

MONROE TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

— 10/07/2024

MONROE TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA (Monday, October 7, 2024)

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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

Information: 2.1 Moment of Silence

Moment of Silence remembering those massacred in Israel on the one-year Anniversary and for those still missing.

To hear Supervisor Cardone RE Moment of Silence, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #2.1, 0:0:18.

Action (Resolution): 2.2 Motion to Open Town Board Meeting of October 7, 2024

2024-#510

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Town Board Meeting of October 7, 2024, at 7:03 PM.

Motion by Sal Scancarello, second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3. Community Announcements

Presentations: 3.1 Rubén Estrada, Fiesta Latina

This matter was Tabled until the next meeting.

Information: 3.2 Town of Monroe Food Truck Festival

To hear Councilman Scancarello RE Town of Monroe Food Truck Festival, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.2, 0:1:19.

Action (Resolution), Information: 3.3 Trunk or Treat

Resolution approving the use of O&R Park located at 61 O&R Road for the Town of Monroe Trunk or Treat event taking place on Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. - 8 p.m. (Rain or Shine) Sign up as a trunk participant is required. Candy, Food, Music, Hayrides, Pumpkin Decorating. Deadline to sign up is October 18th. Register at <https://monroeny.org/community/trunk-or-treat>.

To hear Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer RE Trunk or Treat, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.3, 0:1:49.

2024-#511

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Resolution approving the use of O&R Park located at 61 O&R Road for the Town of Monroe Trunk or Treat event taking place on Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. - 8 p.m. (Rain or Shine) Sign up as a trunk participant is required. Candy, Food, Music, Hay Rides, Pumpkin Decorating. Deadline to sign up is October 18th. Register at <https://monroeny.org/community/trunk-or-treat>.

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

Information: 3.4 Smith's Clove Park Fall Festival

Smith's Clove Park will host a Fall Festival on Saturday, November 2nd from 1-5 p.m. Smith's Clove Park is located at 133 Spring Street. For more information, please visit <https://smithsclovepark.org/>.

To hear Supervisor Cardone RE Smith's Clove Park Fall Festival, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.4, 0:3:25.

Information: 3.5 Coffee With A Cop

To hear Supervisor Cardone RE Coffee With A Cop, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.5, 0:3:51.

Information: 3.6 Early Voting

To hear Councilwoman Houle and Councilwoman Bingham RE Early Voting, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.6, 0:4:35.

Information: 3.7 Village of Monroe Farmers Market

To hear Supervisor Cardone RE Village of Monroe Farmers Market, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.7, 0:5:11.

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

Action (Resolution), Information: 4.1 Enter into Executive Session

2024-#512

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to enter into an Eecutive Session to discuss an employee complaint and investigation.

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

2024-#512A

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Table the Matter of entering into an Executive Session to discuss an employee complaint and investigation until the end of the meeting.

Motion by Maureen Richardson, second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Aye: Mary Bingham, Dorey Houle

Nay: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Sal Scancarello, Maureen Richardson

2024-#512B

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to enter into an Executive Session to discuss an employee complaint and investigation.

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

5. Return to Regular Meeting

Action (Resolution), Information: 5.1 Return to Regular Meeting

2024-#513

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe approves to return to regular session.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Nay: Maureen Richardson

6. Motion From the Floor

Action (Resolution), Discussion, Information: 6.1 Resolution of Censure and Prohibition Regarding Workplace Violence Complaint

2024-#514

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made the following Motion by Councilwoman Houle and seconded by Councilman Scancarello:

RESOLUTION OF CENSURE AND PROHIBITION REGARDING WORKPLACE VIOLENCE COMPLAINT

WHEREAS, following an occurrence at the Monroe Food Truck Festival on June 15, 2024, an employee known to the Town Board filed a complaint involving the conduct of Town Councilwoman Maureen Richardson, alleging that Councilwoman Richardson; and

WHEREAS, the Town's HR Consultant for such complaints, Public Sector HR conducted an investigation of the incident; and

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Richardson declined to cooperate in the investigation at the time it was being conducted; and

WHEREAS, Public Sector HR provided a report and conclusions regarding the investigation on September 18, 2024; and

WHEREAS Public Sector HR concluded that Councilwoman Richardson aggressively shouted and directed foul language at the Town Employee on June 15, 2024, shortly after 9:00 AM, as the Town Employee was attempting to set up for the Food Truck Festival that was taking place later that day; and

WHEREAS, Public Sector HR further concluded that each witness interviewed recalled seeing Councilwoman Richardson shout at the Town Employee and follow the Town Employee as the Town Employee attempted to walk away from Councilwoman Richardson; and

WHEREAS, Public Sector HR further concluded that Councilwoman Richardson engaged in workplace violence directed at a Town employee and Councilwoman Richardson sought out the Town Employee and engaged in conduct that could reasonably be defined as threatening or intimidating behavior, or verbal abuse or harassment in violation of the Town's Workplace Violence Prevention program policy; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to accept such conclusions and take appropriate actions.

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 accepts the conclusions of the September 18th Public Sector HR report as presented to the Town Board and adopts this resolution to censure Councilwoman Maureen Richardson for engaging in workplace violence directed at a Town Employee and violating the Town of Monroe Workplace Violence Prevention Program.

Section 3. The Town Board, in order to best ensure the safety of its employees, consider the concerns of the Town Employee who was previously subject to the improper conduct of Councilwoman Richardson, and to balance the respective rights of the persons involved, hereby issues this directive that Councilwoman Maureen Richardson is prohibited from attending the Monroe Food Truck Festival held at 61 O&R Road and scheduled for October 19, 2024 since the same Town Employee that was the target of her workplace violence conduct will be present and assisting with the Town Food Truck Festival in the same manner as the Town Employee was doing on June 5, 2024 during which the workplace violence incident occurred.

Section 4. Such prohibition on attendance of Councilwoman Richardson at the event shall be for the period from 9:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. on October 19, 2024.

