

MONROE TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

— 05/19/2025

MONROE TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA (Monday, May 19, 2025)

Generated by Valerie Bitzer

Members present

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

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 May 19, 2025

2025-#211

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Town Board Meeting of May 19, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3. Community Announcements

Information: 3.1 Troop 440 Eagle Scout Fundraiser at Jake's Wayback Burgers

Join Troop 440 Eagle Scout Fundraiser at Jake's Wayback Burgers Tuesday, May 20th 4-8pm

816 NY-17M, Monroe, NY

Help support the beautification of the Mombasha Park Sign

To hear Supervisor Cardone RE Troop 440 Eagle Scout Fundraiser at Jake's Wayback Burgers, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.1, 0:1:48.

Information: 3.2 St. Paul Lutheran Church Mission Trip Car Wash Fundraiser

St. Paul Lutheran Church Mission Trip Car Wash Fundraiser

All proceeds will go to funding the Youth Mission Trip to Wilmington, North Carolina this Summer!

May 31st 9am-2pm

21 Still Rd., Monroe, NY

St. Paul Lutheran Church Parking Lot

Cost: Free Will Donation

Please support the youth of St. Paul Lutheran Church by dropping by our car wash! Donations are welcome!

To hear Supervisor Cardone RE St. Paul Lutheran Church Mission Trip Car Wash Fundraiser, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.2, 0:2:23.

Information: 3.3 Mobile DMV Update

All Mobile DMV visits to Municipalities for the month of May have been cancelled. Please continue to visit the Orange County Mobile DMV web page at <https://www.orangecountygov.com/2226/Mobile-DMV-Unit> for schedule updates for June.

To hear Supervisor Cardone RE Mobile DMV Update, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.3, 0:2:43.

Information: 3.4 Lions Club Community Youth Fishing Derby

Monroe Lions Club Community Youth Fishing Derby

FREE EVENT

NO FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED

YOUTH NEED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT/PARENT OVER 18

ONE ROD/YOUTH Bait: WORMS ONLY

Date: Saturday June 28, 2025

Rain Date: Sunday June 29, 2025

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Place: Millpond Parkway (across from movie theater)

Sign up: 8:15 a.m. to 8:55 a.m. Fishing Clinic: 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

"Bookworms" provided by Monroe Free Library

Catch & Release Prizes

Fun for Everyone

Contact: jomcelroy88@hotmail.com if interested in a child's participation or volunteering to help with Derby

Beck's Hardware of Monroe will be supplying coffee, hot chocolate and donuts for participants and parents.

Age categories 5-6 7-8 9-10 11-12

Youth/Parent must be present at the end of the Derby to collect any prizes

To hear Councilwoman Bingham RE Lions Club Community Youth Fishing Derby, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.4, 0:3:00.

Discussion, Information: 3.5 Library Re-Cap RE Disco Party/Community Yard Sale

70's Disco Party had 90 Attendees who participated. They had music, dancing and crafts. The library appreciates all who attended. Community Yard Sale was rained out and rescheduled for May 31, 2025. Please contact JoAnn

To hear Councilwoman Bingham RE Library Community Yard Sale, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.5, 0:4:44.

Information: 3.6 Monroe Repair Cafe

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS Monroe 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

Scheduled for 28 June 2025, 10am-2pm

Location: Monroe Town Hall

To hear Conservation Commission Chairperson Dennis Fordham RE Monroe Repair Cafe, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.6, 0:6:00.

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

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, 0:7:47.

****NO Public Comment as this was originally scheduled for June**

- Supervisor Cardone: Okay. Nobody probably signed up.
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: No, because this was for June.
- Supervisor Cardone: Because it was scheduled for June. My error. So, nobody signed up.

2025-#212

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, Maureen Richardson

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-#213

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 Maureen Richardson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Resolution), Discussion: 4.3 Set Public Hearing Date: FY-2026 Community Development Block Grant

2025-#214

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to set Public Hearing Date for FY-2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for June 2, 2025, at 7:00 PM or soon there-after. The Town invites public comments and suggestions regarding projects to be considered for funding under the Orange County Community Development Block Grant Program.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5. Acceptance of Minutes

Action (Resolution): 5.1 Acceptance of May 5, 2025 Minutes

2025-#215

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to accept the May 5, 2025, Minutes.

