer the Village Police to the county police. Supervisor Cardone, you have represented to the public that all board members agreed that the Village Police are preferable to the County Sheriff. Where we disagree is how viable of an alternative the county Sheriff's office. We have had those arguments. I will not reiterate them now. While I canvased for a county legislative candidate during the election, I canvased throughout Monroe. Residents expressed concerns while I was on their doorsteps about the possibility of contracting with the sheriff's department. My house did not receive campaign literature from team Monroe, but we did from Preserve Monroe. It included discussions of the arguments over the police department. These arguments were repeatedly featured in the photo news and Times Herald record. The lion share of public speakers at our Town Board meetings on this issue have spoken in opposition to contracting with the county Sheriff. When legislator Tuohy spoke at the October 20th Town Board meeting, he referred to this opposition as a consensus. Irrespective of your beliefs about the merits of partnering with the county

Sheriff, I respectfully request that in deference to democratic principles, you decline to do so. If that does not convince you, consider the alternative. Supervisor elect Richardson would be left with the task of executing a new dis, excuse me, executing a new agreement that she has repeatedly spoken against. The county sheriff would be left with the task of policing a community whose newly elected representatives have spoken against their operations. The members of this Town Board are still in office. Because of that, there are many tasks such as adopting a budget that you have no choice but to make. Deciding future of policing in Monroe is not one of those. Please allow the incoming town board to make this their first initiative.

4.4. Motion to Take Five Minute Recess

2025-#464

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to take a five-minute recess and return at 7:52 PM.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Houle

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

4.5. Motion to Return to Regular Session

2025-#465

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Return to Regular Session.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

4.6. Continuation of Item 4.3 (Police Services)

*Transcribed by Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer.

- Supervisor Cardone: Okay. Next Speaker.
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Carol Sodor. I'm sorry.
- (INAUDIBLE)
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Beth, Beth Stevens followed by Carol Sotaropoulos.

- Supervisor Cardone: Before you speak, I just want to make an announcement. Maybe I didn't make myself clear at first. We have ceased negotiations with the Sheriff's office out of indifference to the board, incoming board of 2026, and because the clauses in there, we were not in favor of. So, keep that in mind, if you're coming up to speak and telling us that you want it, you don't want the Sheriff's agreement. I'm sorry. Go ahead.
- Beth Stevens: It's okay, Tony. With, with that in mind, because I was going to speak to the IMA, is that still on the table?
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Please announce your name.
- Beth Stevens: I'm Beth Stevens.
- Town Clerk Valerie Biter: Thank you.
- Dorey Houle: No, no. What, what Supervisor Cardone was saying is that we've, we've ceased negotiations with the Orange County Sheriff's Office, which means we are no longer pursuing an IMA with the Sheriff's Office. That's all.
- Beth Stevens: I'm sorry, an IMA with the Village. Is, is that still on the table?
- Supervisor Cardone: Yes.
- Bethany Stevens: Okay. So, thank you. Thank you for the clarification. And, and I do want to say, like, as a council person elect, I'm not here for political points at all. I just want to share my knowledge because establishing governance and new organizations is, it's just my wheelhouse, and I've done a lot of research on that. Now that I know that you are continuing to pursue the IMA, which I'm very, very grateful to hear. I would just like to offer some advice and some guidance. So, I took a look at guidance from the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice, National Policing Institute, and RAND, which both our State and Federal governments rely on heavily. They all have implementation guidance. And while the acronyms might be a little bit different from, from each plan, they all stress the same thing. It starts with statistical analysis. And I know at one point that's what the village was asking for. Now, that might sound like a very complicated report. It's not. It's just a needs assessment. It's a needs assessment based on what you can find. And so, it does start with the data that you can get your hands on and then conducting an analysis and then interpreting how that's going to affect how you implement your policing force. I have heard comments before from certain members that say, "Well, the data is just not there." I get that. Like I get that if you go to a zone sergeant, or you go to the sheriff's department, and you ask a policing professional, can you provide me with this data? And, and this is in the guidance plans that I'm talking about. Policing professionals are not like data statistical and a analysis. They don't know how to find that information. And so that's where you got to help them and guide them or find the right people in their department that can pull you help you pull the raw data. I'm like now I'm not a data analyst. I'm an organizational analyst, but like just me thinking through what could we find. So, I believe that you looked at what the state troopers were consider like what calls they were getting. Did we consider comparing that to when the state troopers were at their peak before they couldn't completely service the town of Monroe when our courts were getting all of those tickets and all that revenue coming in? Have we looked at the differences and how it's dropped? And then have we also considered how much our community has grown since that time, because that's pre-COVID and Monroe has definitely changed. Besides the, the state troopers, I do think you should be able to find stuff from the Sheriff's department. You should be able to get some interpretations from the, the Village. I, I know a lot of people in the town call the village thinking they're going to get help and then find out that they're not going to get a help. There's, I would love to just help you through this process. And so, after we get all of that information, again, it's about interpreting, and it's also not just data. You got to talk to the stakeholders because they're going to share things with you that have nothing to do with data. And so, like I hope Chief Guzman is a part of that conversation that there's maybe

an opportunity to involve Harriman. Normally, what I would do in a situation like this, is I would put together a tiger team or a committee. It wouldn't just be one consultant. That consultant that you identified would probably be a great person to be a part of it. But there's other members of the community that I think would be really good additions. Like I, I immediately think of Mr. Rob Furbeck, who would be great for someone like that committee. But you collectively work on this together. And then you also have to consider about your second and third order effects. I mean, it's not just about getting the police, and you have to think about how it's going to affect the rest of your justice system. I immediately think of how that's going to affect our town courts. And I know Audra was speaking about that earlier. When I looked at these plans, one of them, it was from the National Policing Institute. They actually did a very recent survey on all of local municipalities throughout the United States of America that have set up a new police department in the last five years.