Section 5. In the event of a violation of this directive, the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute any and all documents required of any police agency with authority over the Food Truck Festival location to initiate a trespass charge on behalf of the Town of Monroe.

Section 6. The Town Supervisor, or his designee, is authorized to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 7. 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.

Motion by Dorey Houle, second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Nay: Mary Bingham

Abstain: Maureen Richardson

7. Public Hearing

Action (Resolution): 7.1 Resolution Cancelling the Public Hearing Scheduled for October 21, 2024, RE: WD 1 Increase and Improvements *Public Hearing transcribed by Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer

2024-#515

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made the following Resolution:

The Town's engineer is working on the treatment option for Water District #1 and a map, plan and report will be prepared once that work is done. A public hearing will be scheduled at that time.

Section 1. The resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Monroe, Orange County, New York, adopted September 16, 2024, calling for a public hearing for the increase and improvement of facilities of the Water District No. 1, pursuant to Section 202-b of the Town for October 21, 2024, is hereby rescinded.

Section 2. The Town Clerk is hereby ordered to take all necessary and appropriate measures consistent with the intent of this resolution.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

To hear Supervisor Cardone and Councilwoman Bingham RE Resolution Cancelling the Public Hearing Scheduled for October 21, 2024, RE: WD 1 Increase and Improvements, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #7.1, 0:16:42.

- Supervisor Cardone: So, we, we are still awaiting the complete scope of work from MHE. And the, our Bond Counsel suggested we hold off. I know that there are a number of residents that were reaching out to ask if we would apply for Grants for it. I have applied already for a Restore NY Grant through our Grant Writers. That application deadline is December 20th. So, we will have, we will have that in place by then. It's, it's, it's a tough Grant to obtain. So, if we get it, it'd be great. The, that Grant is specifically targeted for a distressed community. But that doesn't mean communities such as ours and others who are not distressed would not be able to get the Grant. Mary, I don't know if you wanna (inaudible).

- Councilwoman Bingham: Yeah, I did speak with Shawn, the Engineer as well. It's gonna take a couple a months for all these improvements to be reworked. There is gonna be an item later on in the Agenda where the new engineering costs are gonna be approximately \$40,000. So, that's something the resident should be aware (inaudible). Shawn has also agreed that he will provide when the time comes, a cost to the residents of the entire project. If you apply for a Grant and you have to meet (inaudible), excuse me, specific criteria. I did (inaudible) email several people. Has to do with minority women and disabled Veterans and prevailing wages and there's another one. You have to use certain materials. Iron, and copper, and steel from US manufacturers. So, all those costs have a tendency to raise the price up of a project. But he would also do it like a cost analysis to see if we didn't get a Grant and you did it with just regular contractors how much that would be. So, that's my comment.

- Supervisor Cardone: Okay. Call to question on the cancelling of it.

- Councilwoman Bingham: Bingham Aye.

- Councilman Scancarello: Scancarello Aye.

- Supervisor Cardone: Cardone Aye.

- Councilwoman Houle: Houle Aye.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Richardson Aye.

- Supervisor Cardone: Okay, and we'll get back to you at a later date as to when we will reschedule it.

Action (Resolution), Discussion, Information: 7.2 Motion to Open the Continuation of the Re-Opening of the Public Hearing RE: Local Law H-V2 of 2022 to Amend Chapter 57 (Zoning) Concerning the Regulations Governing Tree Preservation *Public Hearing Transcribed by Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer

2024-#516

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Continuation of the Re-Opening of the Public Hearing RE: Local Law H-V2 of 2022 to Amend Chapter 57 (Zoning) Concerning the Regulations Governing Tree Preservation.

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

The following residents signed up to speak for Public Comment for the Continuation of the Re-Opening of the Public Hearing, Local Law H-V2 of 2022 to Amend Chapter 57 (Zoning) Concerning the Regulations Governing Tree Preservation. To hear their comments and Town Board Members responses, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #7.2, 0:19:46.

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

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: No Public Comment.
- Supervisor Cardone: Nope. Okay. So, the comments were in the process of being submitted from the Planning Board to the Town Board. Once we get that, our Planner will get it as well, and then we can move forward and hopefully put this to bed. So.
- Councilwoman Houle: So, we'll keep it open?
- Supervisor Cardone: So, yeah. We're gonna keep it open, and I will say that. We'll keep it open till the 21st? It's two weeks or you wanna go November 7th?
- Councilwoman Houle: (Inaudible)
- Councilwoman Richardson: Yeah.
- Supervisor Cardone: Okay.

Action (Resolution), Discussion, Information: 7.3 Motion to Keep Open the Continuation of the Re-Opening of the Public Hearing RE: Local Law H-V2 of 2022 to Amend Chapter 57 (Zoning) Concerning the Regulations Governing Tree Preservation

2024-#517

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Keep Open the Continuation of the Re-Opening of the Public Hearing RE: Local Law H-V2 of 2022 to Amend Chapter 57 (Zoning) Concerning the Regulations Governing Tree Preservation until November 7, 2024, at 7:00 PM or soon there-after.

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: 7.4 Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE: Zone Change Petition RE: Larkin Dr. (SBL: 2-1-29) *Public Hearing transcribed by Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer

2024-#518

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE: Zone Change Petition RE: Larkin Dr. (SBL: 2-1-29).

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

The following signed up to speak during Public Comment for the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE: Zone Change Petition RE: Larkin Dr. (SBL: 2-1-29). To hear their comments, and Board Members responses, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #7.4, 0:21:26.

****NO PUBLIC COMENT AT THIS TIME**

- Supervisor Cardone: Anybody here to speak on the Larkin Drive?
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: I have no Public Comment.
- Supervisor Cardone: No Public Comment.
- Town Counsel Nugent: Okay.
- Supervisor Cardone: Okay. Sorry. Thanks Brian. So, I'll make a Motion. The, the Applicant asked us to postpone it until next month.

