

MONROE TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

— 11/07/2024

MONROE TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA (Thursday, November 7, 2024)

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Members present

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

Town Counsel 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 November 7, 2024

2024-#577

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

Motion by Dorey Houle, second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3. Community Announcements

Discussion, Information: 3.1 County Update by Legislator Pete Tuohy

To hear County Update by Legislator Pete Tuohy and Board Members discussion, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.1, 0:0:57.

- Burn Ban

- Thank you, Veterans

- Sales Tax (quarterly payments based on population) / Mortgage Tax (2x/yr.)

Information: 3.2 Trunk or Treat Recap

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) at O&R Park located at 61 O&R Road. Sign up as a trunk participant is required. Setup will begin at 4:00 p.m. Candy, Food, Music, Hayrides. 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 Recap, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.2, 0:13:39.

- Well attended (attendance increases every year)
- Town of Monroe gave out 630 large bars of candy
- Thank you to all who helped make this a successful event: Angelina (Highway Dept.), Town of Monroe Highway Department, Dial-A-Ride, Maintenance Department, D.J. George, Food Trucks, County and surrounding towns who provided additional lighting

Information: 3.3 Flags for Our Heroes

We are pleased to announce the return of the Flags for Our Heroes Program at Monroe Town Hall. Flags for Our Heroes was created as a program to celebrate the heroes in our lives, both living and deceased. Flags can be flown for a variety of heroes including the men and women who are serving or have served as members of the military, police officers, firefighters, first responders, parents, teachers, coaches, and/or mentors, to name a few.

In honor of Veterans Day, fees collected for sponsored flags this November will be donated to the Orange County Nam Knights in support of their efforts with the Wreaths Across America program. The cost to sponsor a flag is \$25.

The sponsored flags will be displayed on the Field of Honor located on the front lawn of Monroe Town Hall located at 1465 Orange Turnpike from Monday, November 4th through Monday, November 25th.

Completed sponsorship forms should be returned to the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall no later than Tuesday, November 12th. Payment will be accepted in the form of cash or a check made payable to Nam Knights.

<https://conta.cc/3YsAvup>

To hear Supervisor Cardone RE Flags for Our Heroes, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.3, 0:14:48.

Information: 3.4 Recap of Shredding/Recycling Event

To hear Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer RE Recap of Shredding/Recycling Event, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.4, 0:16:08.

- 444 various electronics collected
- Confidential Shredding was acquired by Pro Shred who covered the event. Some trucks still need to be painted.
- Collected about 20 yards of tires

Discussion, Information: 3.5 Fall Leaf Cleanup

To hear Highway Superintendent Pat Patterson RE Fall Leaf Cleanup, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.5, 0:17:31.

- Beginning November 4th (weather permitting)
- Only leaves should be placed in piles along the edge of your property
- Please avoid mixing brush, wood, rocks, pet waste, or other debris with the leaf piles to help keep our teams safe.
- Contact the Highway Department with any questions 845-782-8583

Information: 3.6 Fall 2024 Compost Facility Schedule

To hear Highway Superintendent Pat Patterson RE Fall 2024 Compost Facility Schedule, please go on-line to Board Doc's video clip #3.6, 0:19:03.

- Open from 8AM-2PM rain or shine
- Saturday, November 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd
- We highly encourage residents to utilize the compost facility located on Lakes Rd. on Saturdays
- The Highway Department Compost will remain open on weekends from 8AM-3PM and will be available for all until the weather does not permit.
- Call the Highway Department with any questions 845-782-8583

Information: 3.7 American Legion Post #488 Veterans Day Dinner Dance

American Legion Post #488 will hold their annual Veterans Day Dinner Dance on Saturday, November 9th at the American Legion located at 532 Lakes Road in Monroe.

To hear Councilwoman Houle RE American Legion Post #488 Veterans Day Dinner Dance, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.7, 0:20:26.

- \$50 p/p
- Doors open at 6:00 PM
- Ceremony and Cocktails 6:00-7:00 PM
- Open Bar, Buffet Dinner, DJ, 50/50
- Tickets available at the American Legion or by Venmo @CharlieFernandez2021

Information: 3.8 Orange County Mobile DMV at Town Hall, November 13th

To hear Councilwoman Houle RE The Orange County Mobile DMV will return to Monroe Town Hall on Wednesday, November 13th, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.8, 0:21:13.

- 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, closed 12:00 PM-1:00PM, 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Discussion, Information: 3.9 Monroe Woodbury Community Coalition Teenager Trends

To hear Councilwoman Houle RE Monroe Woodbury Community Coalition Teenager Trends, please go on-line to Board Doc's video clip #3.9, 0:21:50.

- Hosted by MW Community Coalition (vaping, social media, packaging, Narcan training)
- RSVP by November 10th
- 6:30 PM-7:15 PM Topic Discussion
- 7:15 PM-8:00 PM Narcan Training
- Hosted at Monroe Town Hall 1465 Orange Tpke., Monroe, NY
- Questions: monroewoodburycc@gmail.com

Information: 3.10 First Presbyterian Church of Monroe Holiday Fair

The First Presbyterian Church of Monroe (142 Stage Road) will hold a Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 9th from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

To hear Supervisor Cardone RE First Presbyterian Church of Monroe Holiday Fair, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.10, 0:23:35.

- Designer Bags
- Gifts
- Crafts
- Holiday Decor
- Toys
- Call with questions 845-783-1632

Information: 3.11 Dinner for Veterans Hosted by American Legion

To hear Councilwoman Houle RE Dinner for Veterans Hosted by American Legion, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.11, 0:24:02.

- The American Legion Post 488 will be collecting food donations for Thanksgiving

4. Public Hearing

Action (Resolution), Discussion, Information: 4.1 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-#578

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 Mary Bingham.

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 #4.1, 0:24:41.

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

- Supervisor Cardone: Anybody (inaudible).
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: No Public Comment.
- Supervisor Cardone: No Public Comment. Anyone here have any comments?
- Councilwoman Richardson: Just that I spoke with some members of the Commission. Someone is away. They just asked that we hold it over. They assumed that we were not closing it tonight anyway, but they just requested that they have the opportunity to review and integrate the comments into the Law.
- Supervisor Cardone: Okay.

Action (Resolution), Discussion, Information: 4.2 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-#579

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 December 2, 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: 4.3 Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE: 2025 Town Budget / Benefit Assessment Rolls (Public Hearing transcribed by Deputy Town Clerk Barbara Singer)

2024-#580

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the

Continuation of 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 Continuation 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 #4.3, 0:26:01.

