

# MONROE TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

— 11/15/2021

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## MONROE TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA (Monday, November 15, 2021)

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### Members present

Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Councilperson - Rick Colon, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello

#### 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 15, 2021

### 2021-#467

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Town Board Meeting of November 15, 2021 at 7:05 PM.

Motion by Sal Scancarello, second by Councilperson - Rick Colon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Councilperson - Rick Colon, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello

#### 3. Community Announcements

Information: 3.1 Monroe-Woodbury High School, Section 9 Championship Teams

To hear Supervisor Cardone regarding Monroe-Woodbury High School, Section 9 Championship Teams, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.1, 0:1:11.

Congratulations to the following M-W High School teams on their recent Section 9 Championships:

M-W Girls Soccer

M-W Boys Cross Country

Information: 3.2 The Lake Street Marketplace Grand Opening

To hear Councilman Scancarello regarding The Lake Street Marketplace Grand Opening, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.2, 0:1:47.

Information: 3.3 2022 Town of Monroe Calendar

To hear Supervisor Cardone regarding 2022 Town of Monroe Calendar, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.3, 0:2:37.

Information: 3.4 Toys For Military Tots

To hear Supervisor Cardone regarding Toys For Military Tots, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.4, 0:3:38.

Discussion, Information: 3.5 Presentation to Veteran's from 2021 Fall Food Truck Festival

To hear Supervisor Cardone regarding Presentation to Veteran's from 2021 Fall Food Truck Festival, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.5, 0:5:29.

#### 4. Public Hearing

Action (Resolution): 4.1 Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law A-V1, Amendment to Chapter 57 of the Town Code to Regulate Rental Properties and Transient Housing

##### **2021-#468**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law A-V1, Amendment to Chapter 57 of the Town Code to Regulate Rental Properties and Transient Housing.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Councilperson - Rick Colon, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello

The following signed up to speak during Public Comment regarding the Continuation of the Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law A-V1, Amendment to Chapter 57 of the Town Code to Regulate Rental Properties and Transient Housing. To hear their comments, and Board Members responses, please go on-line to Board Docs Video Clip #4.1, 0:12:09.

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

- Supervisor Cardone: Okay.

- Town Clerk Valeri Bitzer: No Public Comment.

- Supervisor Cardone: No Public Comment. Anybody have any comment? I know, I know Councilman McGinn had spoken to Max on this. Updated all those changes. I would prefer to keep this open so that Councilman McGinn can comment finally.

Action (Resolution): 4.2 Possible Motion to Keep Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing for Proposed Local A-V1, Amendment to Chapter 57 of the Town Code to Regulate Rental Properties and Transient Housing

##### **2021-#469**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Keep Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law A-V1, Amendment to Chapter 57 of the Town Code to Regulate Rental Properties and Transient Housing until December 6,

2021 at 7:00 PM or soon there-after.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone, second by Councilperson - Rick Colon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Councilperson - Rick Colon, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution): 4.3 Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing for the 2022 Town Budget, and Benefit Assessment Rolls

**2021-#470**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing for the 2022 Town Budget, and Benefit Assessment Rolls.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Councilperson - Rick Colon, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello

The following residents spoke during Public Comment regarding the Continuation of the Public Hearing for the 2022 Town Budget, and Benefit Assessment Rolls. To hear their comments, and Board Members responses, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #4.3, 0:13:19.

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

- Supervisor Cardone: Okay. Anybody sign up to speak?

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: No Public Comment.