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: One minute.
- Bethany Stevens: It's 165 different police departments. And only 1/4 of them took the time to do the needs assessment. The other 75% ended up having major failures and issues in terms of both funding, how the community felt about it, and how effective it was. I would just like to offer that if you are continuing this IMA discussion that you look at it from a broader perspective. I, even before January, I'm happy to assist. I'm happy to help. That is all. Thank you.
- Supervisor Cardone: Thank you.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Thank you.
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Carol Sotaropoulos followed by Katherine Troyano.
- Carol Sotaropoulos: Good evening Carol Sotaropoulos. That's wonderful. Good evening. Thank you very much. I really appreciate what you've done. Taking it out of the budget and leaving it till 2026. I mean, we've lived with not enough policing for this long, we can live a few months longer. With that, and so I, I won't go into any detail. This will take me maybe 60 seconds. I just think that it's worth sharing with everybody here what I learned from just informal conversation at the end of the meeting last on October 20th, when I asked the question, should if the Sheriff's office were authorized to police the Town of Monroe, could it be in the contract that they would not be allowed to ask a person's immigration status, status because the community police, the Village of Monroe police have told me numerous times that they do not do that because that is not community policing. But what I was told here was that if the Sheriff's department were here authorized to police that there could be no control over that. They do their kind of policing. It is not the same as community policing. And so, I just think that we need to, you know, look at that and, and for any future consideration, that we would not want that kind of policing here, because if you would listen to hear out the Chief of Police of for the Village of Monroe, you know, he was very emphatic about that because that does nothing to protect the people of Monroe. Let's say you're stopped at a stop sign. Yeah. I mean, you, you go through a stop sign, or you're speeding, you're stopped and all of a sudden asked for your immigration status, and you're asked that by a member of the Sheriff's department that yes, they are they are connected to ICE indirectly. I respect what the gentleman here said about that as a policing officer is not the same as you know an ICE agent. Yes, that's true. But sometimes we need to connect the dots. They have cooperation agreements, and we don't want to see any of that happening here. Thank you so much.
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Katherine Troiano is the last speaker.
- Katherine Troiano, Village of Monroe. Uh, I guess I was going to speak against the IMA with the Orange County Sheriff's Department. As you have said, you are no longer pursuing it. Not really much more to say. Thank you very much for making that decision

and leaving it to the new incoming board what will be done. And again, thank you.

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: That's all for public comment.
- Councilwoman Bingham: I want to say something kind of relates to the budget too. And Beth, I want to thank you bringing up that need's assessment. I think we need to put some money in the budget for some kind of a consultant to do the research to dig out those facts and figures as to how many of whatever type of crime or traffic infractions. Again, what was done at the peak of when the state troopers were enforcing things in the in the town versus now, because I think that would be important and to have somebody that is knowledgeable into where we can find this kind of data. I think that's very important. So, I think maybe I'm going to say \$30,000 be added to the budget for specifically a needs assessment for police. Police services.
- Councilwoman Richardson: I would see with that figure is that we don't. The averages for that kind of needs assessment study. So, if we find specific figures, we can submit that via email and written comment and deal with it that way. But I think the I agree with that.
- Councilwoman Houle: So, we had our follow-up meeting with the village. They presented us with a plan for 10 police officers to cover three shifts at the tune of \$2.1 million. So, Tony and I balked at that because that would be an incredible burden on the and, and there is value to it. I'm not saying that the, that the Village of Monroe Police Department isn't worth that money, and that those services aren't worth that when I asked the mayor if there was a way for us to reach that point over time. When I asked him if there was a way that we could maybe do one shift or two shifts, a smaller level of services, the answer was no. It was this or it was nothing. We then asked the Mayor for a breakdown of how he arrived at the \$2.1 million, and he said that he didn't have it, but that he would get it for us. So, we do have another meeting scheduled. We hope to get an understanding of, of what goes into that \$2.1 million and, and I understand that it's not just the cost of the police officer, that it's the police officer, and the benefits, and the cars, and the insurance and, and all that other stuff. So, we'll have more information for you at the November 17th meeting.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Dorey, could you just repeat the figures again? I know it was.
- Councilwoman Houle: Yes. 2.1 million.
- Councilwoman Richardson: 2.1 million for how many?
- Councilwoman Houle: For 10.
- Councilwoman Richardson: 10 officers.
- Councilwoman Houle: 10 officers over three shifts.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Okay. Because just to let everyone know as a comparison, it was \$750,000 for six months.
- Supervisor Cardone: No, it wasn't it wasn't six months.
- Councilwoman Houle: It. So, the \$750,000 that was put into the budget, was, was put in as a as a placeholder as a.
- Supervisor Cardone: And it was over eight months.
- Councilwoman Richardson: The contract? It was over.
- (INAUDIBLE)
- Supervisor Cardone: The \$750 was for over eight months.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Okay. So, just in case, we needed to extend the contract by two months. Okay. So, still like what I'm saying, if you double it's 1.5 million. You have to go up a little bit. So, you know.
- Councilwoman Houle: And, and that's keep in mind the, the con, the IMA with the Sheriff's office was paying overtime for each of those Sheriffs who would have been assigned to the town of Monroe.
- Councilwoman Richardson: So, your IMA figures don't include.