Motion by Dorey Houle, second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello, Dorey Houle, Maureen Richardson

Abstain: Supervisor -Tony Cardone

6. Audit of Claims

Action (Resolution), Discussion: 6.1 General Fund Abstract

2025-#216

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe requests approval of Abstract #25-10 General Fund containing Check # 36762 - 36836 totaling \$425,024.39.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Resolution), Discussion: 6.2 Escrow Fund Abstract

2025-#217

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe requests approval of Abstract #25-07 Escrow Fund containing Check # 2212 - 2214 totaling \$3,762.25.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7. Cash Transfer

Action (Resolution), Discussion: 7.1 Cash Transfer Abstract

2025-#218

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe made a Motion to approve Abstract #2025-03, in the amount of \$440,000.00 for cash transfers to/from investment funds.

CASH TRANSFERS TO/FROM INVESTMENT FUNDS

TOWN OF MONROE

DATE OF AUDIT: May 19, 2025

ABSTRACT #CASH 2025-03

DATE GL NO. DESCRIPTION Account Trans To Trans From

Consolidated Savings DB00 Fund DB00-0201 200,000.00

NYCLASS Investment DB00 Fund DB00-0240 200,000.00

Consolidated Savings SR00 Fund SR00-0201 160,000.00

NYCLASS Investment SR00 Fund SR00-0240 160,000.00

Consolidated Savings SW00 Fund SW00-0201 50,000.00

NYCLASS Investment SW00 Fund SW00-0240 50,000.00

Consolidated Savings SW01 Fund SW01-0201 30,000.00

NYCLASS Investment SW01 Fund SW01-0240 30,000.00

440,000.00 440,000.00

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8. Budget Transfer

Action (Resolution), Discussion: 8.1 Budget Transfer Abstract 25-01

2025-#219

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe approves Budget Transfer Abstract #2025-01 totaling \$37,095.00 for 2025 Expenditure Adjustments.

ABSTRACT OF BUDGET TRANSFERS

TOWN OF MONROE

DATE OF AUDIT: MAY 19, 2025

ABSTRACT 2025-01

2025 EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS

Requested By: Highway

DATE GL NO. DESCRIPTION Account Trans In Trans Out

5/5/2025 Highway Garage Auto Insurance A000-5132-4600 8,900.00

Highway Garage Engineering A000-5132-4020 8,900.00

5/5/2025 Water Admin Miscellaneous SW00-8310-4109 1,000.00

Water Admin Miscellaneous SW00-8340-4109 1,000.00
WD #1 Distribution Equipment SW01-8340-2000 26,900.00
WD #1 Contingency Account SW01-1990-0000 10,000.00
WD #1 Legal Contractual SW01-8310-4010 2,000.00
WD #1 Maintenance Contractual SW01-8340-4504 1,750.00
WD #1 Miscellaneous SW01-8340-4109 13,150.00
WD #7 Property Taxes SW07-1950-4000 150.00
WD #7 Engineering Contractual SW07-8310-4020 150.00
WD #12 Property Taxes SW12-8310-4601 55.00
WD #12 Engineering Contractual SW12-8310-4020 55.00
WD #14 Property Insurance SW14-8310-4601 90.00
WD #14 Source & Supply Equipment SW14-8320-2000 90.00
37,095.00 37,095.00

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Resolution), Information: 8.2 Budget Transfer Abstract 25-04

2025-#220

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe approves Budget Transfer Abstract #2025-04 totaling \$1,000.00 for 2025 Expenditure Adjustments (Court).

ABSTRACT OF BUDGET TRANSFERS

TOWN OF MONROE

DATE OF AUDIT: MAY 19, 2025

ABSTRACT 2025-04

2025 EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS

Requested By: Justice Court

DATE GL NO. DESCRIPTION Account Trans In Trans Out

5/15/2025 Justice Court Printing, Advert. & pu A000-1110-4102-00 200.00

Justice Court Education, Dues & Mtgs A000-1110-4189-00 800.00

Justice Court IT Support A000-1110-4223-00 1,000.00

1,000.00 1,000.00

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Resolution), Information: 8.3 Budget Transfer Abstract 25-02

2025-#221

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe approves Budget Transfer Abstract #2025-02 totaling \$1,233.68 for 2025 Expenditure Adjustments.