- Supervisor Cardone: No Public Comment. Okay. So. you wanna, can you open up the presentation Val? You go to page one. So, this is a, a brief synopsis, and anybody's welcome to ask questions of our operating Budget this year. So, the 2022 Budget, this is, this is an overview of it. So, let's go to the next slide. For the past year, we've been accepting challenges. We've been finding solutions, and we've tried to move forward. This year's 2022 Budget, the total is 15 million 224 thousand six dollars and 90 cents, which is about 1.9 million above the 21 Budget. We've, we've experienced a lot of challenges in 2021. Many attributable to COVID, and there was a loss of revenue, and increase in expenses, and many of our departments, I would say all of our departments, not many of them, were very astute in trimming their Budget, and, and cutting their flexible purchases, so that we were able to, you know, remain solvent, and, and be sure that we were under the last year's Budget, so that we had some surplus which we did. So, currently, this year we, with that amount of spending, we're under the Cap by \$17,588 dollars, and that's with a roughly, a three percent increase in dollars spent. So, there's, there's several areas that are contributing to this year's increase. Number one is, there's a \$243,000.00 increase in Refuge. Refuse, sorry. That's due

to Tipping Fees that are not controlled by us, both in single stream, and garbage pickup. There's \$480,000.00 that came back to us. (Inaudible). That money is also been targeted to Water Districts, and some COVID related renovations in kitchen. The kitchen in here, and the kitchen at the Senior Center. So, that will also enhance what we're able to do here. It'll make things a lot more sanitary, and that's money that we have to spend, and under those guidelines, the ARPA guidelines, we're able to do so. There's permanent road improvements. The main one is, is Berry Road, and that's gonna cost probably upwards of the hundred and eighty thousand dollars but, we've, we've put in some Fund Balance to, to make up that difference, and we think that that's an important road that needs to be. (Inaudible) what's the best way to explain it John? Refurbished, reclaimed right?

- Highway Superintendent John Scherne: Reclaimed. We'll mill probably half of it, and reclaim half of it to the worst section from Ludlum Road, to County Route, what's that Cedar Cliff. And then capped part of it with

blacktop, and then the second section would be binder, and blacktop on top of that. So, it's a big project. It's almost. Supervisor Cardone: Yeah.

- Highway Superintendent John Scherne: (Inaudible).

- Supervisor Cardone: Then, then the fourth item that was really enhanced if that's, that's a poor choice of words but, really raised the spending is the almost \$250,000.00 in electric costs based on our Solar Farm. So, this was something that has been a thorn in my side, and we're just trying to get through it. Because of the way solar works, there is a lot more money that we need to put up. We do receive some credits from it, and those will be given back to us but, based on the kilowatt hours that is, are manufactured out of the Solar Farm, it's increased our electric costs substantially, cause we're essentially payin for that, and then we're payin O&R for the use of it, and the credits. Originally, we, we thought we were gonna be in, getting a total credit off of it, the way it was explained to us, and I know Counsel was in on those discussions, and it just, it hasn't worked out that way, and right now we're still in a holding pattern with Orange and Rockland. We have another meeting set up I believe for next week to try to work this out. It's just a frustrating time but, that's, that's what it is and we're, we're workin through it. So, the next slide represents our Taxable Value. And from 2019 through 22, we've had a two percent increase over those four years in the Town-wide Taxable Value. It went up from roughly three, 388 million six hundred fifty-three thousand, to three hundred and ninety-nine million hundred and two thousand. So, that's, that's a good thing because it balances out any spent, additional spending that you are required to do, and it, it basically lowers the amount of taxes that are funding the Budget. Like for example, that increase, and what we did with the Budget enabled us to spend almost a hundred thousand dollars less than we did last year from three, 2.356 million which we spent in 21. Or, I'm sorry, which were paid in 21 in Town Property Taxes two 2.26 million. And then if you look back to 2020, we were at 2.465 million. So, so that's a good thing. And then with respect to the Villages, their taxable value which is really what determines the amount of money that the Town is going to receive went from 201 million to 205 million which is a 2.3 percent increase over those four years. Movin on, so, based on the hundred-thousand-dollar value, assessed value of a home, our tax