- Supervisor Cardone: (INAUDIBLE)
- Councilwoman Houle: No, it would have only have been to the B and the C line. It did not include the A-line because, based on the information that we got from the emergency services office from Orange County, the A-line had the least number of calls and so there was there was the least amount of service that would be required.
- Town Counsel Nugent: Just so the public understands, A-line is a midnight shift,
- Councilwoman Houle: Yes, I'm sorry.
- Town Counsel Nugent: B is a day shift, C is the.
- Councilwoman Houle: C is a afternoon, evening shift. Yes. So, we're, we're still, we're still looking at that.
- Supervisor Cardone: Just a couple of points. You know, 2.1 million if you go up another million and a half to a million 7, you can essentially start your own police force. 1 million you're not getting (inaudible).
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Speak to the mic please.
- Supervisor Cardone: Not getting an asset. You're not getting a building, and, and, and that's why we immediately balked at it. You know, I, I know that there's other options out there, and I mean we'll still meet with the Mayor. He did not like the, the stat data, if I remember correctly that we got from the county because.
- Councilwoman Houle: So, they were, they were making arguments that there was additional data that was not included in it.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah. So, I mean listen, two for 2.1, at 2.1 million your taxes would go up just about \$11 per thousand dollar of assessed value. So, if your house was assessed at \$70,000, that's an additional \$770 in your tax bill. If we went that route. Did ask the Sheriff about, Carol, about your, your claim there. They don't, they do not police like that. That's been rumors. That's, their contract is for housing with the federal government, is for housing of prisoners. It's not, I, it's, it's not how they police, and, and he was adamant about that. Bethany, extremely well-spoken. Where you been?
- (LAUGHTER)
- Supervisor Cardone: You should have been, you should have been here earlier.
- (INAUDIBLE)
- So, thank you. It was, it, it was, it was well-prepared. So, and you didn't read from anything, which is, another great asset. So, that's all I have.
- Councilwoman Richardson: I just have responses (inaudible) asked. So, Jack had asked what is the (inaudible) or what is the perceived link between ICE and the Sheriffs, and I also called the Sheriffs, and they did also say that they have an existing contract again to hold prisoners relating to dedicated ICE holding cells, but that they said that policy could be directed at the local level. My concern with our contract was when I called the county attorney as well, he was under the impression that we had an existing police infrastructure, and I don't know of any existing contract or previous contract with the Sheriff's and a municipality where they'd had no police structure to direct those, those officers. So, that would be a little odd. And would the Sheriffs cover the Village? So, I don't believe that our dedicated officers for the town, under our contract, they would not police or patrol in, inside the Village. However, the county Sheriffs have obvious domain over the entire county. They have the ability to do so. I assume if they were going through the Village, or they were called there for mutual aid, and they were the nearest officer, you know, I don't know if it would call in a new Sheriff or call in a state PD officer, or if just the nearest if they were stationed and there was an emergency in the Village that needed extra support. That's a great question. Would that draw from our two stationed deputies? It's not in the contract, but I can (inaudible).
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Speak into the mic please.

- Councilwoman Richardson: PD first. Unless there was (inaudible). PD. Someone said reallocate the \$750,000 toward basically a village IMA instead of a contract with the Sheriffs. Yeah, it's, if the next meeting for a Village IMA is December 4th, that's after the adoption of the budget. Would mean that we have no police budget line, which is concerning to me. We'd have to make allocations later on. That's something you'd want budgeted. And yes, I think someone had mentioned comparison data and the State Police. And there's two explanations between the peak of State Police that I'm aware of. One of which our ticketing numbers were actually also KJ, Palm Tree numbers, because they did not, when they established, create a court right away. So, their ticketing actually came through our court, and we had an agreement, I believe to have some revenue come in from that as well. But that offered to me by why we are seeing a drop in ticketing is that they have now established a court, and also there is a statistical data about post-COVID drop overall in ticketing for some reason. So, I, I fully support the statistical analysis when we were trying to work out what coverage we needed. The only agency that seemed to figure out two officers on, on each shift BNC, was the County Sheriff's department. So, without foiling call data from you know the State Troopers up in Albany, and getting that information the like you're completely right the zone sergeant has no access. I spoke to him, he told me we'd have to do batch foils. And I 100% agree with Mary that we need to have someone who knows exactly where to find these things. Allocate a percentage of budget to pay for a professional consultant. And then I think that person should also lead a tiger team because we would not want to invest 2.5 or \$3 million in any kind of infrastructure for policing to have that fail, and not have any return on emergency or safety or impact on the community. So, uh, I'm personally sensitive to those who have stated that they have been let down by police coverage, because I have experienced a lapse in both EMS, and police during emergencies where it's just been very long call times, but it's not always the case. And I also sympathize with our officers who are feeling that they are doing everything that they should be doing and responding very quickly. So, I think we owe it to both sides to get those definitive answers, and do a statistical analysis, and we need to budget something for policing, because I don't see how it could be this board's priority for public safety, and the next board's priority for public safety with nothing on that line. So, thank you.
- Supervisor Cardone: One other. (Inaudible) Last week we (inaudible) fire call on Woodland Road, and that fire call revealed (inaudible) five bedrooms (inaudible).
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Speak into the mic please.
- Supervisor Cardone: Basement and the upstairs was divided up into 10 bedrooms, and there were 14 people living there and, and this is the challenge that we've had with respect to gaining access. The only reason we gained access, is because there was a small fire there. I, our Building Inspector, was away. This, I got the call at like 9:30. Our Building Inspector was away. I, I called our Assistant Building Inspector, who then called our Assistant Building Inspector that lives here, who went out and our Assistant Building Inspector that lives up in Sullivan County said he'd come down. It'd take him about 45 minutes. But there was no need to, since the one that lives here was went on site. He called me about 11:30, and said O&R is just wrapping up. They shut the electric. They shut the gas. And those people still lived in the home for another three days, I think it was. So, that, that's, that's what, what we're dealing with, and that's why we started this discussion and tried to get this rolling back in February. And we would, there was a wall put up. So, we got it rolling. I'm, I'm going to tell you, I'm not going to make a decision on this. I'm just going to give information. This is for the 26 agenda. So, I'm going to make a motion to close the Public Hearing regarding Police Services in the Town.

