

MONROE TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

— 04/21/2025

MONROE TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA (Monday, April 21, 2025)

*Generated by Valerie Bitzer *Public Hearing transcribed by Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer*

Members present

Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello, Dorey Houle

Town Counsel Brian Nugent

1. Call to Order

Discussion,Information,Procedural: 1.1 Pledge to the Flag

2. Motion to Open Town Board Meeting

Action (Resolution): 2.1 Motion to Open Town Board Meeting of April 21, 2025

2025-#187

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Town Board Meeting of April 21, 2025, at 7:01 PM.

Motion by Sal Scancarello, second by Dorey Houle.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello, Dorey Houle

3. Community Announcements

Information: 3.1 2025 Clean Sweep

The 2025 Monroe Clean Sweep event will take place on Saturday, April 26th beginning at 8 a.m. at Monroe Town Hall located at 1465 Orange Turnpike. Electronic Recycling, Shredding and Tire Recycling will be available onsite to Town of Monroe residents. Additionally, this year we will be adding textile recycling.

To hear Supervisor Cardone RE 2025 Clean Sweep, please go on-line to board Doc's Video Clip #3.1, 0:0:49.

Information: 3.2 Arbor Day Celebration at Mombasha Park

Free sapling to first 100 residents. Saturday, April 26, 2025, Mombasha Park, 1:00pm. Troop 440 will be assisting in planting a few trees.

To hear supervisor Cardone RE Arbor Day Celebration at Mombasha Park, please go on-line to board doc's Video Clip #3.2, 0:2:05.

Information: 3.3 Blood Drive at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

St. Paul Lutheran Church

21 Still Rd., Monroe, NY 10950

Saturday, April 26, 2025

9:00am-2:00pm

Appointments are highly recommended. For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

All that donate, get an exclusive American Red Cross T-Shirt while supplies last.

Donating Blood Saves Lives & Benefits St. Paul Lutheran Church

Download the Blood Donor App

American Red Cross

The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give Blood.

To hear Supervisor Cardone RE Blood Drive at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.3, 0:2:55.

Information: 3.4 Free Rabies Clinic

FREE RABIES CLINIC MAY 17, 2025

9 am - 12 noon

Woodbury Community Center

3 Coach Wilson Trail

Highland Mills, NY 10930 ("The Rez")

Free Rabies Vaccinations for Dogs, Cats and Ferrets.

****Reservations Suggested**

Contact us at AnimalControl@WoodburyNY.US

Sponsored by The Pets I Love, Monroe, NY

DOG LICENSE APPLICATIONS ALSO AVAILABLE

For the towns of Woodbury and Monroe (Fee applies, cash only please)

Organized by The Town Of Woodbury Animal Shelter

To hear Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer RE Free Rabies Clinic, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.4, 0:03:36.

Information: 3.5 Re-cap of MW Job Fair

400 students registered for the Job Fair. Over 100 kids got jobs that evening. Most of the vendors that were there will be back next year.

To hear Councilman Scancarello RE Re-cap of MW Job Fair, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.5, 0:04:42.

Information: 3.6 Repair Cafe

We need volunteers with these skills:

- Sewing and stitching
- Electrical and mechanical repairs
- Knife and scissors sharpening
- Minor wood repairs
- Jewelry cleaning and fixing
- Bicycle repairs

Volunteers need to bring equipment and tools in their area of expertise. Electricity outlets will be available.

Please email us if you are interested in being a Repair Café fixer on Saturday, 28 June 2025: monroenyrepaircafe@gmail.com Or text 862-377-4493. Visit the Monroe Conservation Commission Facebook page as well.

Scheduled for 28 June 2025, 10am-2pm

Location: Monroe Town Hall

To hear Councilwoman Houle RE Repair Cafe, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.6, 0:05:09.

4. Public Hearing

Action (Resolution): 4.1 Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 14

2025-#188

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 14.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone, second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello, Dorey Houle

The following signed up to speak during Public Comment regarding the Continuation of the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 14. To hear their comments, and Board Members responses, please go on-line to Board

Docs Video Clip #4.1, 0:6:38.

****NO PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS TIME**

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: No Public Comment.
- Supervisor Cardone: No Public Comment. Any update?
- Councilwoman Bingham: Well, we just did receive the report from Quinn Malarkey today at 5:00. So, it's 66 pages and I haven't had a chance to read it yet.
- Councilwoman Houle: You haven't read it yet?
- Councilwoman Bingham: The recommendation though is for an air stripper in the long term that would be more beneficial, and cost effective, compared to the other GAK system that was considered for the disinfection byproducts. So, we should still keep the public hearing open now that we have that information from McGoey Hauser Edsal they can start finishing up the report that the, engineering report that we actually need.
- Supervisor Cardone: Right. You want to do it on the 19th of May or June 2nd?
- Councilwoman Bingham: June 2nd I think would be good.
- Supervisor Cardone: Okay.

Action (Resolution): 4.2 Possible Motion to Keep Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 14

2025-#189

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Keep Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 14 until June 2, 2025, at 7:00 PM or soon there-after.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone, second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello, Dorey Houle

5. Acceptance of Minutes

Action (Resolution): 5.1 Acceptance of April 7, 2025 Minutes

2025-#190

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to accept the April 7, 2025 Minutes.

Motion by Mary Bingham, second by Dorey Houle.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello, Dorey Houle

6. Audit of Claims

Action (Resolution), Discussion: 6.1 General Fund Abstract

2025-#191

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe requests approval of Abstract #25-8 General Fund containing Check #36643 - 36706 totaling \$332,485.20.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone, second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello, Dorey Houle

7. New Business

Information, Presentations: 7.1 Eagle Scout Project, Mombasha Park

Presentation by Eagle Scout candidate Siddharth Ranganathan of Troop 440 regarding his proposed Eagle Scout project at Mombasha Park.