rates have dropped considerably from 2019. So, a Village home at \$100,000.00 assessed value back in 2019, was \$796.68, and this year those taxes are \$702.74. A Town home which is any home outside the Village of Harriman, in the Village of Monroe, in 19 was \$1,240.58, and this year it's one thousand one hundred forty dollars and fifty-two cents. So, those numbers represent a Village home decrease of seven-point nine eight percent over 2021, and a taxable rate decrease for a Town home of 6.48%. This was, this is not something that was done very easily. We have a Finance Department of Roberta McBride, and, and Helen Knickerbocker who crunch numbers on a daily basis. They throw things consistently at me, and we, we make sure we are fiscally responsible, and as prudent as we can be but yet we don't want to lose any of the services, and the benefits that we offer to our residents. So, that's, that's all-good news. And next up is just a quick breakdown of the Budgets by departments. I'll just go through this quick. So, Town Courts 20, these are all 2022 Budgets. There's a little over \$307,000.00. Supervisor's Office is \$267,000.00, Town Council actually went down about \$3,000, and that's mainly because we don't have to buy any equipment like we did over the past two years. Tax Collectors went down considerably. They went down a little bit short of \$8,000, and, and that's due to the fact that we're gonna be outsourcing it to M&T Bank, although yet Val is going to be handling that with two actual assistants once another Deputy is Appointed. There's a line item in there that has \$2,200.00 which represents two, payment to, two assistants. The Town Assessor's Office that, that rise from \$180 to \$238,000.00, the majority of that is for Legal Fees to defend Certiaries, and Grievances. Last year, right now, I think we spent just over \$16,000 in, in defending that, and we're, we're headed for a year where it's going to be an influx of them. So, we really have to be prepared for that. The Town Clerk's Office had a drop of six thousand dollars. Dial-A-Bus, is basically the same. Dial-A-Bus's ridership has gone up considerably this year, obviously based on COVID. But they're, they're doin a couple of little other things, and we're gonna continue to try to do trips to the mall as well as doctors' offices in Middletown, and Goshen. Our Building Department, there's a 31 thousand dollar increase there. We did put some money in for a new Code Enforcement Officer to try to alleviate some of the workload that Mark, and Ben have to deal with. Our Town Parks, this is Alex Smith, Mombasa, Faber Farm. Those went up about 17. So, about 60, \$73,000 to \$156,000.00. And there's some renovations that are gonna be going on. We are taking most of that increase out of our Parkland Fees Account, and we're gonna be refurbishing the boat launch. The dock area, and hopefully the Gazebo over at Round Lake. Just as you get out past, when you get to Round Lake on Lakes Road. Smith Clove Park. We've had a, a decrease in their Budget over the last three or four years, and we've, we've been able to increase that about twenty-one thousand dollars. They came in, and I think they asked for 306 or 308, and we're able to you know, kinda meet em just short of that at \$302,000.00. Our Senior Center. That increase of about a hundred and ten thousand dollars has a lot to do with ARPA money, and an eighty-eight-thousand-dollar Grant that we received from CDBG that'll be refurbishing the roof. That roof is just over 20 years old. Our, our Highway Administration is up just a bit over \$17,000. The Highway DA Fund, which is the Fund that encompasses the Town, and the Village is down about \$42,000. And then the DB

Fund is up about \$325,000, and that's due to a large part to the, the Berry Road project, and also some increase in chips money that we'll, we'll be getting. Questions? Right. So, obviously our financial outlook is, is good for this year. We're strong. We have over 7.3 million dollars in Fund Balance, and that's spread across numerous Funds. So, that, that encompasses every, every Fund from the General Fund to the Town outside the Village, the Highway Funds, Special Districts, Capital Projects, and non-major Governmental Funds which are Pensions, and.

- (Inaudible)

- Supervisor Cardone: And Retirement. Right. Retirement. So, so that's, that's where we're at. We have a great Bond rating. We're a Double A Long Term. We hadn't been rated I think in about 12 years. So, we're out here for the Public. We're here for transparent Government. Fiscal responsibility. Accountability. And best practices for the benefit of the Taxpayer. And that's what makes us successful here. And we couldn't do anything without everybody that contributes to this along with the Town Board

Action (Resolution): 4.4 Motion to Enter Into Executive Session

**2021-#471**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Enter into Executive Session to discuss salaries pertaining to the 2022 Budget.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone, second by Councilperson - Rick Colon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Councilperson - Rick Colon, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution): 4.5 Motion to Return to Regular Session