ABSTRACT OF BUDGET TRANSFERS

TOWN OF MONROE

DATE OF AUDIT: MAY 19, 2025

ABSTRACT 2025-02

2025 EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS

Requested By: A Fund

DATE GL NO. DESCRIPTION Account Trans In Trans Out

5/6/2025 GASB 75 OPEB Contractual A000-1320-4500-02 115.00

GASB 34 Fixed Assets Contractual A000-1320-4500-01 115.00

5/6/2025 Assessor Vehicle Maintenance A000-1355-4301-00 211.94

Assessor Vehicle Fuel A000-1355-4304-00 211.94

5/6/2025 Theater Bldg Property Insurance A000-1622-4601-00 562.92

Theater Bldg Repair & Maintenance A000-1622-4303-00 562.92

5/6/2025 34 Millpond taxes A000-1952-4000-02 159.49

Sewer Assessment A000-1950-4000-13 159.49

5/6/2025 Alex Smith Pavilion Other Expenses A000-7120-4109-00 43.00

Alex Smith Pavilion Insurance A000-7120-4601-00 123.76

Alex Smith Pavilion Repair & Maintenance A000-7120-4303-00 166.76

5/6/2025 Mombasha Park Insurance A000-7121-4601-00 17.57

Mombasha Park Repair & Maintenance A000-7121-4303-00 17.57

1,233.68 1,233.68

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Resolution), Information: 8.4 Budget Transfer Abstract 25-03

2025-#222

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe approves Budget Transfer Abstract #2025-03 totaling \$2,650.00 for 2025 Expenditure Adjustments (General Repairs).

ABSTRACT OF BUDGET TRANSFERS

TOWN OF MONROE

DATE OF AUDIT: MAY 19, 2025

ABSTRACT 2025-03

2025 EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS

Requested By: Highway

DATE GL NO. DESCRIPTION Account Trans In Trans Out

5/14/2025 General Repairs Guard Rails DB00-5110-4352-00 2,650.00

General Repairs Equipment DB00-5110-2000-00 2,650.00

2,650.00 2,650.00

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

9. New Business

Discussion, Information: 9.1 Short Term Rental Application, 112 Osseo Park Road (SBL# 58-1-1.2)

Discussion regarding Short Term Rental application submitted by applicant Camille Tokerud for 112 Osseo Park Road (SBL# 58-1-1.2). Three area variances are required to satisfy the appeal pursuant to Town Code Section 40-7 (A) (5). A public hearing regarding this is currently scheduled with the Zoning Board of Appeals for May 27, 2025. This will be added to the June 2, 2025, Agenda as well.

To hear discussion regarding Short Term Rental Application, 112 Osseo Park Road (SBL# 58-1-1.2), please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #9.1, 0:15:24.

Action (Resolution), Discussion: 9.2 Employee Resignation, Laura Ippoliti, Dial-A-Ride

2025-#223

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to accept the resignation of Laura Ippoliti, Dial-A-Ride Employee/Driver effective May 8, 2025.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Resolution), Discussion: 9.3 Water Administrator

2025-#224

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to approve a \$2,500 additional stipend for the additional duties John Mulligan has for Water Administrator.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Resolution), Discussion: 9.4 Town Hall Summer Hours

2025-#225

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to approve 2025 Employee Summer Hours for Town Hall.

Monday - Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., 30-minute lunch

Thursday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., 1 hour lunch

Friday: Town Hall Closed

Effective beginning the week of June 9, 2025 with normal business hours of Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., resuming Tuesday, October 14, 2025 (All Town Offices are closed Monday, October 13th in observance of Columbus Day).

*Week of June 30th (Modified Schedule for Independence Day Holiday): Monday, Tuesday: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Thursday & Friday: Town Hall Closed

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Discussion, Information: 9.5 Eagle View Estates, Recommendation for Performance Security
Eagle View Estates Recommendation for Performance Security, Planning Board Application
#18-168

The subject project received conditional final subdivision, site plan and special use permit approval from the Planning Board. The project involves the 2-lot subdivision of the existing 1.12-acre parcel for the construction of single-family dwellings on each lot. The Planning

Board required a Landscaping Security for the project. The applicant has prepared a cost estimate for the landscape security. Based on the estimate, the town's engineer, MHE, has recommended the landscaping security should be in the amount of \$14,322.00. The Board would like to review and hopefully get Mr. Schaeffer an answer by June 2, 2025.

To hear discussion between resident Glenn Schaeffer and Town Board, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #9.5, 0:23:31.

Action (Resolution), Discussion, Information: 9.6 Board Meeting Agenda Software Proposals

To hear Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer RE Board Meeting Agenda Software Proposals, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #9.6, 0:39:32.