4.7. Motion to Close the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE Police Services in the Town

2025-#466

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Close the Public Hearing RE Police Services in the Town, leaving open for written comments for 10 days.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Houle

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

4.8. Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE: Local Law A-v1/2025 to Amend Article VI, Ch. 53 Concerning Material Used for Water Pipes in the Town of Monroe and adding Ch. 54 (Communal Water Systems)

2025-#467

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE: Local Law A-v1/2025 to Amend Article VI, Ch. 53 Concerning Material Used for Water Pipes in the Town of Monroe and adding Ch. 54 (Communal Water Systems). *Transcribed by Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The following residents signed up to speak during Public Comment on the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE: Local Law A-v1/2025 to Amend Article VI, Ch. 53 Concerning Material Used for Water Pipes in the Town of Monroe and adding Ch. 54 (Communal Water Systems).

*TRANSCRIBED BY TOWN CLERK VALERIE BITZER

*NO PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS TIME

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: No Public Comment?
- Supervisor Cardone: No. None.
- Councilwoman Bingham: My.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Make a comment. Well, we thought we had her wrapped up until Mr. Nugent said.
- Supervisor Cardone: No, we don't.
- Town Counsel Nugent: No, this is the ductile iron issue that you're talking about. I think the next Public Hearing chapter 53, 54.
- Councilwoman Bingham: 54 right.
- Town Counsel Nugent: Yeah. I think this concerned the material used in the pipes.

- Councilwoman Bingham: Yes.
- Town Counsel Nugent: Which.
- Councilwoman Bingham: And that we were going to delete that one article.
- Town Counsel Nugent: No, that's the next Public Hearing. The next thing we're doing is chapter 53, 54, the communal water systems. This Public Hearing.
- Supervisor Cardone: No, it's, their, I, I joined.
- Town Counsel Nugent: Combined them.
- Councilwoman Houle: Joined them together.
- Supervisor Cardone: I joined them together. I joined them together Brian.
- Town Counsel Nugent: Oooh, okay. Well, I don't know. I. But they're not in the same law, so, I'm not sure we can put them together. They were two different.
- Supervisor Cardone: Ok. So.
- Town Counsel Nugent: I thought they were two different laws.
- Supervisor Cardone: All right. So, then I'll.
- Town Counsel Nugent: But that's fine. I mean, if we want to handle them tonight together, it's.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah.
- Town Counsel Nugent: Not a big deal. But anyway, I think you're talking right about the communal water systems chapter 53,54. So, sorry, you can go ahead.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Okay. So, you had mentioned that because article 11 isn't with the Planning and Zoning, I did reach out to Bonnie Franson, and she also did reach out to Matt Sichler who's their Planning Board Engineer. He also reached out to Dave Fritz, the consultant at MHE that we had used to rewrite chapters 53 and 54. So, we're going to have to continue this Public Hearing at least one more session because we haven't had the opinion from the Planning Board. So, I'm going to just ask that we continue it till November 17th.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Second that. Is that a motion?
- Councilwoman Houle: Well, that was I think just (inaudible).
- Supervisor Cardone: (Inaudible) comment. But we still have to wait for a response from Bonnie.
- Town Counsel Nugent: Yeah, because now there's this additional potential removal of article 11 which is under your subdivision regulations that wasn't considered and part of this draft. So, we need to square that away because if we are doing that, it would be a material change and we have to continue the Public Hearing and allow the public to speak if they wish to on that issue.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Okay.

4.9. Motion to Keep Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE: Local Law A-v1/2025 to Amend Article VI, Ch. 53 Concerning Material Used for Water Pipes in the Town of Monroe and adding Ch. 54 (communal Water Systems)

2025-#468

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Keep Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE: Local Law A-v1/2025 to Amend Article VI, Ch. 53 Concerning Material Used for Water Pipes in the Town of Monroe and adding Ch. 54 (Communal Water Systems) until November 17, 2025, at 7:00 PM or soon there-after.

On a motion by Town Councilmember Bingham, seconded by Town Councilmember Richardson

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town

Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Acceptance of Minutes

5.1. Acceptance of October 20, 2025 Minutes

2025-#469

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Accept the October 20, 2025, Minutes.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Audit of Claims

6.1. General Fund Abstract

2025-#470

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe requests approval of Abstract #25-19 General Fund containing Check # 37468-37523 totaling \$294,242.34.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Houle

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

6.2. Escrow Abstract

2025-#471

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe requests approval of Abstract #25-15 Escrow Fund containing Check # 2254-2255 totaling \$6,109.70.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Bingham

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Budget Transfers

7.1. Budget Transfer Abstract

2025-#472

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe approves Budget Transfer Abstract #2025-11 totaling \$32,998.98 for 2025 Expenditure Adjustments.