**2021-#472**

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Councilperson - Rick Colon, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution): 4.6 Motion to Close the Continuation of the Public Hearing for the 2022 Town Budget, and Benefit Assessment Rolls

**2021-#473**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Close the Continuation of the Public Hearing for the 2022 Town Budget, and Benefit Assessment Rolls.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone, second by Councilperson - Rick Colon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Councilperson - Rick Colon, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution): 4.7 Motion to Adopt the 2022 Town of Monroe Budget

**2021-#474**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Motion to Adopt the 2022 Town of Monroe Budget.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Councilperson - Rick Colon, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution): 4.8 Motion to Open the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 14

**2021-#475**

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Councilperson - Rick Colon, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello

The following signed up to speak during Public Comment regarding the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 14. To hear their comments, and Board Members responses, please go on-line to Board Docs Video Clip #4.8, 0:30:45.

- Richard Wawrynek

- Supervisor Cardone: Anybody sign up to speak?
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: I had two residents signed up.
- Supervisor Cardone: Sure.
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: But they left.
- Supervisor Cardone: What happened?
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: They left.
- Supervisor Cardone: They left?
- Councilman Scancarello: Well, there was that couple that was.
- Highway Superintendent John Scherne: (Inaudible)

- Supervisor Cardone: Oh, okay. All right. Thank you. You got it settled Shawn?
- Town Engineer Shawn Arnott: (Inaudible)
- Supervisor Cardone: All right, good. Thanks for doing that gratis. Appreciate it.
- [Laughter]
- Supervisor Cardone: You, you gave me the softball.
- Town Engineer Shawn Arnott: That's right.
- Supervisor Cardone: (Inaudible).
- Councilman Colon: (Inaudible)
- Supervisor Cardone: Thank you. I, I appreciate that.
- Town Engineer Shawn Arnott: No problem.
- Councilman Colon: Just put it on the bill.
- Supervisor Cardone: Okay. No one, no one to speak. Then we will.
- (Inaudible)
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah. I'm gonna keep that open. But I'm gonna, I'm gonna keep it open to the second meeting in January, which is January 17th. So, I'll make, I'll make a Motion to keep open the Public Hearing in relation to the Increase in Improvement of facilities of Water District 14 to January 18th at 7 p.m or immediately thereafter.
- (Inaudible)
- Supervisor Cardone: Sure. Yeah. Come on up here. Just state your name, where you live.
- Richard Wawrynek: My name is Richard Wawrynek.
- Councilman Colon: You gotta speak into the mic.
- Supervisor Cardone: You gotta speak into the mic.
- Councilman Colon: Nobody can hear you. Make sure it's on sir.
- Richard Wawrynek: All right.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah, it's on.
- Richard Wawrynek: Hello. Can you hear me?
- Supervisor Cardone: Yes.
- Richard Wawrynek: Richard Wawrynek w-a-w-r-y-n-e-k, and I live at 119 Second Avenue. So, obviously we're all impacted by this water situation that we have in our little area. And I'm just asking as to whether or not the Grants have already been applied for, and that, are we still waiting for this? Because I understand that's supposed to have been submitted by the 22nd of the month. Is that correct?
- Supervisor Cardone: Yes. The Grants for, the WIIA Grants for this round.
- Richard Wawrynek: Right.
- Supervisor Cardone: So.
- Richard Wawrynek: And I know with all this build back better, all this other stuff, that if we don't get the money now for this, I don't know when we're gonna ever get it. So, I'm hoping that work has been done on this already because I know it's probably been close to a year that we've started this process, and I know things take long, but I'm hoping that there is gonna be some result to this.