2025-#226

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to approve quote from Civic Plus for \$18,188 for the first year beginning in August, and the following year \$19,500 (\$19,488). *Bundle Quote: Next Request/Agenda Meeting Management

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Discussion, Information: 9.7 Ongoing Community Cleanup

One More Bag Program

Town of Monroe Highway Department has orange bags. Contact Angelina at the Highway Garage 845-783-1900 x137. Stop down at Highway to pick up a bag. Let her know the area you'll be cleaning up. Bags can be left on the side of the road and will be picked up in 2-3 days.

Action (Resolution), Information: 9.8 Amendment to Fee Schedule

There was discussion regarding any additional fees to be added for the new Local Law RE tree Preservation. This matter was Tabled until June 2, 2025.

To hear Conservation Commission Chairperson Dennis Fordham, and Town Board Members RE Amendment to Fee Schedule/Tree Preservation, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #9.8, 0:46:15.

2025-#227

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to add Marriage Officer Fee of \$75 to be included in Fee Schedule and added to Town Website.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Resolution), Discussion, Information: 9.9 Deputy Highway Superintendent MOA

2025-#228

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion for the Supervisor to sign Memorandum of Agreement RE William Brown, Deputy Highway Superintendent.

1. Effective April 10, 2025, and through December 31, 2025, the Town shall pay William Brown a stipend based on an annual stipend rate of \$6,500 for performing the additional duties of Deputy Highway Superintendent of the Town Highway Department. Such duties include those that would be performed by the Highway Superintendent under NYS Town Law and NYS Highway Law.

2. The stipend payment shall be paid bi-annually and shall be prorated due to William Brown commencing the Deputy Highway Superintendent duties on April 10, 2025. The bi-annual 2025 stipend payments and total paid for 2025 shall be as follows:

July 11, 2025 bi-annual payment: \$1,500.00

December 12, 2025 bi-annual payment: \$3,250.00

Total Stipend amount to be paid for 2025: \$4,750.00

Motion by Dorey Houle, second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Resolution), Information: 9.10 Resignation RE Jack Beyar, Justice Court

2025-#229

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to accept the Resignation RE Jack Beyar, Justice Court effective June 6, 2025.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

10. Old Business

Action (Resolution), Discussion, Information: 10.1 Water Main Pipes, Bald Hill

Finalization has not been met yet. The Supervisor has been in touch with our Engineers. The Supervisor's reservation if we decide to go to C-900 is that he's not sure he wants the Town to take over that Water District. Not sure if we can circumvent that in the future if it goes under. This will be added to the June 2nd Agenda.

2025-#230

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Table the matter RE Water Main Pipes, Bald Hill until June 2, 2025.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Nay: Mary Bingham, Maureen Richardson

Action (Resolution), Discussion, Information: 10.2 Home Rule RE: Hotel Tax

2025-#231

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made the following Resolution by Councilwoman Richardson and seconded by Councilwoman Bingham:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ENACTMENT OF STATE LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO ADOPT A HOTEL / MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX ALSO PERTAINING TO SHORT TERM RENTALS

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Monroe recognizes the financial benefit of establishing a hotel / motel occupancy tax to generate revenue for local services, infrastructure, and tourism-related expenses; and

WHEREAS, such a tax cannot be imposed by the Town without enabling legislation from the New York State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, State Senator James Skoufis has introduced a bill authorizing such legislation for similarly situated municipalities, including Monroe, and the Town of Monroe seeks to enact similar legislation tailored to its jurisdiction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Town Board of the Town of Monroe hereby formally requests that the New York State Legislature enact legislation authorizing the Town of Monroe to impose a hotel or motel occupancy tax, consistent with the language introduced by Senator Skoufis at 5% into the general fund.

2. The Town Supervisor is authorized to transmit this request to Assemblyman Karl Brabenec and Senator James Skoufis for introduction of a "same as" bill in both houses of the Legislature.

3. Upon introduction of the bill and assignment of bill numbers, the Town Board shall consider a subsequent resolution to authorize the Supervisor and Town Clerk to execute the required home rule request forms pursuant to the New York State Constitution.

Subject to approval of Legal Counsel.

Motion by Maureen Richardson, second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Aye: Mary Bingham, Maureen Richardson

Nay: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Sal Scancarello, Dorey Houle

11. Public Comment

Information: 11.1 Rules for Public Comment

Discussion, Information: 11.2 Public Comment

The following spoke during Public Comment. To hear their comments, and Town Board members responses, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #11.2, 1:09:34.