ABSTRACT OF BUDGET TRANSFERS
TOWN OF MONROE
DATE OF AUDIT: November 6, 2025
ABSTRACT 2025-11
2025 EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS
DATE GL NO. DESCRIPTION Account Trans In Trans Out
11/6/2025 Highway Garage Auto Insurance A000-5132-4303-00 550.00
Highway Garage Engineering A000-5132-4020-00 550.00
General Repairs Paint DB00-5110-4353-00 14,050.00
Permanent Road Improvements DB00-5110-4400-00 14,050.00
WD#2 Maintenance Contractual SW02-8340-4504-00 12,300.00
WD#2 Water Distribution Equipment SW02-8340-2000-00 12,300.00
WD#10 Source & Supply Equipment SW10-8320-2000-00 250.00
WD#10 Miscellaneous SW10-8340-4109-00 250.00
Town Council Contractual A000-1010-4500-00 4,943.75
Legal Contractual General & Admin A000-1421-4010-00 4,943.75
Dial-A-Ride Uniforms A000-5630-4105-00 500.00
Dial-A-Ride Miscellaneous A000-5630-4109-00 500.00
Dial-A-Ride Fire Inspections A000-5630-4271-00 121.00
Dial-A-Ride Janitorial Supplies A000-5630-4281-00 121.00
Senior Center IT Maintenance A000-7620-4223-00 31.25
Senior Center Woodshop Tools & Supplies A000-7620-4303-02 31.25
Senior Center Water Usage A000-7620-4240-00 107.36
Senior Center Woodshop Tools & Supplies A000-7620-4303-02 107.36
Senior Center Building Repair & Maintenance A000-7620-4303-00 145.62
Senior Center Woodshop Tools & Supplies A000-7620-4303-02 145.62
32,998.98 32,998.98

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Houle

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Cash Transfers

8.1. Cash Transfer Abstract

2025-#473

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe made a Motion to approve Abstract #2025-09, in the amount of \$650,000 for cash transfers to/from investment funds.

CASH TRANSFERS TO/FROM INVESTMENT FUNDS

TOWN OF MONROE

DATE OF AUDIT: November 6, 2025

ABSTRACT #CASH 2025-09

DATE GL NO. DESCRIPTION Account Trans To Trans From

9/15/2025 Consolidated Savings DA00 Fund DA00-0201 100,000.00

NYCLASS Investment DA00 Fund DA00-0240 100,000.00

Consolidated Savings DB00 Fund DB00-0201 300,000.00

NYCLASS Investment DB00 Fund DB00-0240 300,000.00

Consolidated Savings SL00 Fund SL00-0201 20,000.00

NYCLASS Investment SL00 Fund SL00-0240 20,000.00

Consolidated Savings SR00 Fund SR00-0201 220,000.00

NYCLASS Investment SR00 Fund SR00-0240 220,000.00

Consolidated Savings SW00 Fund SW00-0201 10,000.00

NYCLASS Investment SW00 Fund SW00-0240 10,000.00

650,000.00 650,000.00

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

New Business

9.1. Travis Small, Part-Time Bus Driver, Dial-A-Ride

2025-#474

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Resolution approving Travis Small for the position of Part-Time Bus Driver, Dial-A-Ride at an hourly rate of \$22.47 with an anticipated start date of November 12, 2025. Travis has been preapproved for employment by Orange County Department of Human Resources.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Houle

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

9.2. 2026 Contract for Fire Protection to Town of Monroe Fire Protection District

2025-#475

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion Authorizing the Supervisor to sign the 2026 Contract for Fire Protection in the amount of \$1,835 to be charged upon the signing of the agreement to the Fire Protection District.

On a motion by Town Councilmember Houle, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

9.3. Bald Hill Estates - Bond Reduction Request #1

2025-#476

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to approve Bald Hill Estates — Bond Reduction Request #1. The Bald Hill project Design Professionals (Civil Tech) have submitted a revised site work cost estimate associated with completed work to date and in support of Bond Reduction Request #1. If approved by the Town Board this would reduce the current performance surety of \$1,855,047.15 to \$441,555.51.

MHE, the town's engineer, has reviewed this request and would take no exception to the Town Board approving this.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Bingham

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

9.4. Dial-A-Ride, 2025 Title VI Plan Submission to the Federal Transit Administration

2025-#477

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made the following Resolution by Supervisor Cardone and seconded by Councilman Scancarello:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE DIAL-A-RIDE OF MONROE TITLE VI SUBMISSION TO THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Monroe, New York ("Town Board") from time to time reviews its laws, rules and regulations to be certain the same are consistent with all current lawful practices as well as best practices to ensure that persons working for the Town are provided with a workplace that is compliant with Title VI Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Monroe Dial-A-Ride (“DAR”) is a subrecipient of Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) financial assistance through a grant from Orange County; and

WHEREAS, the Town is required to adopt a policy relating to the Title VI Plan as updated and approved by Department of Transportation (“DOT”) which contains new regulations and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to adopt the revised Title VI Plan as presented to the Town Board for the Town DAR program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that:

Section 1. The above “WHEREAS” clauses are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The Town Board hereby adopts and approves the current October 2025 Dial-A-Ride Monroe Title VI Submission to the Federal Transit Administration in the form presented to the Town Board.

Section 3. The Town Supervisor and any other officer, employee or consultant as directed by the Town Supervisor, is hereby authorized to take any and all necessary actions to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Anthony Cardone, Supervisor	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Dorey Houle, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Mary Bingham, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Sal Scancarello, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Maureen Richardson, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

9.5. Request for Proposals, Highway Department Site Remediation

2025-#478

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion for a Request for Proposals, Highway Department Site Remediation after Attorney Review of the Contract.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Bingham

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

2025-#478A

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion for the Clerk to submit the request of proposal with a due date of December 10, 2026, for Highway Department Site remediation.

On a motion by Town Councilmember Houle, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

9.6. Request for New Stop Sign Installation

2025-#479

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to approve Request for New Stop Sign Installation (Jupiter Dr. & Orion Ave. Intersection).