- Carol Hawxhurst

- Supervisor Cardone: Okay, so I believe you were presented with the budget tonight. Roberta is here to assist with any questions you may have. We have to close this hearing tonight because it has to be closed by the 15th. We do not have to adopt a budget this evening, we could hold off until our meeting on the 18th.

- Councilwoman Houle: Do we have any public comment?

- Town Clerk: Carol Hawxhurst. Just a reminder, you'll have five minutes for comment.

- Carol Hawxhurst: Good evening, my name is Carol Hawxhurst, I live on Hawxhurst Road. Tony, you were going to follow, good evening everybody, you were going to follow up with Max, our planner, about the total cost to update our comprehensive plan. Please share with us what he said, thank you. I know maybe some of it has been spent to review the tree code. I know you guys have been working on that with Max but I'd like to know that as well. When I was looking at the preliminary budget, around a total of \$42,000 was approved for 2022 and 2023 combined and that was adopted for the comprehensive plan. So, I'm wondering if the money budgeted is still available for that from that time period or was some of it spent. I don't think \$1,000 is enough to put toward our comprehensive master plan and I'm just wondering what the status is with that. Again, what did Max, our planner, say. That was it, thank you, appreciate it.

- Councilwoman Houle: Thank you, Carol.

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

- Supervisor Cardone: Okay, I believe that money goes back into the fund balance, yeah. So, it's in fund balance, Max informed me that normal comprehensive plan these days as extensive as ours, goes for about \$125,000 start to finish. He said most likely because of how well ours was done originally with updates and additions, it'll probably be somewhere around 75 to \$80,000.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Is Bonnie volunteering and assisting with costs in that regard as well?

- Supervisor Cardone: I'm telling you what the price Max gave us.

- Councilwoman Richardson: And I'm asking if Bonnie's free efforts have contributed in

lowering the costs for our town so that we can acknowledge if she's volunteering.

- Supervisor Cardone: I do not know that.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Okay, so because the price that Bonnie quoted us, as well as Max working in tandem for the community preservation plan alone, I know we were seeking a grant for 90,000, so when Max was discussing with you the master plan was he including all of the say hydrological survey studies that we were interested in or was that the base price?

- Supervisor Cardone: That was (inaudible).

- Councilwoman Richardson: Okay so it was a combination of the things we were discussing.

- Supervisor Cardone: I will get confirmation from him on that.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Yeah, that would be great. So basically, right now just preliminarily it was basically the foundations of a community preservation plan rolled in with a master comp redo, alongside some of the more extensive surveys that Bonnie and Max and I and Mary were discussing with them and I'm sorry did you acknowledge how much of a cost was taken out from the master plan for the, was it for the tree law? I know that was a remaining question that I also had.

- Supervisor Cardone: I acknowledged that.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Well will you speak on it?
(inaudible)

- Councilwoman Richardson: I'm sorry the speaker Carol just asked us if some of the master plan line money was allocated to the tree law.

- Councilwoman Bingham: Reviewing the tree.

- Councilwoman Richardson: For consultants and other. We consulted an arborist, was that where the tree law funding came from?

- Supervisor Cardone: Honestly, I do not. There was an arborist that did some work for us.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Yeah.

- Roberta McBride: What was (inaudible)

- Councilwoman Richardson: So, there was an expense, right? I don't know if I'm describing this correctly, there was an expense on the master comprehensive line but obviously we did not work on the master comprehensive plan, so what I interpreted from her question was what was that money allocated toward. We answered that the money that was not spent, returned to the fund balance which means we were not putting it away specifically in a savings account for a master comprehensive plan, so much as allocating for it every year and then not using it and the fund balance is the general balance so.

- Supervisor Cardone: Do know the name of the arborist?

- Councilwoman Richardson: Lee? I actually interviewed with him and I can't remember his last name, Harper?

- Councilwoman Bingham: No, I don't know but Roberta, I noticed we got the new preliminary budget tonight and on line B000-8021-4500-00 in the year to date for 2024, it's now 10,635 so I think for the clarification for the Councilperson and Carol we just want to know how that money was spent.

- Councilwoman Richardson: His name is Leonard Hopper.

- Roberta McBride: Alright, Hopper was not paid out of that line.
- Supervisor Cardone: Paid out of shared services.
- Roberta McBride: Let me let me try to find him by his name.
- Councilwoman Richardson: I think we found a budgeting for the commission didn't we give them a stipend and then they expended it? I don't know how that would show up in the books though. So, the question remains what was taken out of that line if we didn't.
- Councilwoman Bingham: What was spent on that line already for this year?
- Robert McBride: All billings from Nelson Pope.
- Councilwoman Richardson: For general planning services that probably relate to the tree law.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Or the zoning changes.
- Councilwoman Richardson: And is there a difference between paying NVP? Aren't we paying them off other line items as well, for general planning services, do you know why that would be or is it all every payment that we pay to Nelson does that come from that line?
- Roberta McBride: I couldn't answer that without looking.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Okay, yeah if you want to just make a note and get that information to us. Oh, well, no it comes it we have to approve this.
- Roberta McBride: You don't have to approve it tonight. The arborist was paid \$900 in 23, under (inaudible)
- Councilwoman Houle: That looks like conservation.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Yes, the commission got a stipend to consult.
- Roberta McBride: Under the conservation GIS line 8730 4130 in (inaudible).
- Councilwoman Richardson: Okay, it so it looks like whatever services that we consulted with Max, our planner, got expensed off the master plan line but we don't have the specific vouchers right now but I would assume it would be tree law.
- Councilwoman Houle: Well, you can gather those for us, right?
- Roberta McBride: I can look at them, I just don't have the detail in here that would be on the actual paperwork.
- Councilwoman Houle: Sure, sure you can get that information for us via email, right? Thank you, Roberta.
- Supervisor Cardone: Thank you. Anybody else wanted to speak on the budget?
- Councilwoman Richardson: I have a, oh do you mean from the public? Sorry. Is any last calls for the public to discuss about?
- Councilwoman Houle: Do you want to start from the other end? Mary, do you have any comments?
- Councilwoman Bingham: Yes, I do. For years this town board has acknowledged that some of the services by the state troopers aren't sufficient for the needs of the residents and we've talked about a constable for years. I think we should start allocating some money towards either a study to see what the possibilities of that are and.
- Supervisor Cardone: Can't do it, we're over 10,000 people.