Action (Resolution): 7.5 Motion to Keep Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE: Zone Change Petition RE: Larkin Dr. (SBL: 2-1-29)

2024-#519

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: Zone Change Petition RE: Larkin Dr. (SBL: 2-1-29) until November 18, 2024, 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, Maureen Richardson

Action (Resolution): 7.6 Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 8 *Public Hearing transcribed by Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer

2024-#520

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. 8.

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

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. 8. To hear their comments, and Board Members responses, please go on-line to Board Docs Video Clip #7.6, 0:22:35.

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

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: No Public Comment.
- Supervisor Cardone: No Public Comment. Mary, any, any update or?
- Councilwoman Bingham: Yeah, my thought is we close this. This Bond request originally originated in November of 2021, and it was for 2.7 million for a WIIA Grant, and that was when the Bonding Resolution was also passed in November of 2021. There've been changes again in technology. We have Grid B Filtration. There's things with the water tank there. I think we need to have the Engineer look at that over again and give us the new dollar amount.
- Supervisor Cardone: So, so I'm assuming your, your intentions here are to close this and then reopen another one.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Reopen it.
- Supervisor Cardone: Okay.
- Councilwoman Bingham: When we have the new documents.
- Alright.

Action (Resolution): 7.7 Motion to Close the Continuation of the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 8

2024-#521

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Close the Continuation of the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 8.

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): 7.8 Motion to Open the Public Hearing RE: Local Law D-V1/2024 Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-C *Public Hearing transcribed by Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer

2024-#522

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Public Hearing RE: Local Law D-V1/2024 Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-C.

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

The following residents signed up to speak during Public Comment for the Opening of the Public Hearing RE: Local Law D-V1/2024 Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-C. To hear their comments, and Board Members responses, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #7.8, 0:23:50.

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

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: No Public Comment.
- Supervisor Cardone: No Public Comment. Okay. So, Mr. Nugent, do you have a Resolution there?
- (Inaudible)
- Supervisor Cardone: Sorry. I (inaudible).
- Councilwoman Houle: Actually, on the bottom of Board Doc's.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Number 6.9.
- Councilwoman Houle: Motion and Voting.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Where?
- Councilwoman Houle: Right on the bottom of it.
- Town Counsel Nugent: (Inaudible)
- Councilwoman Houle: Did you want me to read it?
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah. Why don't you to read it Councilwoman Houle.
- Councilwoman Houle: Be it resolve that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe made a Motion to, oh no this is just to open it. Sorry.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Yeah, there's not any.
- Councilwoman Bingham: No there isn't.
- Town Counsel Nugent: Resolution number.
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: It's number 6.12. Things, it, it should be up top. It's 6.12.
- Town Counsel Nugent: At the end of the list of Public Hearings 6.12. It says Resolution to Adopt.

- Councilwoman Houle: Yep.
- Supervisor Cardone: Would you like to read that?
- Councilwoman Houle: Sure.
- Supervisor Cardone: The Whereas Is. Not the Whereas Is. Sorry.
- Councilwoman Houle: Just the Now Therefore be it Resolved.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yep.
- Councilwoman Houle: Now Therefore be it Resolved by the Town Board of the Town of Monroe as follows. Section one, all Whereas paragraphs are Incorporated herein by reference. Section two, the Local Law Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law, Section 3- c as attached here to B and hereby is adopted as Local Law number.
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: 8 of 2024.
- Councilwoman Houle: 8 of 2024 of the Town of Monroe. Section three, the Town Clerk is hereby directed to enter said Local Law into the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law book of the Town of Monroe and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law by filing the Local Law in the office of the Secretary of State in the state of New York. Section four, this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Action (Resolution): 7.9 Resolution Adopting Local Law D-V1, Local Law Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-C

2024-#523

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 ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 8 OF 2024

LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-C

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Monroe, New York ("Town Board") duly noticed a Public Hearing which was held on October 7, 2024 to solicit public comment from any interested party concerning a proposed Local Law on Real Property Tax Levy; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of such proposed Local Law is to authorize the Town Board to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town and to further allow the Town Board to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing on January 1, 2025 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the tax levy limit in accordance with General Municipal Law § 3-c.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Monroe as follows:

Section 1. All "WHEREAS" paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The Local Law Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law § 3-c, as attached hereto, be and hereby is adopted as Local Law No. 8 of 2024 of the Town of Monroe.

Section 3. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to enter said Local Law into the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law book of the Town of Monroe, and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law by filing the Local Law in the Office of the Secretary of State in the State of New York.

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] [] [] []

Mary Bingham, Councilperson [X] [] [] []

Sal Scancarello, Councilperson [X] [] [] []

Dorey Houle, Councilperson [X] [] [] []

Maureen Richardson, Councilperson [X] [] [] []

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Resolution): 7.10 Motion to Close the Public Hearing RE: Local Law D-V1/2024 Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-C

2024-#524

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Close the Public Hearing RE: Local Law D-V1/2024 Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-C.

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: 7.11 Motion to Open the Public Hearing RE: 2025 Town Budget / Benefit Assessment Rolls *Public Hearing Transcribed by Deputy Town Clerk Barbara Singer

2024-#525

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Public Hearing RE: 2025 Town Budget / Benefit Assessment Rolls.

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

The following residents signed up to speak during Public Comment for the Opening of the Public Hearing RE: 2025 Town Benefit Assessment Rolls. To hear their comments and Board Members responses please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #7.11 0:26:47.

- Carol Hawxhurst
- Jim Rogers
- Wayne Mitchell
- Ennetta Palecek and Cheryl Campbell
- Nick Ruscigno
- Alyssa Kezek
- Supervisor Cardone: Madam Clerk.
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: So for public comment I'm going to read the name of the first speaker followed by the name of the next speaker so that you're prepared to come up. Just a reminder you'll have five minutes to comment. First speaker will be Carol Hawxhurst followed by Jim Rogers. Just please state your name when you come up. Thank you.
- Carol Hawxhurst: Good evening everybody. My name is Carol Hawxhurst. I live in Monroe. So when I reviewed the preliminary budget earlier today under planning the line was B0000-8020-4540-00 there was not any money allocated toward reviewing and updating our

comprehensive plan. However I'm glad to see that has since been put on there at \$11000. Since I am not familiar with what this would cost I would like to ask the board if this is a reasonable amount to get this thoroughly reviewed.