- Supervisor Cardone: Sure. Wanna comment on that Shawn?
- Town Engineer Shawn Arnott: This is with regards to Water District.
- Supervisor Cardone: Arrow Park.
- Town Engineer Shawn Arnott: Oh, Arrow Park. Okay. So, obviously the WIIA Grant is due. The WIIA Grant Applications are due a week from tonight. The 22nd of November. So, we would hope to hear, I believe the Grant Writer is expecting sometime in March in order for that Grant money to be allocated.
- Supervisor Cardone: But he's, he's going through with the application on it.
- Town Engineer Shawn Arnott: We are doing the application.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yes. Yeah.
- Richard Wawrynek: So, the Grant has already been requested right?
- Town Engineer Shawn Arnott: No. The application is due a week from tonight.
- Richard Wawrynek: The application is due. Okay.
- Town Engineer Shawn Arnott: Right.
- Supervisor Cardone: And the Application will be submitted in a week from tonight.
- Richard Wawrynek: Okay.
- Supervisor Cardone: Now, I don't know, you weren't here last meeting, and I don't know if you saw the meeting. So, so there's an issue presently with respect to the amount of the improvements there.
- Richard Wawrynek: Right.
- Supervisor Cardone: Causing us to have to go to New York State Controller to get approval. I think the amount of increase is about \$900.00. I'm gonna defer to Counsel on this, and it's going to be per household. And I think without the Grant, it's going to be close to three thousand dollars if, if I'm not mistaken. But that was the reason, was that actual number, and the increase why we have to go to the State Controller correct?
- (Inaudible)
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah. Yeah, so, that, that presented a (inaudible) for us which we're able to overcome, and I will tell you that our Engineer, and our Grant Writer, they're, they're two of the best, that when it comes to any Grants that we get, whether it's CDBG. Whether it's through Federal Government. Whether it's through the State and, and they do a phenomenal job. I think we're working on like eight of them right now. Eight or nine of them. Cause we just had a new round of New York State CDBG money that came out, that we've applied for. For different areas. But we're working on it. And, and listen, without, without them, we wouldn't have gotten the \$897,500.00 Grant for Water District 12 which Mary lives in. So.
- Richard Wawrynek: Hey Mary you know how to do it?
- Supervisor Cardone: Mary, move ov, move over to First Street, and maybe.
- (Laughter)
- (Inaudible)
- Supervisor Cardone: So, so believe me, our, our intention is to do this so that you guys receive as much money as we can get for you so that it's, it's palatable for you, and, and we

know that there's a lot of improvements over there.

- Richard Wawrynek: We need the help. So, we appreciate it.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah. No problem.
- Richard Wawrynek: Thank you.
- Supervisor Cardone: Any time.
- Richard Wawrynek: Thanks a lot.
- Supervisor Cardone: All right. Thank you. (Inaudible)

Action (Resolution): 4.9 Possible Motion to Keep Open the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 14

**2021-#476**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Keep Open the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 14 until January 18, 2022 at 7:00 PM or soon there-after.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Councilperson - Rick Colon, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution): 4.10 Motion to Open the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 8

**2021-#477**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open 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, Councilperson - Rick Colon, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello

The following signed up to speak during Public Comment regarding 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 #4.10, 0:36:32.

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

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: No Public Comment.
- Supervisor Cardone: No Public Comment. Okay. Shawn, any, any update on that?
- Town Engineer Shawn Arnott: So, (inaudible), this is the one that we're looking to supply a

few new wells to get the Town Water District off the Village's supply.

- Supervisor Cardone: (Inaudible)

- Town Engineer Shawn Arnott: So, at this point, there's no, there's no update. Obviously, we're applying for the Grant. The Engineering Report is almost done. So, you know we'll look to apply on Monday, and hopefully we'll be successful.

Action (Resolution): 4.11 Possible Motion to Keep Open the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 8

**2021-#478**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Keep Open the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 8 until January 18, 2022 at 7:00PM or soon there-after.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone, second by Councilperson - Rick Colon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Councilperson - Rick Colon, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution): 4.12 Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Amendments to A LOCAL LAW E-V1 AMENDING CHAPTER 57 (ZONING) TO ESTABLISH A TWO-FAMILY DWELLING OVERLAY FOR THE AREA OF THE TOWN OF MONROE NORTH OF ROUTE 17 (210812)

**2021-#479**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Amendments to A LOCAL LAW E-V1 AMENDING CHAPTER 57 (ZONING) TO ESTABLISH A TWO-FAMILY DWELLING OVERLAY FOR THE AREA OF THE TOWN OF MONROE NORTH OF ROUTE 17 (210812).