- Town Attorney Nugent: Can't do it. The town of the first class can't have a constable.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Okay, so then if we can't do a constable then I think we should start forming some kind of a committee to look into feasibility with the Village of Monroe to see if they'd be willing to work with us.
- Councilwoman Houle: So, the Supervisor and I have already started those conversations with Council. The pieces would be that we would need so that when we do create this feasibility study we know that we're including the right people.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Right, so we need money for a study if this is going to happen in the 2025 year because, as I said, we've been talking about it for years, so I don't know, is \$10,000 an appropriate amount?
- Councilwoman Houle: That's what we're trying to figure out now.
- Councilwoman Richardson: I'm sorry, what specific feasibility study regarding what specific topic? I think your microphone just or I couldn't hear.
- Councilwoman Houle: Law enforcement.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Oh, just establishing a town wide.
- Councilwoman Houle: Taking a look at the needs, what the needs are and what would best provide for those needs.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Okay, that's what kind.
- Councilwoman Bingham: I don't know if she's going to comment on this.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Yes specifically, what are you even talking about when you say a feasibility study regarding law enforcement needs and then why would it be restricted to you and the supervisor and the attorney when this is an extremely important decision by the board to be made and like approaching it and saying that we're doing a feasibility study with absolutely no specifics at all is like.
- Councilwoman Houle: But I did not state that we are doing a feasibility study so if you let me finish.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Please provide us with details.
- Councilwoman Houle: So, here's the thing. We wanted to make sure that we started this conversation between the Supervisor, me and the Council, our attorney, so that we could get right to the point and not have to deal with a whole lot of commentary that takes us away from the things that we need.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Yes, the useless.
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Let her finish speaking please so I can transcribe.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Speaking out of order, you're not a board member.
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: I asked to please let Councilwoman Houle finish speaking.
- Councilwoman Richardson: And you are not a board member.
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: No, I'm not a Board member. I have to transcribe this.
- Councilwoman Houle: Do not talk to her like that.
- Councilwoman Richardson: I have sat.
- Councilwoman Houle: This woman has disrespected and your disruption on this Town

Board.

- Councilwoman Richardson: This is not disruptive. This is an extremely important topic that each of the public has requested.
- Supervisor Cardone: I think Councilwoman Houle has the floor.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Yes please, let's please allocate the floor and then go in order.
- Supervisor Cardone: And before she talks, Madam Clerk, I appreciate that you asked for silence so that you can make sure the transcript is written correctly.
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: This was also discussed at the last meeting.
- Councilwoman Richardson: And it was rude.
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: I'm speaking. last meeting now
- Councilwoman Richardson: It's rude now. It was rude the last time, it was rude the time before that and you trying to monitor and enforce when I speak because of the transcript. The transcript transcribes what occurs at a public meeting. We are not concerned in the course of the people's business in the ease.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yes, we are.
- Councilwoman Houle: We are. Yes, we are absolutely are concerned.
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: If I can't transcribe this.
(inaudible)
- Councilwoman Richardson: Let's go comply with Robert's Rules of Order instead of arbitrarily enforcing on one so.
- Supervisor Cardone: Councilwoman Houle has the floor. I asked Madam Clerk a question. You were never acknowledged so let Councilwoman Houle speak.
- Councilwoman Richardson: I don't need to be acknowledged by you, we all know that.
- Supervisor Cardone: Go ahead, Councilwoman Houle.
- Councilwoman Houle: The comment that I made was that we have started a conversation to understand the elements that we would need to know for a study, to see what we would need for law enforcement, that was my comment, not that we have started a feasibility study. The conversation started with an approved conversation for constable and we learned that we cannot do a constable. So, we've explored some of the other options. Once we have something to report that's substantial then we will bring it to the board but until then there's nothing to report.
- Councilwoman Richardson: There's a difference in reporting to the public when behind the scenes board members work on it. I was the first to email counsel regarding the fact that I did not believe that a constable was legal within our limits for several reasons and asked that that be followed up on. What I am saying, and I think you placed the wrong emphasis, and I can understand why you're trying to correct me. However, I'm saying sweeping Mary's interest and my interest in having a productive investigation of not only the elements to pursue a study in regards to law enforcement with the vague declaration that you are already in talks regarding a feasibility study. I mean.
- Supervisor Cardone: You didn't hear what she said.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Stop speaking.

- Councilwoman Houle: You're still not hearing me.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Why are you speaking while I have the floor now?
- Councilwoman Houle: Because you drone on and on and on and on with words that are just inserted so that you can hear your own voice in your head, that's why
- Councilwoman Richardson: Really, so you're babbling, loud nonsense is very productive right now? Even if I was spelling the Russian alphabet backwards, I have the floor.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Can we move on please?
- Councilwoman Richardson: No, I am literally entitled. Please stop, I am commenting on this law enforcement.
- Supervisor Cardone: Mary, do you have any other comments?
- Councilwoman Richardson: This is not appropriate. I get the exact time to as a board member.
- Councilwoman Houle: This is not appropriate.
- Supervisor Cardone: You haven't been appropriate since you started here.
- Councilwoman Richardson: The time, by the rules outlined in the town of Monroe public conduct for meetings.
- Supervisor Cardone: Mary had the floor.
- Councilwoman Houle: George, can you cut her mic please.
- Councilwoman Richardson: What is wrong with you?
- Supervisor Cardone: Go ahead Councilwoman Bingham.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Piggy backing on Carol, I do think more money is needed for the master plan especially since we see that over 10,000 was spent according to the November 7th preliminary budget. So, I don't know if we're going to spend some money whether it's reviewing of the tree code or the zoning changes that were needed for the LI versus the HI Zone. It seems to be that we're using that money up and it's not being saved for the master plan. Especially if it's going to cost 75 to 80,000, we don't want to be hit with an \$80,000 expense somewhere in the near future I would think. The arborist definitely is needed to be factored into the Conservation Commission lines and I know we had spoken many times when Dennis was here and we asked him what he needed and he said an arborist would really be very helpful so I think we need to allocate like \$5,000 for that. I think that would really help the Conservation Commission.
- Councilwoman Richardson: I second that.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Water district number one engineering it, oh I didn't look at the November 7th budget, but in the October 21st, budget was \$50,000. I pulled the resolution on that and we authorized 45,000 so I think that should be adjusted down to 45,000 and I still don't think the water districts should be included in the SOL River charges for the production of the electricity; it's not using an electrical cost so that can be addressed separately. I know it's not possible for 2024 to change those numbers but we still have time to discuss it for 2025 and I think we need to do something with the composting it \$50,000 is a lot of money, you know maybe people should be encouraged more to compost their own things, in their own

yards and not have it pile up at the Lakes Road site but that's something I just don't know feasibility wise what people can do and how long that pile has been growing over there. So, those are my comments.