- Supervisor Cardone: We're not going to answer questions until the end.

- Carol Hawxhurst: Yes I know that. I know that I know the drill. For those who are present and not familiar the comprehensive plan are the goal's vision for the future of Monroe is imperative that we stay on top of the development trends and the new regulations for the changing environment and ensure we are protecting our natural resources. We also need to analyze the increased traffic and our roadways. We need to all support all the needs of our community. I am respectfully requesting that a committee be formed that includes area residents to discuss the comprehensive plan if that's possible. I know municipalities typically review this plan about every 5 years and we are now past that time and I'm glad to see that there is money in the preliminary budget. I hope it stays there. It is vital for our town to revisit this plan with all the growth that is happening here and it is imperative we have proper planning for that rapid growth. I am respectfully again requesting that these monies will remain in the budget. Thank you.

- Supervisor Cardone: Thank you.

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Jim Rogers. After Jim Rogers will be Wayne Mitchell.

- Jim Rogers: Good evening. I'm here tonight to ask the town board for information on the street light budget for 2025. It is listed at 109526. Now I did a little street light survey in 2018 and 2019 for the town at no cost for the town because I was concerned about the high cost in the budget. We removed illegal lights and lights on private roads and in 2019 the budget went down from 82200 to 47200 saving the town \$35000. So my question tonight is in 2020 it jumped up again to 73269 why? In 2021 it was 43541 and now in 2025 109526. So my question is what is in there besides street lights?

- Supervisor Cardone: (inaudible) on speaking.

- Councilwoman Richardson: I wrote down your question. I'm sorry that's just how the rules for public comment work at this time but I wrote down your question we'll respond. -Jim Rogers: Because it just goes up and down year to year by large amounts. I can understand inflation and whatnot but when it goes from 100 or almost 110 and then next year it's going down next year it goes up. There's got to be a reason for that and especially but now with LED lights it should actually the wattage should go down not up you know. So there's something in there being put on.

- Supervisor Cardone: I'll explain when everyone's done.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Well he still has three minutes to speak if you want it.

- Jim Rogers: Thank you.

- Supervisor Cardone: Thank you.

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Wayne Mitchell. After Wayne is Ennette Palecek and I'm sorry if I pronounced your name wrong and Cheryl Campbell.

- Wayne Mitchell: Good evening Mr. Supervisor ladies and gentlemen Deputy Mayor.

-Supervisor Cardone: Deputy Mayor now.

- Wayne Mitchell: That's right. I'm here to speak on items in regards to the Rye Hill land acquisition properties in the A-line budget. Okay I oppose the A line items in regards to the Rye Hill land acquisition. I believe those should be B line items. The residents of the Village of Harriman should not have to pay for land acquired by the town through litigation. That's it. Thank you.

- Town Attorney Brian Nugent: I would just ask the board when it comes time not to respond with respect to that issue as it is currently pending before the court in litigation but the comments are noted.

- Councilwoman Richardson: So it is the position of the town to do that.

- Town Attorney Brian Nugent: What's that?

- Councilwoman Richardson: It is the position of the town to decline to respond in pending litigation? Okay thank you.

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: After Ennette Palecek and Cheryl Campbell will be Nick Rescigno.

- Ennette Palecek: Hi I'm Ennette Palecek. I live on Hill Crest Ave in Monroe which is up on off the Lake Region Boulevard at the top of Mountain. Our section of the road and I've been living there for 30 years and I've put up with this and I'm finally speaking out does have no drainage. Okay and we have been paying taxes for 30 years. I've made multiple you know calls to the town Highway Supervisor and I've written letters and nothing ever happens. They come up they say we'll look at it and nothing happens and it's been now we're right on like Chester is right behind me and actually all around me. It kind of I have a I actually pay taxes to both towns but the issue is in Monroe and I have like I said absolutely no drainage. I have puddles. The entire road in front of my house is a puddle all year long after it rains. In the winter it's a sheet of ice and there's drainage on the intersection at Midway which is only two houses up for me and there's drainage at Chester which is on Southside and I've been asking for years to get drainage there. It's getting worse. Chester paves their road so now it's that much higher and that much higher every year and everybody's water comes into front of my house. The house next door to me burnt down like 10 years ago. I begged like I wrote letters to the building inspector like don't the grade the yard so that you know of course they graded it. This way all their water is coming into my yard and it's a mess and it's about time that we get drainage on that section of our road. We've paid for years you know we've been paying taxes.

- Supervisor Cardone: (inaudible) again?

- Ennette Palecek: I'm 105 and Cheryl's 106.

- Councilwoman Richardson: What's the street?

- Ennette Palecek: Hill Crest.

- Cheryl Campbell: And I know back in I don't know what year it was.

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Speak into the mic please.

- Supervisor Cardone: State your name.

- Cheryl Campbell: My name is Cheryl Campbell. I live at 106 Hill Crest Ave. Now my dad owned the house previous he passed away but I know for a fact that I have the paperwork and

the certified check that was mailed that everybody on that street had to pay the bond for the Town of Monroe to take the road over because that was a private road at one time. Now they just paved the road not too long ago I was there when they were paving it. I don't know who the supervisor was that I spoke with but I showed him I said are you guys gonna make bumpers so they divert the water or something because now the water's coming down into my driveway into my garage. He goes oh we'll take care of that we'll come back with some gravel we'll put some stone here level it up for it. Never seen it.

- Ennette Palecek: And that would be nice for her but on my side it just sits in my yard. I have a lake in my front yard.