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone, second by Councilperson - Rick Colon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Councilperson - Rick Colon, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello

The following signed up to speak during Public Comment for the Continuation of the Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Amendments to A LOCAL LAW E-V1 AMENDING CHAPTER 57 (ZONING) TO ESTABLISH A TWO-FAMILY DWELLING OVERLAY FOR THE AREA OF THE TOWN OF MONROE NORTH OF ROUTE 17 (210812). To hear their comments, and Town Board responses, please go on-line to Board Docs Video Clip #4.12, 0:38:05.

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

- Supervisor Cardone: Okay.

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: No Public Comment.

- Supervisor Cardone: No Public Comment. All right. We're gonna keep this one open.

Action (Resolution): 4.13 Possible Motion to Keep Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Amendments to A LOCAL LAW E-V1 AMENDING CHAPTER 57 (ZONING) TO ESTABLISH A TWO-FAMILY DWELLING OVERLAY FOR THE AREA OF THE TOWN OF MONROE NORTH OF ROUTE 17 (210812)

**2021-#480**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Keep Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Amendments to A LOCAL LAW E-V1 AMENDING CHAPTER 57 (ZONING) TO ESTABLISH A TWO-FAMILY DWELLING OVERLAY FOR THE AREA OF THE TOWN OF MONROE NORTH OF ROUTE 17 (210812) until January 18, 2022 at 7:00 PM or soon there-after.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Councilperson - Rick Colon, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello

5. Acceptance of Minutes

Action (Resolution), Information: 5.1 Acceptance of October 18, 2021 Minutes

2021-#481BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to accept the Minutes of October 18 2021.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution): 5.2 Acceptance of October 21 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

**2021-#482**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to accept the Minutes of October 21 2021.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution) Information: 5.3 Acceptance of November 3 2021 Minutes

**2021-#483**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Table the Minutes of November 3 2021.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

**6. Audit of Claims**

Action (Resolution): 6.1 General Fund Abstract

**2021-#484**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe requests approval of Abstract #21-18 General Fund containing Check #27738-27798 totaling \$165346.96 and Wires and Transfers containing Check #345 totaling \$1357.12. (\$166704.08)

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Councilperson - Rick Colon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

**7. New Business**

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 7.1 Annual Dues Association of Towns of the State of New York

**2021-#485**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to approve payment of 2022 dues in the amount of \$1500 for membership in the Association of Towns of the State of New York.

Motion by Sal Scancarello second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 7.2 General Code Estimate

**2021-#486**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion estimate provided by General Code to update the Town Code to include Local Law No. 2-2021 Local Law No. 3-2021 and Local Law No. 4-2021. Cost is estimated between \$660.00 and \$785.00. Approves spending up to \$785.00.

Legislation that does not need to be codified:

Local Law No. 5-2020 (10/19/2020)

Local Law No. 1-2021 (03/01/2021)

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Councilperson - Rick Colon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 7.3 Elevator Maintenance 34 Millpond Parkway 1465 Orange Turnpike

To hear Supervisor Cardone regarding Elevator Maintenance 34 Millpond Parkway 1465 Orange Turnpike please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #7.3 0:42:00.

**2021-#487**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to approve Elevator Maintenance Contract in a form that is suitable to Counsel for Town properties located at 34 Millpond Parkway (Theater) and 1465 Orange Turnpike (Town Hall). \$225/mo. due on the first of every month 5% late charge if 30 days or over term is November 1 2021-October 31 2023 (2 year contract) bi-monthly service between 8am-4pm Mon.-Fri.

Motion by Sal Scancarello second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 7.4 Treasury Management Services Agreement M&T Bank

To hear Supervisor Cardone and Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer regarding Treasury Management Services Agreement M&T Bank please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #7.4 0:44:15.