- Councilwoman Richardson: There were grant opportunities for composting.

- Supervisor Cardone: Sal, did you have anything to say, you're good? So, Mary with regard to the arborist, how much do you want to put into that?

- Councilwoman Bingham: At least 5,000 for the Conservation Commission.

- Councilwoman Richardson: They quoted 5,000 yeah.

- Supervisor Cardone: And what did you want? What was the other point you made?

- Councilwoman Bingham: Master plan needs.

- Supervisor Cardone: Master plan. How much did you want to put into that?

- Councilwoman Bingham: 20,000 because if we're spending at least 10 a year we've got to start saving a little bit more.

- Supervisor Cardone: Okay and with regard to composting, I believe that number was readjusted.

- Councilwoman Bingham: Okay, as I said, I didn't see the November 7th one yet.

- Supervisor Cardone: It was adjusted to I think 40,000.

- Councilwoman Bingham: Okay.

- Supervisor Cardone And that charge is really for the stump grinding that we have to do. Do you want to expand on that Pat? -Highway Superintendent Pat Patterson: I'll expand a little bit on it. Some of the compost that's over there is big stuff. The Villages bring in big stuff. Anything we cut down on the side of the road, any trees that fall in the road, that's all part of this big project all the brush that's been piling up for the last, I'm going to say probably, well since it was ground the last time. We have a plan, if we can get caught up with this we're going to try and budget every year a little bit instead of this big amount. Right now, we're almost out of room and if you'd like to take a ride over there, I will take you over there Mary and show you that they're working right now and they're trying to get that pile knocked down. Otherwise, we're going to run out of room over there but it's a lot of big stuff. Most of the residents with the big stuff they have to bring in a tree person to take it down but the villages and us, we don't have a place to do that and that's what we're doing it but when it piles up this much, it's going to be a big expense.

- Supervisor Cardone: I think he was at \$3,500 a day and he estimated to be there between 12 to 15 days.

- Highway Superintendent Pat Patterson: Yes.

- Supervisor Cardone: And we're going to try to incorporate some of that cost in this year's budget and the remainder will be in next years. So, Val can you put up that slide? Enlarge that, if you can't, let me just explain it. So, this is a six-year look at the year-over-year tax rate for the village and town homeowners. This board has gotten attacked or not budgeting properly and for not maintaining taxes for the people. So if you look back at 2019 this is based on a \$75000 assessed value home 81% of the homes in the town and 91 in the village are assessed equal to or lower than \$75000. The village tax increase from 2019 to

2025 which is next year budget is \$5.61; so in 2019 you were paying \$597.51 in 2020 you're paying \$632.12 that's a 1% increase. The town tax is I don't know why those values came up so the town tax in 2019 you were paying \$930.44 and in 2025 and if this budget presently as it is passes you'll be paying \$957.34 which is a 2.9% increase over 6 years or a \$26.90 increase over those six years.

- Councilwoman Richardson: I think the concern is that the pulling of the money from the fund balance seems to be reoccurring now. So if we have a hole in the budget that means the operating cost is not meeting revenue and the only way that we're compensating for that currently over the past two years is by pulling from the fund balance so it seems like we need to have a more balanced transition to A. increase revenue which we don't necessarily have the power to do since the streams of revenue that we've been relying on have been affected by Covid and other issues that we don't have any control over but also reduce operating costs and increase taxes in a more balanced way because it's not looking backward that is the issue it's looking forward. If we keep trying to compensate for the hole in the budget by pulling fund balance amount then down the line the financial model appears that there will be a large hike in tax.

- Supervisor Cardone: Which financial model? This year's?

- Councilwoman Richardson: No projecting forward. That's what I'm saying.

- Supervisor Cardone: We are \$308676 over the cap with this. So if you would like to tell me how much you would like to reduce the fund balance.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Yes I would like to.

- Supervisor Cardone: Okay.

- Councilwoman Richardson: When I said spoke on this it was just to bring it to your attention. I'm a new

- Supervisor Cardone: You don't have to bring it to my attention just answer my question.

- Councilwoman Richardson: I am going to.

- Supervisor Cardone: What is the amount?

- Councilwoman Richardson: I need to look at it. I don't have that now. I just said I brought it to your attention as something that I recognized as a whole that.

- Supervisor Cardone: Your first year doing a budget.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Yes and I'm saying I recognized that this was an occurrence and then I voiced it during the public comment because it is not my place to tell you exactly what numbers and what the town as a whole I mean we're a body we have to agree on which levels increase to compensate for this whole. It's not as simple as just providing one number. If I provide you with a reduction in the fund balance pull out is that me saying well I want that all to come from the taxpayer's pocket. No I don't so we need to come to a balanced there are a couple numbers that have to be adjusted so that in future years it's not a surprise hike. So we need to be planning for a couple years in the future is my point because we keep.

- Supervisor Cardone: You've given me no answer.

- Councilwoman Richardson: I just said I need to look at it and find that answer I would have to be several numbers.

- Supervisor Cardone: Roberta can you just enter into the system a \$400000 reduction in the fund balance?
- Councilwoman Richardson: It would be an incredible hike from the taxpayer and that's not possible we need to balance the budget.
- Supervisor Cardone: I asked a question let me get an answer from it. Right now we're at 9.5% 9.58% over last year increase in the village and 9.98% in the town.
- Councilwoman Richardson: We'll get an answer and then that pigeon holes that that makes a tax increase x% out of people's pockets which is not what we want. We want a more gradual five-year looking forward tax plan so that residents are not shocked down the line when we can no longer pull out this money from the fund balance.
- Supervisor Cardone: Every municipality is dealing with this this year everyone.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Yes.
- Supervisor Cardone: Then there's multiple ones that'll be over the tax cap and number two money doesn't grow on trees. Find me a revenue source find us a revenue source that you think would offset it.
- Councilwoman Richardson: I think you should have probably maintained our contracts as the budgetary officer to make sure our revenue that we were expecting came through but now it's my job when I'm not paid \$18 500 to fix the entire budget for the town of Monroe.
- Supervisor Cardone: You're bringing up the question.
- Councilwoman Richardson: You're pigeon holing me to say that I want you to increase sorry decrease the fund balance pull out by half so that you can publicize that Maureen Richardson wants to increase tax by x%. I'm asking you to have a five-year plan looking forward where you don't surprise residents because you're correct other municipalities are experiencing this phenomenon and other supervisors were left holding the bag from from prior years when they those prior administrations were doing exactly what you're doing now which is pulling a huge amount out of the fund balance to compensate for a poorly managed.
- Supervisor Cardone: Not true.
- Councilwoman Houle: Not true. I have to stop you. I have to stop you.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Zero dollars from the movie theater.
- Councilwoman Houle: I have waited as long as I can. Take a look at those taxes. Take a look at how they went down in 2020. No I'm sorry in 2021 and 2022 and then started to gradually increase this is part of the 5year plan. The town of Monroe was very sensitive to the fact that so many of our residents were so devastated by New York State's pandemic closures that they weren't able to make ends meet and so we lowered our taxes and now we have a correction year and this is part of a 5-year plan because we have been slowly increasing it slowly increasing it and now because we're finally coming out of the pandemic and more people are able to get back to work we're dealing with a salary shortfall. We are dealing with not being able to recruit people who can work for this town and make ends meet because the cost of living is so high in New York State and so a big portion of this increase is so that we can have people making a livable wage in the community in which they live.