- Councilman Scancarello: When was that? When did that happen? What was the year?

-Ennette Palecek: 1985 you said?

- Cheryl Campbell: Well my father moved in there 1985 so it was a couple years after that the Town of Monroe.

- Supervisor Cardone: I don't mean to ask questions but have you spoken to the present Highway?

- Ennette Palecek: I don't know.

- Cheryl Campbell: I don't know who that is.

- Ennette Palecek: It's been a few years. I've given up.

- Supervisor Cardone: So here's what I want to tell you to do. You speak to that good-look gentleman with the blue eyes. After you leave from the podium and I guarantee you that you'll have something done next year. And I can guarantee that Pat?

- Ennette Palecek: Fix Lake Region Boulevard and we were watching them fix it. Everyone we're like please come down our road and help us.

- Cheryl Campbell: They just put they just put drainage all through Lake Region Boulevard. I said well what about us?

- Supervisor Cardone: That's your guy.

- Ennette Palecek: All right.

- Supervisor Cardone: All right.

- Ennette Palecek: Thank you.

- Supervisor Cardone: Thank you appreciate you coming down voicing your opinion.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Just please keep it equal. If you can't answer other people's questions during their time then you can't answer.

- Supervisor Cardone: I'll run the meeting.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Actually you have to run the meeting fairly.

- Supervisor Cardone: I'll run the meeting. Go ahead.

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Nick Ruscigno. After Nick Ruscigno will be Alysa Kezek.

- Supervisor Cardone: Good evening.

- Nick Ruscigno: Good evening. My name is Nick Ruscigno. I reside on 31 Highridge Road. It was brought to my attention that the roof on our water district needs to be improved and there would be a tax a new tax on our bills this year for it and I just want to know how much more do you think we're going to be paying? And for how long we're going to be paying for it? And

that's pretty much it. Okay. Thank you guys.

- Supervisor Cardone: Thank you.

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Alyssa Kezek.

- Alyssa Kezek: Before I start can I hand out paperwork to the board or is that?

- Supervisor Cardone: Sure.

- Alyssa Kezek: Okay. Good evening members of the board. My name is Alyssa Kezek and I reside on Cedar Cliff Road in Monroe. I serve as the assistant to the building inspector in the building department at the Town of Monroe. Sorry I'm a little have a cold but last year I reached out regarding a salary adjustment but did not receive a response. Since then I have researched the current market for similar positions and submitted a foil request for an updated salary information. Please see the attached documents for reference that I've provided. Currently my salary is 42 which is significantly lower than comparable roles. In Orange County building clerks earn between 49000 and 59000. For example the town of Goshen pays 54000 while the town of Cornwall offers 58000. This disparity not only affects my position but also reflects the hard work of our entire team in the building department who consistently delivers excellent service. I want to clarify that I'm requesting a salary adjustment which is based on current market standards rather than performance. Given the economic conditions and rising inflation addressing this disparity is increasingly important. I respectfully urge the board to consider a salary adjustment that aligns with the market standards for both myself and my colleagues. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to discussing this forward for further and I'm happy to discuss and provide any additional information needed. Thank you.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Thank you.

- Supervisor Cardone: Thank you very much Alyssa.

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

- Supervisor Cardone: Okay. Anybody want to address any questions?

- Councilwoman Richardson: I wrote down the questions if you want me to read them off one by one.

- Supervisor Cardone: No I'm good. Do you want to address?

- Councilwoman Bingham: (inaudible) I just had a question

- Councilwoman Richardson: Do you want to go in order?

- Councilwoman Bingham: for Pat Patterson our Highway superintendent. I think it was Mrs. Campbell said that years ago the road was taken over from a private road to a public road. According to your records it is a public road?

- Highway Superintendent Pat Patterson: This is this is the first time I'm hearing about the situation up there. So I would have to look and see exactly where the maps are Mary.

- Councilwoman Bingham: Okay so yeah we're going to look into that further but that was kind of a concern because I can understand if it was still for some reason not accepted as a public road but yeah we're definitely going to look into that. The master plan yeah I agree we definitely need to start looking into getting the master plan worked on Having a committee is a great idea. I know the last time we did the master plan the committee met for numerous times

we had meetings in the senior center. I'm not quite sure if 11000 is the right amount. I could discuss it with the planner Max Stack and see if he thinks that's inappropriate and then if that is the case we'll leave it that way. If he thinks it needs to be more I'll ask for an adjustment in the budget. And water district one I think is going to be a bigger discussion. I'll let the supervisor address that and then I'll chime in on that and I'll let the rest of the board speak.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Just to touch on what you've already discussed with the 11000 enough for a comprehensive plan redo? This one was an important issue for me as a constituent and getting on the town board one of the first things that I want to look into because on our own town website it says that you know we dedicated to redoing this every five years and we've had such a huge shift in in demographics with the split of Palm Tree becoming its own town since we last did our comprehensive plan. There's just such a huge huge change both with the annexation and with Covid I mean the amount of you know change to society and with the influx to rural suburban areas from New York City and the just sheer amount of developments that are being proposed in the town of Monroe it feels every time that there is a proposal that we are looking to rezone and it's looking like spot zoning to me. So absolutely this is something that is overdue. I do not think that 11000 is enough for a good comprehensive plan redo simply because of the quote that we received for several hydrological surveys studies things that the planning board chairwoman Bonnie Franson and I discussed when the town showed interest in pursuing purchase of development rights the taxation to create a preservation fund essentially based on real estate tax which requires home (inaudible) authorization and a ton of you know planning and proof that the town is dedicated to preservation to seek that process and that was about \$90000. We actually had an opportunity to seek that in grants but because of the false narrative that only liaison can work on issues I was denied the ability of working on that and Supervisor Cardone missed the \$90000 grant deadline which he claimed he was solely responsible for. So unfortunately we don't have that money and don't have any opportunities to get that money and these surveys alone to find out if you know there are sensitive soils hydrophilic soils around Mombasha Lake things like that are all essential to the equality comprehensive plan redo where we would really be identifying open space parcels and sort of I would say preservation overlays like in neighboring communities such as Warwick who have done a fantastic job with their comprehensive plan. So regrettably I do not think 11000 is nearly enough and given the state of our finances and the fact that we seem to be pulling out a million dollars from the fund balance each year in recent years to compensate for whatever is going on I don't think that we will find the money except for grants so I look forward to trying that again.