The Highway Department has received concerns from residents in the neighborhood surrounding the intersection of Jupiter Drive and Orion Avenue. The area in question serves

as a school bus stop at the end of Jupiter Drive, and residents have reported ongoing issues with vehicles speeding and failing to stop or yield when entering Orion Avenue. To address these safety concerns and improve traffic control in the area, the Highway Department is requesting authorization from the Town Board to install a new stop sign at this intersection.

9.7. Water Relevies

2025-#480

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe approves the levying of outstanding water bills (see attached list of properties by SBL's) totaling \$186,562.30 of the following properties to the 2026 Town & County Tax Bills Total Water Levy:

SECTION SUB SEC BLOCK LOT AMOUNT

21	000	1	10	\$	2,027.30
21	000	1	13	\$	396.00
21	000	1	14	\$	36.30
21	000	1	18	\$	138.60
21	000	1	19	\$	1,040.60
21	000	1	22	\$	294.80
21	000	1	27	\$	38.50
21	000	2	3	\$	644.60
21	000	2	6	\$	1,584.00
21	000	2	7	\$	1,026.30
21	000	2	9	\$	915.32
21	000	2	10	\$	281.60
21	000	2	17	\$	238.70
21	000	3	2	\$	1,197.90
21	000	3	4	\$	969.10
21	000	3	7	\$	797.50
21	000	3	8	\$	181.50
21	000	3	10	\$	2,055.90
21	000	3	11	\$	640.20
21	000	3	12	\$	726.00
21	000	3	13	\$	110.00
21	000	3	14	\$	697.40
21	000	3	18	\$	540.10
31	000	1	31	\$	534.60
31	000	1	32	\$	1,002.10
44	000	1	1	\$	139.70
44	000	1	4	\$	1,383.20
44	000	1	5	\$	113.30
44	000	1	6	\$	453.20
44	000	1	9	\$	466.40
44	000	2	2	\$	61.60

44 000 2 3	\$	100.10
44 000 2 5	\$	347.60
44 000 2 6	\$	413.60
44 000 2 10	\$	119.90
44 000 2 12	\$	147.60
44 000 2 13	\$	232.10
44 000 3 2	\$	420.20
44 000 3 3	\$	1,040.60
1 000 1 63	\$	339.90
1 000 1 65	\$	1,087.90
1 000 1 69	\$	511.50
1 000 1 73	\$	1,555.40
25 000 1 1	\$	697.40
25 000 1 4	\$	1,898.60
25 000 1 7	\$	367.40
25 000 4 4	\$	1,469.60
25 000 4 8	\$	310.20
26 000 1 2	\$	2,198.90
26 000 1 8	\$	297.00
26 000 1 11	\$	1,112.10
26 000 1 12	\$	943.80
26 000 1 13	\$	653.40
26 000 2 1	\$	2,084.50
26 000 2 2	\$	42.00
26 000 2 3	\$	1,040.60
26 000 2 4	\$	926.20
26 000 2 6	\$	281.60
26 000 2 12	\$	729.19
26 000 2 14	\$	1,784.20
26 000 3 1	\$	438.90
26 000 4 1	\$	110.00
26 000 4 8	\$	1,698.40
26 000 4 10	\$	610.50
26 000 4 12	\$	1,126.40
26 000 4 13	\$	654.50
26 000 4 14	\$	533.30
26 000 4 16	\$	28.60
26 000 6 1	\$	554.40
26 000 6 3	\$	210.10
26 000 6 4	\$	154.00
26 000 7 2	\$	691.60
26 000 7 8	\$	662.40
26 000 7 9	\$	825.00

26 000 7 10	\$	525.80
27 000 1 1	\$	1,483.90
27 000 1 1	\$	497.20
27 000 1 1	\$	297.00
27 000 2 2	\$	854.70
27 000 2 3	\$	726.00
27 000 2 5	\$	668.80
27 000 2 6	\$	859.10
27 000 2 14	\$	200.29
27 000 3 4	\$	911.90
27 000 7 1	\$	625.90
27 000 4 1	\$	167.20
27 000 4 2	\$	997.70
27 000 4 4	\$	115.50
27 000 4 6	\$	440.00
27 000 5 1	\$	224.40
27 000 5 2	\$	324.50
27 000 5 5	\$	148.60
27 000 5 7	\$	281.60
27 000 5 9	\$	840.40
27 000 6 7	\$	997.70
27 000 6 8	\$	869.00
27 000 6 8	\$	940.50
64 000 1 12	\$	338.80
64 000 1 13	\$	181.50
64 000 1 14	\$	253.00
64 000 1 15	\$	1,269.40
64 000 1 16	\$	1,020.80
64 000 1 20	\$	1,069.20
64 000 1 22	\$	1,345.37
64 000 1 23	\$	1,012.00
64 000 1 26	\$	1,340.90
64 000 1 28	\$	1,827.10
64 000 1 29	\$	768.90
24 000 1 47	\$	5,101.80
24 000 1 64	\$	571.09
24 000 1 66	\$	67.10
24 000 1 66	\$	830.50
30 000 1 3	\$	847.00
30 000 1 4	\$	2,035.00
30 000 1 5	\$	462.00
30 000 1 7	\$	334.50
30 000 1 9	\$	913.00