- Councilwoman Richardson: And that has to be balanced in the budget rather than creating a giant hole that we compensate fund balance year after year.
- Councilwoman Houle: I have an idea. Let's reduce the amount of money that we have to pay our vendors in the amount of time that they have to spend reading emails and dealing with arguments.
- Councilwoman Richardson: There are zero vendors that I have engaged with over email that have charged the town any money. So the lie continues. The budget and numbers remain the same.
- Supervisor Cardone: Completely incorrect and false.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Can I have the floor again?
- Supervisor Cardone: Go ahead Mary.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Councilwoman Houle you brought up a point about the employees. I noticed there was a large discrepancy and I should have mentioned it when I had the opportunity a few minutes ago that all employees who are not with a union contract be given a 4% raise. I don't think right now we had some emails going back and forth regarding job titles and responsibilities under those job titles I think the fair thing to do right now is to give everybody a 4% raise; have HR discuss some of those issues that were in the emails. And as I said I'm sorry I didn't raise that before but you just jogged my memory. Thank you.
- Councilwoman Houle: Yes so I took a look at that email and I brought some stuff with me if we want to have a discussion on that.
- Supervisor Cardone: So the raises in this budget are 6-8% and I did that this week. It is that we have positions that we've been (inaudible) for that we cannot get people to apply for. We'll send out 10 canvas letters maybe we'll get one back. The issue with that is we have to raise the salaries of the people here so that we. Are you listening because I don't want you to ask question.
- Councilwoman Richardson: I'm sorry I thought you never wanted me to speak; so what is your issue? That I'm on my phone right now?
- Supervisor Cardone: The issue is we have people whom are at a specific rate at a specific title.
- Councilman Scancarello: Thanks for coming guys.
- Supervisor Cardone: Thank you guys.
- Councilman Scancarello: We understand.
- Supervisor Cardone: That title when we go out to get another clerk in here let's say for instance that title we cannot put that salary range higher than the person presently in that Clerk's position. So that's one of the reasons we're not getting responses and it's not just us it's throughout the county. So if we can raise our current employee's salaries we could then raise the employees that we're looking to bring in new.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Well I just want to say I know the courts said they were very interested in keeping their clerks; also they don't want to lose them. So I don't know as I said I didn't look at the budget we just received tonight but I want to make sure then that they can

get an 8% raise because they work very hard over there.

- Supervisor Cardone: Listen.

- Councilwoman Bingham: As I said I don't know if it's 6% 4% or what but I I'm suggesting that be 8% for them.

- Supervisor Cardone: I am in total agreement with you. The issue with the court is the amount of money that's coming in.

- Councilwoman Bingham: And we know where the traffic tickets are not being written.

- Supervisor Cardone: It doesn't matter.

- Councilwoman Bingham: Yes it does. There's no revenue to piggyback on Councilwoman Richardson.

- Supervisor Cardone: I understand. That's why I'm saying it doesn't matter where it's not coming from it's not coming. If it's not coming in how could you justify going up even two more percent?

- Councilwoman Bingham: Because you just said it's hard to keep qualified employees so if they see other departments are getting 8% and the judges specifically said they would not take a raise as long as their clerks could get what the rest of the employees are getting they should also get 8%.

- Councilwoman Richardson: I mean we need to be creating positions that pull in that code enforcement revenue. That's why the subject of constable and law enforcement ever came up in the first place because you keep expressing that the court is not bringing in revenue but they the judges the court clerks all of those people don't go out and actively enforce and get tickets so that comes before the court and creates revenue for us. They cannot ethically do anything to change how much money the court is bringing in. However we you know can budget for a position that innately compensates for itself and hopefully brings in more revenue. Obviously you're familiar with investing to get more revenue back; you have to spend money to make money in a sense. So we want to make the smart decisions though obviously we can't ensure that will happen but I would assume that if we paid for some part-time code enforcement positions that they would pay for themselves and hopefully bring in more money than that.

- Supervisor Cardone: So we have a part-time code enforcement officer or not a code enforcer we had a part-time building inspector we have a full-time assistant to the inspector and we have a building inspector. They do code enforcement.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Yes but they're extremely overwhelmed and they don't actively go out.

- Supervisor Cardone: Did you speak with them?

- Councilwoman Richardson: Yes I spoke with them. They're extremely overwhelmed and I'm not don't go down there and say I'm telling everybody that Ben is asking for this but what I've witnessed and what he's stated is that they don't have the bandwidth to take on anything additional essentially they're taking on a huge amount they're doing a fantastic job with the limited amount of resources that they have and if we are looking for revenue we need to hire on either law enforcement or some position that can code enforce because they can actively

go out and respond and look for code violation rather than the position the town has right now where they wait for the complaints where they are more passive because of the overload. I mean they're also approving plans and everything that is innate to the building inspector position rather than the you know code enforcement aspect of their position.

- Supervisor Cardone: Did you see what the safety inspection fees are this year versus last year? And that goes to Ben's office.

- Councilwoman Richardson: What do you mean by that? Like what are you trying I saw it but like what do you mean?

- Supervisor Cardone: Well did you see what they are?

- Councilwoman Richardson: Yes but what?

- Supervisor Cardone: Okay so what are they? And do you think that's enough of an increase?

- Councilwoman Richardson: No I think we need to create new positions is my point.

- Supervisor Cardone: That's not my question. I asked you did you see what the increase was?