- Christina Kiesel: Talked about what she believes to be a violation of ethical conduct by Councilwoman Maureen Richardson. Christina Kiesel spoke on behalf of a resident who made an innocuous comment on social media on May 3rd as she prefers to remain anonymous in order to protect her identity. The comment that was posted by the resident was in reference to a candidate that's running for Town Supervisor. The comment was a statement of support. After complimenting a candidate on social media, Councilwoman Richardson sent a barrage of harassing private messages to this private citizen, and Christina read those messages into the record.

"Given the fact that you are autistic and advocate for autistic rights you should probably stop saying that people have no people skills. Also, take a look at our prior chats where I listen to your grievances, helped you and spent hours doing it. I wouldn't call what you're doing now a normal reaction or a quote people skills either. You should probably think for yourself instead of being an insulting high school bully driven by a hive mind of Skoufis sycophants. The Democratic candidates can't win the general election. Harassing someone on a personal level after having a stroke is a crappy thing to do. Also, I am going to be a council person here for 2.5 more years at the very least. This is just stupidity." To my knowledge, Miss Richardson is neither a neurologist nor a psychiatrist and therefore does not have the credentials to diagnose someone with autism. Her use of the term autistic in these private messages is

highly inappropriate particularly in light of the fact that the recipient of her messages is not in fact autistic. Councilwoman Richardson's comments are harassing, bullying and offensive to the autistic community. To label someone as autistic and use this label as an argument as to why the person shouldn't be discussing people skills on a community platform is ableist and offensive. As a leader and Elected Official in Monroe, this behavior warrants an apology at the very least. I realize that the upcoming local race for Town Supervisor is highly contentious. However, there's no excuse for a sitting Council Person to abuse their position on the board in an attempt to silence the First Amendment rights of a private citizen. Thank you."

Councilwoman Richardson commented that, "This is the most ridiculous thing that I have ever heard in my life. Social media is not a Boardroom. I do not misuse my position on social media because I didn't say as a Council Person with my Town authority, I am saying x, y or z. By the way, I'm autistic. So, yes. I had believed the person I was speaking to was on the spectrum because she posts, and I had believed that we had had that discussion previously. So, no. It was not ableist for me to say stop talking about a person in people's skills because someone had said something pretty nasty about how I had no people skills. You are a member of the Democratic Committee. This was completely personal and so is the person on the Committee. This is political. It's hyper political. You came here today intentionally because you are a Skoufis sycophant, and I'm sick of you. This is a completely interference of the upholding of this building which has a code of conduct for what we're supposed to discuss here and this position is not at all indicated in a social media private message. Not even a post to post but a plea from one person on the spectrum to another who I thought was on the spectrum to say cut it out. Because I have watched you and your girl gang bully me for how long now and it is completely political and I have been silent on it. And if I want to message someone person to person and tell them to cut it out I'm going to do so. The same way that I just told you to your face that I find your highly inappropriate behavior to be bullying for years now. You are also the same individual that has been asked to stop using the Monroe Downtown Revitalization to boost yourself politically because the Village of Monroe already has a Revitalization Committee and you are asked to step down from it because of your bullying behavior and you couldn't get along with Mayor Dwyer. So I don't really know what's going on tonight because you've made a lot of allegations about public officials stealing Grant money and taking it and putting it towards an illegal gazebo and Skoufis not intervening and all of these claims that you've made over the years. But here we are. The first time you come to a Town Board meeting in how many years is during an Election to talk about an Election. To talk about a private message that I had asked someone to cut the cut the crap. Yeah. So I'm not going to apologize for that because the comments made were petty and inappropriate and I've watched you do it for years. So thanks for coming."

Councilwoman Houle commented that Councilwoman Richardson needs thicker skin and that she is a public official in the public domain and be able to live with the fact that people are going to say unkind things about you on social

media.

Supervisor Cardone commented that "If you went back a few years all you did was come up to this podium and attack people on this Board." Supervisor Cardone also commented to Christina Kiesel that if you or the person is serious that you file a complaint with the Ethics Board that that would be the avenue to take here.

Town Counsel Nugent let the speaker comment as he heard there was an allegation of ethical violation of an elected public official. He said "This isn't a Campaign speech. This sounds like somebody who is talking about statements you made that involve Town business."

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

Information: 12.1 Enter into Executive Session

****NO ACTION AT THIS TIME**

13. Return to Regular Meeting

Information: 13.1 Return to Regular Meeting

****NO ACTION AT THIS TIME**

14. Adjournment

Action (Resolution): 14.1 Adjournment of Meeting

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe adjourns the meeting of May 19 2025 at 8:18 PM.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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