- Councilwoman Houle: I just want to let everyone know that we are not pulling out a million dollars each year.

- Councilwoman Richardson: In the past two years.

- Councilwoman Houle: No I'm pretty sure that you're wrong. This year we are pulling from the fund balance in a greater amount than we have in the past but last year and the year before that we were nowhere near a million dollars. So I don't want the public to be misled by that.

- Councilwoman Richardson: You can look at.

- Councilwoman Houle: It's in the budget.
- Councilwoman Richardson: It's in the budget. So a million out last time as well. For street light budget I'm confused about that as well sir because we pay an incredible amount to the solar farm which seems to be a completely failed project and we have an incredible amount of credits and solar farm credits that we can't use because the town is so disorganized that it planned to compensate for the village of I believe Palm Tree. It was designed to oh sorry the Village of KJ is what it was at the time and the Village of Monroe and then those two municipalities unfortunately pulled out of the solar farm deal.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Excuse me the Village of Monroe didn't pull out the Village of Kiryas Joel.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Okay but we can't for some reason use because our tax credits don't comply with the tax number. So the Village of Monroe is not currently able to use any credits and therefore I don't believe that they're currently in the deal right now because they're not none of our solar credits are going towards funding the Village of Monroe currently. So whether that's the correct phrasing that they pulled out or that we're just struggling to apply any of those tax credits to them because they would have to get in line with the town of Monroe tax number. We have what is it 200000 in solar credits?
- Councilwoman Bingham: It's over 200000.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Yeah it's about \$200000 or more. I don't have the numbers in front of me in solar farm credits and we're paying a large amount of taxpayer dollars into it and not getting the solar credit out. So the only possible way I could see of using that credit would be street lights so I would like to second the elucidation of the street light budget for the Supervisor. And for the drainage I think Pat covered that correct? You got her address and this is the first time you're hearing of it and you're going to is there any funds that you could allocate to that problem? You know if you can say.
- Highway Superintendent Pat Patterson: Right now we are hitting problem areas. So that's a problem area I'll have to go up there and look and see how extensive the project is before I can even guarantee that we have funds.
- Councilwoman Richardson: How can we budget for it?
- Highway Superintendent Pat Patterson: It could be wedging the black top it could be redoing the road. I'm not sure from here but by the end of the week I'll know more what's going on.
- Councilwoman Richardson: So you'll update us whether we have to add that to the budget because is there like a blanket in the budget from your department right now for but just for predicted emergencies I assume.
- Highway Superintendent Pat Patterson: My permanent roads covers issues like this.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Okay great thank you.
- Supervisor Cardone: Okay (inaudible) Rogers let me just square it away so that you guys are told the truth with lighting. Excuse me. So in 2020 the solar farm was basically finalized but it goes back to the previous board that made the deal on it. Now in 2020 we negotiated an additional I believe it was \$95000 in payment from the operators of the solar farm; a portion of

that was for legal fees; a portion of that were for expenses that we had and then I think there was like maybe 10000 in miscellaneous that we applied that income to. In '21 your numbers were correct except in 2020 it was 43000 not 73 in '21 we had budgeted \$39500. What was expended for street lights is \$107612 that year because of the solar farm and then it went to 86900 and 82800 and currently through this year we've expended \$ 54653 and we budgeted \$122000. As for the credits the village is receiving a small amount and all those we're not disorganized there. Our finance department and I take offense that you blame the finance department.

- Councilwoman Richardson: I did no such thing I blamed you.

- Supervisor Cardone: Okay so you blame me. So our finance department handles all the financing associated with those electric charges. Orange and Rockland when you read the agreement in the guts of the agreement it states that it has to be under one tax ID number. Okay and it is under one tax ID number. Neither the Village nor us would even entertain changing our tax ID number because it would just create too much disorganization. All right so we are applying credits to the lights. The additional charge that we have I'm sorry the additional electric charges that we have from Smith Clove are being applied in credits to Smith Clove so that is being split between the village and the town. The reason being Smith Clove is under the finance department in the town and it's using our tax number here. Okay and as of two weeks ago I believe the amount that we still have in credit is \$283000. We're planning for that. Pat Patterson and I have spoken on the new highway garage that we will make it electric so a lot of those credits could be applied and there's a couple of future buildings that we're looking into where that would those credits would be applied as well. Okay anybody else?

Action (Resolution): 7.12 Motion to Keep Open the Public Hearing RE: 2025 Town Budget / Benefit Assessment Rolls

2024-#526

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Keep Open the Public Hearing RE: 2025 Town Budget / Benefit Assessment Rolls until October 212024 at 7:00PM or soon there-after.

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

8. Acceptance of Minutes

Action (Resolution): 8.1 Acceptance of September 16 2024 Minutes

2024-#527

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to accept the September 162024 Minutes.

Motion by Mary Bingham second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Resolution): 8.2 Acceptance of September 23 2024 Minutes

2024-#528

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to accept the September 23 2024 Minutes.

Motion by Mary Bingham second by Supervisor -Tony Cardone.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

9. Audit of Claims

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 9.1 General Fund Abstract

2024-#529

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe requests approval of Abstract #24-13 General Fund containing Check #35733 - 35838 totaling \$831132.52.

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: 9.2 Escrow Fund Abstract

2024-#530

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe requests approval of Abstract #24-06 Escrow Fund containing Check #2163 - 2167 totaling \$18038.55.