- Councilwoman Richardson: I looked at this budget. Yes I saw it what do you want me to like safety inspections right here what do you want me to say about it?

- Supervisor Cardone: Well what did it start at and what did it go to this year?

- Councilwoman Richardson: For which line?

- Supervisor Cardone: Safety inspection fees.

- Councilwoman Richardson: The entire fees?

- Supervisor Cardone: Fees B1560.

- Councilwoman Richardson: I'm on B3620

- Supervisor Cardone: Go to page 8.

- Councilwoman Richardson: I'm on nine okay.

- Supervisor Cardone: Go to page eight.

- Councilwoman Richardson: I am on eight.

- Supervisor Cardone: 1560 they went from \$420000 last year to a conservative number of \$650000 in 2025. Currently through 11/6 they're at 694971.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Okay I don't are you saying that we're?

- Supervisor Cardone: All right move on. Anything else Mary?

- Councilwoman Richardson: I don't know what you're trying to conclude. I'm saying that the court's (inaudible)

- Councilwoman Houle: We're making more money.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Yes we're making more money but you're saying that the courts are not bringing in enough revenue.

- Supervisor Cardone: Do you have that answer Roberta?

- Roberta McBride: I don't know what the question is.

- Councilwoman Richardson: I don't know what the question is either.

- Supervisor Cardone: The question was if you inputted \$400000 less in the A fund appropriation.

- Roberta McBride: Up to 21 and 19% I texted it to you.

- Supervisor Cardone: Okay.
- Councilwoman Richardson: So it's exactly as I said that the answer is not simply decreasing the fund balance expenditure and that your pigeon hole attempt is ridiculous because we've stated it multiple times that multiple aspects would have to be rebalanced in the budget.
- Councilwoman Houle: So I make a motion that we close this public hearing.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Don't wait didn't we want Sal and Dorey to make comments on the budget.
- Councilwoman Houle: I've gotten my comments in. Thank you.
- Councilwoman Richardson: I didn't get to put my initial comments in. Did we put as 125 for the master plan because I heard \$20000 increase but I heard you say that it was a minimum quote from Max is 125.
- Councilwoman Houle: 75.
- Supervisor Cardone: 75 to 80.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Mary did you bring up the reduction numbers already? Did you take care of that already for the stipend and for the budgetary officer with them?
- Councilwoman Bingham: No I did not.
- Councilwoman Richardson: We suggested that it be reduced back down to 13500 because it's more in line with the areas that we were able to source that data.
- Supervisor Cardone: So what the data you sourced can you give me what some of them are paid?
- Councilwoman Richardson: It was basically identical to what you.
- Councilwoman Bingham: I think the town of Chester was 13 something.
- Supervisor Cardone: Okay yeah they're in a fiscal crisis. Whom else in the area did you get?
- Councilwoman Richardson: This was Chester prior to this year. This was a static in Chester which was the most similar administration that I could find there were there were very few.
- Supervisor Cardone: What's their budget total?
- Councilwoman Richardson: I have no.
- Supervisor Cardone: So you really didn't do a study you just?
- Councilwoman Richardson: I found supervisors with budgetary officer stipend. Why are you continuing to speak over me? I have not been actually given the floor to discuss my items so we've all been discussing each other's items as we move down you have the floor.
- Supervisor Cardone: You have the floor.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Thank you. That we do budget (inaudible) should (inaudible) on what completely in a vacuum and we should never discuss it so when your taxes go up.
- Councilwoman Houle: No we should actually discuss this without using a whole lot of language and a whole (inaudible)
- Councilwoman Richardson: Oh you mean the yelling we should all yell.
- Councilwoman Houle: Oh man.
- Councilwoman Richardson: So can I just submit my comments via email? That is if we're closing this can I just submit my comments and exact numbers via email? How does it work?

- Town Attorney Nugent: So everyone understands your closing the public hearing does not stop the board from making revisions to the budget on tonight or on November 18th. So this is just closing the public comment. The board may still make revisions after tonight on the 18th or after the close of the hearing tonight.
- Councilwoman Richardson: So it won't be a problem like with the tree law like when they closed it prematurely and if we make comments.
- Town Attorney Nugent: It's not a local law. So the budget is the budget and the law says that the board may make revisions after the close of the public hearing but you just have to adopt it by November 20th at the latest but the public hearing has to close tonight because you don't have another meeting before November 15th and that's the date by which the public hearing has to close.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Okay so I can just submit my revisions.
- Town Attorney Nugent: You can submit their revisions but obviously they'll have to be approved by motion to the preliminary budget and if those motions are approved then that would become part of the final budget.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Okay so it's just basically getting on the record that once again we are experiencing a loss of revenue in many different aspects including the movie theater including the courts because I also believe code enforcement and other enforceable areas of getting those tickets and getting revenue through the court it cannot come from the court itself it has to come from some kind of enforcement agency so that is huge. We have a bunch of contracts that we are sort of losing more on than we are gaining because they were not followed up with and we need to come to some kind of solution and five-year plan looking forward not backward so that we can balance this budget and compensate for the whole because saying that the county sales tax is going to save us in terms of revenue is just inaccurate. So I will submit my more specific numbers via email. So thank you.
- Supervisor Cardone: Okay I'll make a motion to close the public hearing.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Excuse me this document was released to the public today the preliminary November 7th. This is did we give the public 24 hours' notice where we' be in compliance with open meetings law if we close this?
- Supervisor Cardone: They have a prior budget. This is better than the prior budget.
- Councilwoman Richardson: That's not the question. This when you hold a public hearing and you produce a document to the public to be in compliance with open meetings law you have to allow that this be published right? At least 24 hours before closing the hearing.
- Town Attorney Nugent: To the extent practicable is what the law says.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Yes.
- Town Attorney Nugent: Yeah so it's not a must it's to the extent practicable.
- Councilwoman Richardson: What does that even mean? in your eyes?
- Town Attorney Nugent: It means that it's not an absolute it means that for example if it was for some reason unable to be posted within 24 hours that it can still.
- Councilwoman Richardson: No one was sick no one was.