**2021-#488**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Resolution authorizing the Town to enter into a Treasury Management Services Agreement with M&T Bank for Tax Lockbox Service. In-person tax payments at Town Hall will continue to be available.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Councilperson - Rick Colon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 7.5 Timothy Finnegan Motor Equipment Operator

**2021-#489**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to approve the hiring of Timothy Finnegan for the position of full-time Motor Equipment Operator in the

Highway Department at an hourly rate of \$28.21. Anticipated start date is November 29 2021. Timothy has been pre-approved for employment by the Orange County Department of Human Resources.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Councilperson - Rick Colon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 7.6 Highway Department Vehicles for Surplus

**2021-#490**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to approve Highway Department request to surplus the following vehicles:

#4 2007 International Diesel Model #: XPR4550-U

#27 1999 International Diesel Model #XPR4550-U

#30 2003 International Diesel Model #: XPR4550-U

(Dog Truck) 2003 Dodge Ram 1500

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Councilperson - Rick Colon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 7.7 SEQRA Negative Declaration Water District 8

**2021-#491**

BE IT RESOLVED that based on the Town Board's review and consideration of the Project and consideration of the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR 617.7 identifying Unlisted Actions under SEQRA the Town Board determined that the project as sited and described will not have an adverse impact on the environment.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 7.8 SEQRA Negative Declaration Water District 14

**2021-#492**

BE IT RESOLVED that based on the Town Board's review and consideration of the Project and consideration of the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR 617.7 identifying Unlisted Actions under SEQRA the Town Board determined that the project as sited and described will not have an adverse impact on the environment.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 7.9 SEQRA Negative Declaration Arrow Park Water District

**2021-#493**

BE IT RESOLVED that based on the Town Board's review and consideration of the Project and consideration of the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR 617.7 identifying Unlisted Actions under SEQRA the Town Board determined that the project as sited and described will not have an adverse impact on the environment.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 7.10 Confirmation of Match – Arrow Park Water District

To hear Town Engineer Shawn Arnott and Town Board Members regarding Confirmation of Match – Arrow Park Water District please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #7.10 0:49:49.

**2021-#494**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Resolution authorizing the Town Board to use existing capital funds for Arrow Park Water District.

WHEREAS the Environmental Facilities Corporation is soliciting applications through the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act for clean and drinking water improvement projects and requires a 40% match from the applicant;

WHEREAS The Town of Monroe has an identifiable need to conduct infrastructure improvements in the Arrow Park Water District;

WHEREAS the Town of Monroe intends to use a Bond Resolution to reimburse the Town for the upfront costs associated with the required match;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Monroe Town Board does hereby authorize the Town of Monroe to allocate 40% or \$164400 to meet the required match for a total project cost of \$2661000 to fund necessary improvements to the Arrow Park Water District.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Councilperson - Rick Colon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

**2021-#495**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to withdraw prior Resolution regarding Confirmation of Match - Arrow Park Water District.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

**8. Public Comment**

Information: 8.1 Rules for Public Comment

Discussion Information: 8.2 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 #8.2 0:59:50.

- Ward Brower
- John Deschner
- Julia Kole

**9. Old Business**

Action (Resolution): 9.1 Motion to Rescind the Prior Motion and Close the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of the Facilities of the Water District No. 14

**2021-#496**

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

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Councilperson - Rick Colon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution): 9.2 Motion to Rescind the Prior Motion and Close the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of the Facilities of the Water District No. 8

**2021-#497**

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

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution): 9.3 Motion to Close the Public Hearing Regarding the Bonding of Arrow Park Water District

To hear Supervisor Cardone Counsel Nugent Board Members Shawn Arnott and Julia Kole regarding Motion to Close the Public Hearing Regarding the Bonding of Arrow Park Water District please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #9.3 1:00:48.