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

10. Cash Transfer Requests

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 10.1 Cash Transfer Abstract

2024-#531

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe made a Motion to approve Abstract #2024-10 in the amount of \$170000.00 to move cash back to funds from NYCLASS investments to cover future expenditures in 2024.

CASH TRANSFERS TO/FROM INVESTMENT FUNDS**TOWN OF MONROE**

DATE OF AUDIT: October 7 2024 #2024-10

To move cash back to funds from NYCLASS investments to cover future expenditures in 2024

Consolidated Savings A000 Fund A000-0201 200000.00

NYCLASS Investment A000 Fund A000-0240 200000.00

Consolidated Savings DB00 Fund DB00-0201 300000.00

NYCLASS Investment DB00 Fund DB00-0240 300000.00

Consolidated Savings H010 Fund H010-0201 140000.00

NYCLASS Investment H010 Fund H010-0240 140000.00

Consolidated Savings SR00 Fund SR00-0201 430000.00

NYCLASS Investment SR00 Fund SR00-0240 430000.00

170000.00 170000.00

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

11. Budget Transfer Requests

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 11.1 Budget Transfer Abstract

2024-#532

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe approves Budget Transfer Abstract #2024-17 in the amount of \$14548.20 for 2024 Expenditure Adjustments.

ABSTRACT OF BUDGET TRANSFERS**TOWN OF MONROEABSTRACT**

DATE OF AUDIT: October 7 2024 ABSTRACT 2024-17

2024 Expenditure Adjustments

DATE GL NO. DESCRIPTION Account Trans In Trans Out

10/7/2024 Justice Court Contractual A000-1110-4500-00 3000.00

Justice Court PS Part Time A000-1110-1030-00 3000.00

Shared Services Equipment A000-1620-2000-00 8000.00

State Police Equipment A000-1621-2000-00 8000.00

Shared Services Janitorial Supplies A000-1620-4281-00 800.00

Shared Services Bldg Repair & Maint A000-1620-4303-00 800.00

Shared Services Contractual A000-1620-4500-00 308.05

Shared Services Equipment Repair A000-1620-4308-00 308.05

Theater Elevator Inspect/maint A000-1622-4270-00 1150.00

Theater Bldg Repair & Maint A000-1622-4303-00 290.15

Theater Building Sewer A000-1622-4250-00 1440.15

Dial A Ride Stationary & Supplies A000-5630-4101-00 1000.00

Dial A Ride Tires A000-5630-4305-00 1000.00

14548.20 14548.20

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

12. New Business

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 12.1 Josette Figueroa Full-time Bus Driver Dial-A-Ride

2024-#533

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Resolution approving Josette Figuerora for the position change from Part-Time Bus Driver to Full-Time Bus Driver at Dial-A-Ride effective October 15 2024. Orange County Department of Human Resources has preapproved this position change. Josette's hourly rate remains \$21.20.

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): 12.2 John Behringer Part-Time Bus Driver Dial-A-Ride

2024-#534

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Resolution approving John Behringer for the position of Part-Time Bus Driver at Dial-A-Ride effective October 15 2024 with an hourly rate of \$21.20. Orange County Department of Human Resources has preapproved John for this position.

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: 12.3 Resignation RE Cameron Rubio Seasonal Laborer (Maintenance Department)

2024-#535

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Resolution accepting the resignation of Cameron Rubio Town of Monroe Seasonal Laborer (Maintenance Department) effective September 27 2024.

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: 12.4 Resignation RE Michele Lynch Court Officer (Town Justice Court)

2024-#536

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Resolution accepting the resignation of Michele Lynch Town of Monroe Court Officer (Town Justice Court) effective October 16 2024.

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) Discussion: 12.5 Highview Drainage Improvements Agreement for Engineering Services

To hear Highway Superintendent Pat Patterson and Town Board Members RE Highview Drainage Improvements Agreement for Engineering Services please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #12.5 0:57:27.

2024-#537

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion authorizing the Supervisor to enter into contract with MHE for Engineering Services related to Highview Drainage Improvements (Design Bidding and Construction Phase Services).

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) Discussion: 12.6 Water District 8 & 10 Agreement for Engineering Services

To hear Councilwoman Bingham RE Water District 8 & 10 Agreement for Engineering Services please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #12.6 1:07:39.

2024-#538

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion authorizing the Supervisor to enter into an Agreement with MHE for Engineering Services related to Water District #8 & #10 Disinfection Byproduct Design Phase Services in a form acceptable to Town Counsel.

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) Discussion: 12.7 Amendment to Owner-Engineer Agreement Water District 1

To hear Supervisor Cardone Town Counsel and Town Board Members RE Amendment to Owner-Engineer Agreement Water District 1 please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #12.7 1:10:10.

2024-#539

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion authorizing the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with MHE to amend the Owner-Engineer Agreement for Water District #1 Pressure Tank Replacement and Various Pump Station Modifications (Agreement Effective Date of 2/17/23).

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) Discussion: 12.8 MHE Engineering D.P.C. Task Order: Street Specification Code Review and Updates

To hear Councilwoman Bingham and Highway Superintendent Pat Patterson RE MHE Engineering D.P.C. Task Order: Street Specification Code Review and Updates please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #12.8 1:13:04.

2024-#540

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion authorizing the Supervisor to enter into contract with MHE Engineering to review D.P.C. Task Order: Street

Specification Code Review and Updates in a final form approved by Town Counsel.