- Supervisor Cardone: Oh wait a minute. Let me finish that because you start and no one would sick? You know the computer problems we had yesterday and today? I wanted to release this yesterday we couldn't because we had computer issues.
- Councilwoman Richardson: I'm not criticizing you for not putting it out.
- Supervisor Cardone: I am not done.
- Councilwoman Richardson: I'm pretty sure I was the one speaking.
- Supervisor Cardone: No because I answered your question about being sick.
- Councilwoman Richardson: No it wasn't a question. I'm speaking with counsel. This is the only time I get to speak with counsel because of your illegal policy.
- Supervisor Cardone: It's not illegal.
- Councilwoman Richardson: So I'm just voicing my concern that we are in violation of open meetings law and that we need to allow the public time to review this document because as he just said it's better than the prior budget which makes it substantially different and I don't think that we gave people enough notice to comment on it. That is my only concern.
- Supervisor Cardone: That's your thought that's not the fact and that's not the law.
- Councilwoman Richardson: The law of the committee on open government who I called about this issue two days ago so. Practicable in their mind is for substantially difficult reasons if we can leave this open and close it for can we close it for written in 5 days or something like that?
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah.
- Councilwoman Richardson: I'm not criticizing you I'm saying we.
- Supervisor Cardone: You didn't let me finish.
- Councilwoman Richardson: I'm just bringing something to your attention.
- Supervisor Cardone: No it didn't need to be brought to my attention.
- Councilwoman Richardson: So you were aware of the committee on open government but you just told me that you had no idea and that it wasn't the law.
- Supervisor Cardone: Listen the committee on open government is an opinion and most of their opinions draw right down the middle; they will never go one side or the other.
- Councilwoman Richardson: It's completely false.
- Supervisor Cardone: And no. All right whatever you say is always truth.
- Councilwoman Richardson: How about we close it.
- Supervisor Cardone: I'm going to make a motion that we close the public hearing with written comments available up until the 17th of November which is the day before our next meeting.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Beautiful thank you.
- Supervisor Cardone: Do I have a second?
- Councilwoman Richardson: I'll second.
- Supervisor Cardone: Councilman Scancarello beat you to it.
- Councilwoman Richardson: of course.
- Supervisor Cardone: Call to question.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Bingham aye.

- Councilman Scancarello: Scancarello aye.
- Supervisor Cardone: Cardone aye.
- Councilman Houle: Houle aye.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Richardson aye.
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Supervisor can I just add at the last meeting we had made a motion to accept not adopt but to accept the 2025 preliminary budget as presented on 11/7 of 24. Did you want to do that?
- Supervisor Cardone: that's what I'm going to do now.
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Okay perfect.
- Supervisor Cardone: All right. The budget the preliminary budget presented tonight I'll make a motion to accept it.

Action (Resolution): 4.4 Motion to Close the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE: 2025 Town Budget / Benefit Assessment Rolls

2024-#581

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

Motion by Dorey Houle second NONE.

2024-#581A

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: 2025 Town Budget / Benefit Assessment Rolls.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second NONE.

2024-#581B

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Close the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE: 2025 Town Budget / Benefit Assessment Rolls leaving written comment open until November 17 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: 4.5 Motion to Accept the 2025 Preliminary Budget as Presented 11/7/2024

2024-#582

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Accept the 2025 Preliminary Budget as Presented 11/7/2024.

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

5. Continuation of Community Announcements

Information: 5.1 Jim DiSalvo: Deputy Mayor Village of Highland Falls

To hear Town of Monroe recognition by Jim DiSalvo: Deputy Mayor Village of Highland Falls please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #5.1 1:14:08.

6. Acceptance of Minutes

Action (Resolution): 6.1 Acceptance of October 212024 Minutes

To hear Councilwoman Richardson's comments RE Acceptance of October 212024 Minutes please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #6.1 1:17:45.

2024-#583

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to accept the October 212024 Minutes.

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

7. Audit of Claims

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 7.1 General Fund Abstract

2024-#584

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe requests approval of Abstract #24-15 General Fund containing Check # 35910 - 35969 totaling \$151083.45.

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

8. Budget Transfer Requests

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 8.1 Budget Transfer Abstract

2024-#585

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe made a Motion to approve Budget Transfer Abstract #2024-01 totaling \$400.00 to cover future expenditures in 2024.

TOWN CLERK ABSTRACT OF BUDGET TRANSFERS

TOWN OF MONROE

DATE OF AUDIT: November 7 2024

ABSTRACT # 2024-01

DATE GL NO. DESCRIPTION Account Tranf In Transf Out

11/7/2024 Town Clerk Enumeration A000-1410-4890-00 400.00

11/7/2024 Town Clerk Education Dues Meetings & Mileage A000-1410-4189-00 400.00

To cover future expenditures in 2024

400.00 400.00

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) Discussion: 8.2 Budget Transfer Abstract

2024-#586

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to approve Budget Transfer Abstract #2024-19 in the amount of \$48610.00 for 2024 Expenditure Adjustments.

ABSTRACT OF BUDGET TRANSFERS

TOWN OF MONROE

DATE OF AUDIT: November 7 2024

ABSTRACT 2024-19

2024 Expenditure Adjustments

DATE GL NO. DESCRIPTION Account Trans In Trans Out

11/7/2024 Traffic Control Signs A000-3310-2000-00 1000.00

Highway Garage Bldg Repair & Maint A000-5132-4303-00 1000.00

Highway Garage Fire Inspection A000-5132-4271-00 532.00

Highway Admin. Equipment A000-5010-2000-00 532.00

General Repairs Paint DB00-5110-4353-00 14000.00

General Repairs Road Oil DB00-5110-4353-00 14000.00

General Repairs Asphalt DB00-5110-4355-00 20000.00

General Repairs Road Oil DB00-5110-4354-00 20000.00

Water Admin Equipment SW00-8310-2000-00 9490.00

Water Admin Tools SW00-8310-4103-00 9490.00

Water Admin Equipment SW00-8310-2000-00 2088.00

Water Admin Miscellaneous SW00-8340-4109-00 2088.00

Water Admin Miscellaneous SW00-8310-4109-00 1500.00
Water Admin Engineering Contractual SW00-8310-4020-00 1500.00
48610.00 48610.00

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

9. New Business

Discussion: 9.1 Town Board Resolution #374

To hear Town Board Members discussion RE Town Board Resolution #374 please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #9.1 1:21:37.

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 9.2 Louis Balzano Retirement Moodna Sewer & Basin

To hear Supervisor Cardone RE Louis Balzano Retirement Moodna Sewer & Basin please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #9.2 1:29:27.

2024-#587

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Resolution accepting the retirement of Louis Balzano from his position of Wastewater Maintenance Worker Moodna Sewer & Basin effective retroactively back to November 1 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) Information: 9.3 Resignation RE Alyssa Kezek Building Department)
Assistant to the Building Inspector

2024-#588

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Resolution accepting the resignation of Alyssa Kezek (Building Department) Assistant to the Building Inspector effective November 14 2024.