30 000 1 12	\$	275.00
30 000 1 15	\$	638.00
30 000 1 16	\$	847.00
30 000 2 1	\$	467.50
30 000 2 3	\$	181.50
30 000 2 10	\$	451.00
30 000 2 10	\$	324.50
30 000 3 3	\$	484.00
30 000 3 4	\$	638.00
30 000 3 7	\$	170.50
30 000 3 8	\$	577.50
30 000 3 9	\$	550.00
30 000 4 2	\$	495.00
5 000 1 4	\$	840.40
5 000 2 1	\$	840.40
5 000 2 7	\$	840.40
5 000 3 2	\$	420.20
5 000 3 4	\$	840.40
5 000 3 5	\$	840.40
5 000 4 4	\$	840.40
5 000 4 5	\$	630.30
5 000 4 13	\$	640.40
5 000 4 22	\$	840.40
5 000 5 5	\$	210.10
5 000 5 6	\$	620.40
5 000 6 3	\$	840.40
5 000 6 4	\$	630.30
5 000 6 5	\$	840.40
5 000 6 10	\$	840.40
5 000 7 3	\$	840.40
219 000 1 1	\$	840.40
69 000 1 31	\$	2,470.60
69 000 1 33	\$	2,198.90
69 000 1 34	\$	1,626.90
69 000 1 35	\$	6,102.80
69 000 1 36	\$	353.10
69 000 1 39	\$	2,241.80
69 000 1 40	\$	1,684.10
69 000 1 41	\$	1,598.30
69 000 1 42	\$	24.55
69 000 1 43	\$	56.80
69 000 1 48	\$	1,727.00
69 000 1 49	\$	2,027.30

69 000 1 77	\$	973.50
69 000 1 78	\$	1,727.00
69 000 1 80	\$	1,541.10
69 000 1 82	\$	1,098.35
69 000 1 83	\$	1,612.60
69 000 1 84	\$	1,927.20
69 000 1 85	\$	2,084.50
69 000 1 89	\$	1,812.80
69 000 1 93	\$	1,741.30
69 000 1 94	\$	2,842.40
69 000 1 104	\$	2,084.50
69 000 1 105	\$	1,955.80
69 000 1 106	\$	421.63
69 000 1 107	\$	1,898.60
69 000 1 109	\$	453.20
69 000 1 110	\$	1,848.00
69 000 1 111	\$	1,312.30
69 000 1 112	\$	1,126.40
69 000 1 113	\$	1,541.10
69 000 1 114	\$	2,270.40
69 000 1 115	\$	52.90
69 000 1 116	\$	1,612.60
69 000 1 117	\$	1,841.40
69 000 1 118	\$	2,070.20
69 000 1 119	\$	1,211.10
69 000 1 120	\$	1,302.40
69 000 1 121	\$	520.30
69 000 1 122	\$	3,943.50
69 000 1 123	\$	324.50
69 000 1 124	\$	381.70
69 000 1 125	\$	267.30
69 000 1 126	\$	1,197.90
69 000 1 127	\$	2,198.90
2 000 1 17	\$	522.11
2 000 1 18	\$	942.60
1 000 3 30	\$	1,145.60
1 000 3 28	\$	771.80
1 000 3 31	\$	700.40
1 000 3 27	\$	1,045.50
1 000 3 27	\$	888.70
1 000 3 27	\$	514.20
2 000 1 16	\$	614.30
1 000 3 26	\$	1,001.40

TOTAL WATER LEVY \$186,562.30

WD #1 \$18,114.92

WD #2 \$5,439.10

WD #7 \$3,494.70

WD #8 \$49,559.45

WD #10 \$6,570.49

WD #12 \$10,691.00

WD #14 \$13,236.50

WD #15 \$71,309.53

WD #17 \$8,146.61

\$186,562.30

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Bingham

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

9.8. Recommendation of Award, Water District 14 Improvements Survey

2025-#481

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion approving (2) proposals for survey work for Water District 14. MHE, the town's engineer, has made the recommendation that the Town of Monroe award the Monroe Water District #14 Improvements Survey Work to Tectonic Engineering Consultants, Geologists & Land Surveyors, D.P.C.

Company Name

Tectonic Engineering Consultants, Geologists & Land Surveyors, D.P.C.

Fee

\$30,950.00

Schedule of Completion

6 Weeks

Company Name

Control Point Associates Inc. P.C.

Fee

\$49,450.00

Schedule of Completion

4 – 6 Weeks

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Houle

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson
Nays: None
Abstain: None

Old Business

10.1. Village of Monroe Tax Exemption Request, Items 3 and 4, Town Highway Budget

2025-#482

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made the following Resolution by Councilwoman Houle and seconded by Supervisor Cardone:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTIAL EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN ITEMS IN HIGHWAY LAW § 141(4) FROM THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES IN THE VILLAGE OF MONROE

WHEREAS, the Town of Monroe ("Town") received correspondence and a Petition from the Village of Monroe ("Village"), dated September 2, 2025, requesting that the Town exempt all property within the Village from the levy and collection of taxes levied in the Town as provided for in New York State Highway Law § 141, subdivisions 3 and 4; and

WHEREAS, within the Petition, the Village petition specifically included a request for exemption from taxes levied for the cutting of brush under the provisions of Highway Law § 141(4), under the miscellaneous items provision of those subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered the request of the Village and desires to grant a partial exemption only of the levy and collection of taxes levied under subdivision 3 and 4 of Highway Law § 141(4) as it relates to cutting of brush.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. The above "WHEREAS" clauses are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. Without regard to the factual assertions in the Village's Petition, which are not concurred with by the Town, the Town Board hereby approves an exemption from the levy and collection of taxes in the Village limited to brush cutting services as currently provided by the Town, with the understanding that the Village will be responsible for all brush cutting related services in the Village upon the cessation of the levy and collection of taxes by the Town for such purposes.

Section 3. Upon the cessation of the levy and collection of taxes from the Village residents for such purposes, the Town will continue to refrain from providing any such brush cutting services to the Village and/or its residents, except upon payment for such services as shall be agreed upon by the Town and Village.

- Section 4. To the extent that any court of law should determine that the Town is not authorized to grant a partial exemption under Highway Law § 277 and 141(4) as set forth herein, the Town expresses that it would deny the Village Petition entirely and withdraw the partial exemption granted herein.