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) Discussion: 12.9 Short Term Rental Application 481 Orchard Hill Rd (SBL #24-2-49)

2024-#541

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING SHORT-TERM RENTAL AT 481 ORCHARD HILL ROAD BY APPLICANT: ABBE GREEN ADISE

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Monroe New York ("Town Board") received an application from ABBE GREEN ADISE aka ABBE GREEN ("Applicant") for approval of a Short-Term Rental at 481 Orchard Hill Road ("Application") in the Town of Monroe ("Town"); and

WHEREAS the Town Building Inspector provided a report dated October 3 2024 regarding the Application and determined that the property was in substantial compliance with the Residential and Fire Code of New York State based on an inspection of the premises on May 19 2024 August 9 2024 and October 3 2024; and

WHEREAS no objection to the granting of a Short-Term Rental permit was received by the Town and accordingly no public hearing was scheduled in accordance with Town Code § 40-8; and

WHEREAS the Town Board desires to approve the Application for a Short-Term Rental at 481 Orchard Hill Road.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that:

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

Section 2. Pursuant to Town Code § 40-8(F) the Town Board hereby determines that:

1) Adequate parking facilities are provided to meet the parking requirement of four off-street parking spaces which are provided in a manner that does not impact the residential character

of the neighborhood.

- 2) No new construction or expansion is proposed relating to the Short-Term Rental.
- 3) The structure and lot are conforming to the requirements of Chapter 40 of the Town Code and that the lot and structure are not considered existing nonconforming uses or buildings.
- 4) Adjoining residences and their yards are generally afforded a reasonable degree of privacy from view by occupants of the proposed vacation residence or partial vacation residence by the imposition of landscaping and privacy fencing.
- 5) The number of permitted short-term rentals surrounding the proposed property are not excessive in number so as to result in adverse character impacts to principal residences in the neighborhood.

Section 3. The Town Board hereby approves the Short-Term Rental Application for 481 Orchard Hill Road subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Continued compliance with the provisions of the Town Code Chapter 40 and NYS Residential and Fire Code with respect to the rental location; and
- 2) Continued maintenance of the existing screening of the property and parking area; and
- 3) The approval of this Application ("Permit") shall expire three (3) years from the date of this Resolution pursuant to Town Code § 40-9; and
- 4) That if the Applicant intends to renew the Permit after the three (3) year period the Applicant submits a renewal application at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the Permit; and
- 5) The Permit may not be transferred except as indicated in Town Code § 40-16; and
- 6) Applicant must report any proposed change in circumstances to the Building Department that would alter the analysis of the factors set forth in Town Code Chapter 40-8(F) relevant to the approval of the Short-Term Rental Permit except that the Applicant shall not be required to report any change in the number of short-term rentals surrounding the property (Town Code § 40-8(F)(5)).

Section 4. The Town Supervisor and any other officer or employee 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 5. 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.

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) Discussion: 12.10 Electronic Recycling/Shredding Event

To hear Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer RE Electronic Recycling/Shredding Event please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #12.10 1:24:42.

2024-#542

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Resolution approving Electronic Recycling/Shredding Event to take place on November 22024 at the Town of Monroe Highway Garage located at 87 Mine Road. Monroe between 9:00AM-12:00PM.

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: 12.11 Agreement for Janitorial Services Town Buildings

Article XX Right to Renew (pg. 5)

The Town hereby has a right to renew this Agreement and may elect to exercise its right to renew on the same terms and conditions of this Agreement annually for a period of one (1) additional year from the effective termination date of this Agreement.

To hear discussion between Town Board Members RE Agreement for Janitorial Services Town Buildings please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #12.11 1:25:22.

2024-#543

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to renew current agreement with D.O.C. Janitorial Services for Town Buildings for one year from the effective termination date of this Agreement. Current Agreement expires January 1 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

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 12.12 2024-2025 JCAP GRANT

Resolution authorizing the Town of Monroe Justice Court to apply for the 2024-2025 JCAP (Justice Court Assistance Program) Grant. The Town authorizes the Court to request up to the maximum amount available. Total of all items requested: \$32136.12. Grant request encompasses the following:

Items Requested

Records Management Quote \$23650

Shelving 5400

Boxes for Records 798.90

Chairs for Clerk's Office 689.97

Cabinets 399.98

Keyboard 134.97

Mouse Pad 35.88

Desk Stand Organizer 112.47

Desk Riser Organizer 479.97

Desk Basket Organizer 106.29

Desk Tray 100.77

Bench Book Ends 19.98

Chair Mat 158.97

Desk Mat 47.97

2024-#544

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Resolution authorizing the Monroe Town Court to apply for a JCAP Grant in the 2024-2025 Grant cycle up to \$32136.12.

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) Discussion: 12.13 GoGov - Town of Monroe App

To hear discussion between Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer Highway Superintendent Pat Patterson and Town Board Members please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #12.13 1:29:15.

2024-#545

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion approving Town of Monroe 12-month subscription to GOGov. This is a Town of Monroe branded mobile app making Government simple for citizens staff & elected officials. GOGov specializes in providing Citizen Request Management Code Enforcement Citizen Notifications Online Permitting & Licensing and Mobile Software to local governments of all sizes. This app would act as an easy way to access our website Constant Contact & other communications and would utilize many of the current functions of CodeRed to communicate information to residents of the Town & Villages as efficiently as possible. This would improve the interactions between our municipality and our residents while also effectively engaging citizens and ensuring transparent communication.

The Price for this would be:

Citizen Notifications & Alerts (Notify) – Unlimited Subscription

\$4800 /year

Services: \$0 Annually: \$4800

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

Information: 12.14 Highway Update

To hear Highway Superintendent Pat Patterson RE Highway Update please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #12.14 1:34:03.

- finishing up with micro pave
- line striper will be coming in
- compost info will be coming
- commended Highway workers

13. Old Business

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 13.1 Village of Monroe Tax Exemption Request Items 3 and 4 Town Highway Budget

2024-#546

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Table the matter RE Village of Monroe Tax Exemption Request Items 3 and 4 Town Highway Budget.

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

14. Public Comment

Information: 14.1 Rules for Public Comment

Discussion Information: 14.2 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 #14.2 1:36:40.

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

15. Adjournment

Action (Resolution): 15.1 Adjournment of Meeting

2024-#547

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe adjourns the meeting of October 72024 at 9:07 PM.

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