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: 9.4 Dial-A-Ride Services Town of Goshen

2024-#589

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign the agreement between the Town of Monroe and Town of Goshen regarding Dial-A-Ride Services.

Motion by Dorey Houle second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 9.5 Water Relevies

To hear Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer RE Water Relevies please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #9.5 1:32:20.

2024-#590

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe approves the levying of outstanding water bills (see attached list of properties by SBLs) totaling \$181568.60 of the following properties to the 2025 Town & County Tax Bills Total Water Levy:

SECTION SUB SEC BLOCK LOT AMOUNT

1 000 1 62	\$1159.40
1 000 1 63	\$983.40
1 000 1 65	\$1216.60
1 000 1 69	\$554.40
1 000 1 73	\$1727.00
1 000 1 74	\$195.80
5 000 1 2	\$210.10
5 000 1 4	\$630.30
5 000 1 5	\$420.20
5 000 1 9	\$210.10
5 000 2 1	\$840.40
5 000 2 3	\$840.40
5 000 2 7	\$210.10
5 000 3 4	\$210.10
5 000 3 5	\$840.40
5 000 4 4	\$840.40
5 000 4 5	\$840.40
5 000 4 13	\$840.40
5 000 4 22	\$840.40

5 000 5 2 \$210.10
5 000 5 5 \$229.20
5 000 5 6 \$840.40
5 000 6 3 \$840.40
5 000 6 4 \$840.40
5 000 6 5 \$840.40
5 000 6 10 \$840.40
5 000 6 13 \$229.20
5 000 7 3 \$840.40
21 000 1 10 \$1855.70
21 000 1 18 \$136.90
21 000 1 19 \$1112.10
21 000 2 3 \$434.50
21 000 2 6 \$1669.80
21 000 2 7 \$940.50
21 000 2 15 \$95.70
21 000 2 17 \$281.60
21 000 2 21 \$396.00
21 000 3 2 \$1383.80
21 000 3 4 \$997.70
21 000 3 7 \$244.20
21 000 3 10 \$2141.70
21 000 3 11 \$597.30
21 000 3 12 \$583.00
21 000 3 14 \$711.70
21 000 3 15 \$427.60
21 000 3 18 \$625.90
24 000 1 47 \$4129.40
24 000 1 64 \$1626.90
24 000 1 66 \$782.10
24 000 1 66 \$796.40
24 000 1 66 \$796.40
24 000 1 66 \$353.10
24 000 1 66 \$1183.60
24 000 1 106 \$573.10
25 000 1 1 \$683.10
25 000 1 3 \$410.30
25 000 1 4 \$940.50
25 000 1 7 \$2027.30
25 000 1 9 \$609.60

25 000 1 12 \$559.00
25 000 4 4 \$1355.20
25 000 4 11 \$22.00
26 000 1 1 \$925.10
26 000 1 2 \$1063.51
26 000 1 8 \$864.70
26 000 1 10 \$424.60
26 000 1 11 \$1126.40
26 000 1 13 \$1206.70
26 000 2 1 \$1827.10
26 000 2 2 \$42.00
26 000 2 3 \$1083.50
26 000 2 4 \$1097.80
26 000 2 5 \$324.50
26 000 2 6 \$253.00
26 000 2 8 \$152.90
26 000 2 9 \$583.00
26 000 2 12 \$646.60
26 000 3 1 \$931.15
26 000 3 2 \$553.30
26 000 3 3 \$353.10
26 000 4 1 \$134.30
26 000 4 3 \$295.90
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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: 9.6 Highway Superintendent Conference

2024-#591

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Resolution authorizing approval for Highway Superintendent James "Pat" Patterson to attend the 2024 New Jersey League of Municipalities Annual Conference to be held in Atlantic City New Jersey from November 182024 through November 21 2024.

The conference offers valuable opportunities for professional development and networking directly benefiting Mr. Patterson's role in managing municipal infrastructure.

Cost Details:

Conference Attendance and Meals: All associated fees including registration and meals are covered resulting in no taxpayer expense.

Hotel Accommodations: The only cost to the municipality will be for three nights of hotel accommodations totaling \$495.17. (Amount up to \$550)

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: 9.7 Request for Proposal Town Prosecutor

To hear Councilwoman Bingham Supervisor Cardone and Town Counsel Nugent RE Request for Proposal Town Prosecutor please go on-line to Board doc's Video Clip #9.7 1:35:35.

2024-#592

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to approve spending up to \$750 to have RFP prepared by Naughton & Torre for Town Prosecutor.

Motion by Mary Bingham second by Maureen Richardson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Resolution): 9.8 Annual Dues Association of Towns of the State of New York

2024-#593

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to approve to pay the annual dues for the membership to the Association of Towns of the State of New York in the amount of \$1500.00 for the year 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: 9.9 Certificate of Designation Association of Towns of the State of New York

2024-#594

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe approves to designate Tony Cardone as the Voting Delegate and Dorey Houle as the Alternate Delegate in the absence of the Delegate for the February 2025 Annual Business Session of the Association of Towns Meeting.

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: 9.10 Forest Wood LLC Settlement Agreement

Discussion Information: 9.11 LED Grants

To hear discussion between Councilwoman Richardson Councilwoman Houle Supervisor Cardone and Town Counsel Nugent please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #9.11 1:38:14.

10. Old Business

Action (Resolution) Discussion Information: 10.1 Resolution RE New Mandates for FOIL Requests for Disciplinary Records

To hear discussion between Supervisor Cardone Town Counsel Nugent and Town Board members please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #10.1 1:46:05.

2024-#595

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to approve policy RE New Mandates for FOIL Requests for Disciplinary Records.

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. 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 1:52:04.

- Carol Scully

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

Action (Resolution) Information: 12.1 Enter into Executive Session

2024-#596

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to enter into an Executive Session to discuss Litigation and Personnel

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

13. Return to Regular Meeting

Action (Resolution) Information: 13.1 Return to Regular Meeting

2024-#597

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 Maureen Richardson

14. Motions From the Floor

Action (Resolution) Discussion Information: 14.1 Forest Wood LLC Settlement Agreement

2024-#598

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign the settlement agreement between the Town of Monroe and Forest Wood LLC in a final form to be 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

15. Adjournment

Action (Resolution): 15.1 Adjournment of Meeting

2024-#599

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe adjourns the meeting of November 7 2024 at 9:30 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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