- Installation of new signboard at Mombasha Park (ballpark)
- Fundraising: GoFundMe, possible car wash at Town Hall, pancake breakfast, event at Jake's Wayback, and will talk about it at Arbor Day event

To hear presentation by Eagle Scout candidate Siddharth Ranganathan of Troop 440 regarding his proposed Eagle Scout project at Mombasha Park and Board Members responses, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #7.1, 0:09:40.

Action (Resolution), Discussion: 7.2 Sawyer Catalano, Seasonal Laborer

2025-#192

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Resolution approving Sawyer Catalano for the position of Seasonal Laborer at an hourly rate of \$20 and seasonal period of May 28, 2025 - August 12, 2025. Sawyer has been preapproved for this position by Orange County Department of Human Resources.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone, second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello, Dorey Houle

Information: 7.3 Resignation, Highway Superintendent

Resignation of elected Highway Superintendent James "Pat" Patterson, effective April 9, 2025.

To hear Supervisor Cardone RE Resignation, Highway Superintendent, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #7.3, 0:14:20.

Action (Resolution), Discussion: 7.4 Appointment, Deputy Highway Superintendent

2025-#193

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Resolution appointing William (Bill) Brown to the position of Deputy Highway Superintendent effective April 10, 2025, with an annual stipend of \$6,500. Term to expire 12/31/2025.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone, second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello, Dorey Houle

Action (Resolution), Discussion: 7.5 Carla McNamara, Assessor

2025-#194

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion regarding the Appointment of Carla McNamara to the position of permanent Assessor for the Town of Monroe, effective October 1, 2025 for a 6-year term. Carla McNamara meets the minimum qualification standards for sole appointed assessor as prescribed in the Real Property Tax Law and 20 NYCRR 8188 and determined by New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. Carla is currently the Acting Assessor filling the term set to expire on September 30, 2025.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone, second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello, Dorey Houle

Action (Resolution), Discussion: 7.6 Resolution regarding Counsel in the matter of Village of Monroe, et al. v Town of Monroe, et al

Second preceding was filed by the Villages. The first preceding was dismissed in favor of the Town. For reasons that are not quite clear, they filed the same case with the same claims. Town needs to respond to that.

2025-#195

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Resolution authorizing Feerick Nugent MacCartney PLLC to appear and defend the Town in the matter of Village of Monroe, et al. v Town of Monroe, et al (Orange County Supreme Court Index No. EF002602-2025).

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone, second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello, Dorey Houle

Action (Resolution), Information: 7.7 Resolution RE Motorhome Parking on Town Property for Work in Archive Room for Grant

2025-#196

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Resolution allowing Warren Records Management to park their motorhome at Town Hall while they work on the Archiving Grant. They are expected to be on site Monday afternoon/early evening on May 5, 2025, for approximately 63 days. They will have access to electrical connections, and the Village and State Police will be notified of their presence. COI will be provided.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone, second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello, Dorey Houle

8. Old Business

Discussion, Information: 8.1 Water Main Pipes, Bald Hill

Request RE Bald Hill developments for a potential substitution of C-900 PVC pipe in place of ductile iron water mains which are specified on the project plans specified on the project plans for Bald Hill Estates and are a requirement in our Code. Our Engineers are on the side of the ductile iron and are steadfast with respect to that. If there was a change, there's a little caveat in the Code that allows us to forego the ductile. But, if that did happen, we would want some sort of an agreement that we would not take over that Water System. The Applicant sent over a very generic request to their Engineer who sent it to our Engineer. Their request seemed too vague and generic as to the reason. WD 12 when they redid the water mains there, they used PVC piping. It was acceptable to OC Board of Health and the American Water Works Association. Supposed to last longer. Ductile pipe, 50 years. C-900, supposedly 70-90 years. Supposed to be able to take more pressure. More positives for it. If you make a tap into a Ductile pipe, (wet tap) it's easier than PVC. Has less buildup of scale on the inside, so water flows more easily through it. Will help with the pressure as a water system ages because scale does build up on the pipes. You can't find it with a metal detector when doing leak detection. We had a private contractor do from part of Laura towards Sylvia that was also PVC pipe. Has some benefits.

To hear discussion between Board Members RE Water Main Pipes, Bald Hill, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #8.1, 0:20:17.

Action (Resolution), Discussion: 8.2 Monroe Commons, Landscape Plan

2025-#197

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Table the Matter RE Monroe Commons, Landscape Plan until May 5, 2025.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone, second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello, Dorey Houle

9. Public Comment

Information: 9.1 Rules for Public Comment

Discussion, Information: 9.2 Public Comment

****NO PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS TIME**

10. Community Announcements Continued

Information: 10.1 MW Middle School (All County Competition)

MW Middle School Band, Orchestra and Chorus will be competing at All County Saturday, April 26, 2025.

To hear Councilwoman Houle RE MW Middle School (All County), please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #10.1, 0:25:40.

Information: 10.2 Additional Info RE Clean Sweep

Parking will be in the upper parking lot and the lower lot will be for recycling and the dumpsters for electronics, tires and textiles.

To hear Supervisor Cardone RE Additional info RE Clean Sweep, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #10.2, 0:26:31.

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

Information: 11.1 Enter into Executive Session

****NO ACTION AT THIS TIME**

12. Return to Regular Meeting

Information: 12.1 Return to Regular Meeting

****NO ACTION AT THIS TIME**

13. Adjournment

Action (Resolution): 13.1 Adjournment of Meeting

2025-#198

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe adjourns the meeting of April 21, 2025, at 7:27 PM.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone, second by Dorey Houle.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello, Dorey Houle