- Section 5. The Town Supervisor, employee or town consultant, upon direction of the Town Supervisor, is authorized to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

- Section 6. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Anthony Cardone, Supervisor	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Dorey Houle, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Mary Bingham, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Sal Scancarello, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Maureen Richardson, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

On a motion by Town Councilmember Houle, seconded by Town Supervisor Cardone

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

10.2. Village of Harriman Tax Exemption Request, Items 3 and 4, Town Highway Budget

2025-#483

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made the following Resolution by Councilwoman Houle and seconded by Supervisor Cardone:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTIAL EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN ITEMS IN HIGHWAY LAW § 141(4) FROM THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES IN THE VILLAGE OF HARRIMAN

WHEREAS, the Town of Monroe ("Town") received correspondence and a Petition from the

Village of Harriman ("Village"), dated September 9, 2025, requesting that the Town exempt all property within the Village from the levy and collection of taxes levied in the Town as provided for in New York State Highway Law § 141, subdivisions 3 and 4; and

WHEREAS, within the Petition, the Village petition specifically included a request for exemption from taxes levied for the cutting of brush under the provisions of Highway Law § 141(4), under the miscellaneous items provision of those subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered the request of the Village and desires to grant a partial exemption only of the levy and collection of taxes levied under subdivision 3 and 4 of Highway Law § 141(4) as it relates to cutting of brush.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. The above "WHEREAS" clauses are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. Without regard to the various inaccurate factual assertions in the Village's Petition, which are not concurred with by the Town, the Town Board hereby approves an exemption from the levy and collection of taxes in the Village limited to brush-cutting services as currently provided by the Town, with the understanding that the Village will be responsible for all brush cutting related services in the Village upon the cessation of the levy and collection of taxes by the Town for such purposes.

Section 3. Upon the cessation of the levy and collection of taxes from the Village residents for such purposes, the Town will continue to refrain from providing any such brush cutting services to the Village and/or its residents, except upon payment for such services as shall be agreed upon by the Town and Village.

Section 4. To the extent that any court of law should determine that the Town is not authorized to grant a partial exemption under Highway Law § 277 and 141(4) as set forth herein, the Town expresses that it would deny the Village Petition entirely and withdraw the partial exemption granted herein.

Section 5. The Town Supervisor, employee or town consultant, upon direction of the Town Supervisor, is authorized to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 6. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Yea

Nay

Abstain

Absent

Anthony Cardone, Supervisor	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Dorey Houle, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Mary Bingham, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Sal Scancarello, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Maureen Richardson, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

On a motion by Town Councilmember Houle, seconded by Town Supervisor Cardone

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

10.3. Road Improvement Petition, Seven Springs Road Realignment

2025-#484

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Monroe Made a Resolution authorizing and approving an Order Calling for a Public Hearing in the form presented to the Town Board regarding a Petition to re-align Seven Springs Road in the Town of Monroe.

Resolution was made by Supervisor Cardone and seconded by Councilman Scancarello:
A RESOLUTION AND ORDER CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING PROPOSED HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO SEVEN SPRINGS ROAD

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Monroe, held at the Town of Monroe Town Hall, 1465 Orange Turnpike, Monroe, New York 10950 on the 6th day of November 2025, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Monroe has determined that the public interest and convenience require the improvement of certain streets or highways within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements are to the section of Seven Springs Road between the intersection of Seven Springs Mountain Road and the area north of Lanzut Court starting at "G" Road, a distance of approximately 1,950 feet ("Subject Location") including improvements to both the horizontal and vertical alignment of the Subject Section of Seven Springs Road, as depicted in the Preliminary Roadway Realignment Plan attached as Appendix C to the Colliers Letter ("Preliminary Road Improvement Plan") in the Petition; and

WHEREAS, the estimated maximum cost of said improvements, including all preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto, is approximately \$4,665,468.36; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Monroe shall not be required to finance the improvements which shall be paid for by the Petitioner and at no cost to the Town residents; and

WHEREAS, the Petition filed includes maps, plans, and report describing the proposed improvements and the area benefited are on file in the office of the Town Clerk at 1465 Orange Turnpike, Monroe, New York 10950 and are available for public inspection during normal business hours.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Town Board shall hold a public hearing to consider the proposed highway improvements, at which time all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that such public hearing shall be held on the 1st day of December 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Monroe Town Hall meeting room at 1465 Orange Turnpike, Monroe, New York 10950; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a notice of such public hearing in the Town's official newspaper, the Times-Herald Record, no less than ten (10) nor more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the scheduled public hearing, and to post a copy of said notice on the sign board of the Town; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the notice shall specify the time and place of the public hearing, provide a general description of the proposed improvements, the maximum proposed expenditure, and the proposed method of financing, as required by applicable law.

The resolution authorizing this order was thereupon declared duly adopted.
On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

2025-#484A

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to set a Public Hearing for December 1, 2025, for the Proposed Highway Improvements of Seven Springs Rd. at 7:00 PM or soon there-after.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Bingham

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Public Comment

11.1. Rules for Public Comment

11.2. Public Comment

The following residents signed up to speak during Public Comment:

- Jack Collins: Read Letter of Resignation from the Town of Monroe Ethics Board.

Possible motion to adjourn to Executive and or/ Attorney Client Session

12.1. Enter into Executive Session

*NO ACTION AT THIS TIME

Return to Regular Meeting

13.1. Return to Regular Meeting

*NO ACTION AT THIS TIME

Adjournment

14.1. Adjournment of Meeting

2025-#485

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to adjourn the meeting of October 6, 2025, at 8:34 PM.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None