**2021-#498**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Close the Public Hearing Regarding the Bonding of Arrow Park Water District.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution): 9.4 Resolution Authorizing Certain Actions Relating to a Grant Application Pursuant to the New York State Water Infrastructure and Improvement Act (WIIA) Arrow Park WD

**2021-#499**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe made the following Resolution by Councilwoman Bingham and seconded by Councilman Colon.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MONROE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATING TO A GRANT APPLICATION PURSUANT TO THE NEW YORK STATE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND IMPROVEMENT ACT ("WIIA")

WHEREAS the Town of Monroe is applying for grant funding pursuant to the New York State WIIA program offered through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation ("EFC"); and

WHEREAS Town of Monroe desires to perform work including the replacement in-kind of the existing watermain with a replacement watermain in a new trench; replacement of a wellhouse; designing the replacement of the existing well pump to provide water to a new atmospheric storage tank; at least one (1) new source for redundancy of the existing well to meet the NYSDEC and NYSDOH guidelines; a new booster pump skid in the new wellhouse building which would draw water from the proposed atmospheric storage tank and supply pressure to the new distribution system ("Town Infrastructure Projects"); and  
WHEREAS the Town Board intends to finance a portion of the project via issuance of a bond; and

WHEREAS the WIIA grant application requires this resolution to be approved by the Town Board as part of the application process.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. The above "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby incorporated by reference as though set forth in full herein.

Section 2. The Town Board hereby authorizes the undertaking of the Town of Monroe Infrastructure Projects at a maximum total cost of \$2661000 including Town financing in the amount of \$164400 for the Town Water Infrastructure Projects.

Section 3. The Town Board hereby declares that in addition to the proposed grant funds in the amount of \$1596600 the Town hereby commits to expend \$164400 from Town bond financing constituting the Town portion of the funding of such Town Water Infrastructure Projects.

Section 4. The Town Board hereby designates the Supervisor Cardone and a successor Supervisor as the Town representative who shall be authorized to sign the funding agreement with the EFC as well as any associated documents.

Section 5. The Town Board intends to issue a debt for the Town Water Infrastructure Projects in the form of bonding.

Section 6. The Supervisor or any other Town official employee or consultant at the Supervisor's directions is hereby authorized to take any and all necessary actions 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 ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Michael McGinn Councilperson [ X ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Richard Colon Councilperson [ X ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

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

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

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

Motion by Mary Bingham second by Councilperson - Rick Colon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution): 9.5 Resolution Authorizing Certain Actions Relating to a Grant Application Pursuant to the New York State Water Infrastructure and Improvement Act (WIIA) Related to Water District 8

**2021-#500**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made the following Resolution by Councilman Colon and seconded by Councilwoman Bingham.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MONROE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATING TO A GRANT APPLICATION PURSUANT TO THE NEW YORK STATE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND IMPROVEMENT ACT ("WIIA") RELATED TO WATER DISTRICT 8

WHEREAS the Town of Monroe is applying for grant funding pursuant to the New York State WIIA program offered through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation ("EFC") for WD 8; and

WHEREAS Town of Monroe desires to install two (2) new potable water supply wells and treatment for said wells on the existing site (SBL 24-1-56.1) ("Town Infrastructure Projects"); and

WHEREAS the Town Board intends to finance a portion of the project via issuance of a bond; and

WHEREAS the WIIA grant application requires this resolution to be approved by the Town Board as part of the application process.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. The above "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby incorporated by reference as though set forth in full herein.

Section 2. The Town Board hereby authorizes the undertaking of the Town of Monroe Infrastructure Projects at a maximum total cost of \$2700000 including Town financing in the amount of \$180000 for the Town Infrastructure Projects.

Section 3. The Town Board hereby declares that in addition to the proposed grant funds in the amount of \$1620 the Town hereby commits to expend \$180000 from Town bond financing constituting the Town portion of the funding of such Town Infrastructure Projects.

Section 4. The Town Board hereby designates the Supervisor and a successor Supervisor as the Town representative who shall be authorized to sign the funding agreement with the EFC as well as any associated documents.

Section 5. The Town Board intends to issue a debt for the Town Infrastructure Projects in the form of bonding.

Section 6. The Supervisor or any other Town official employee or consultant at the Supervisor's directions is hereby authorized to take any and all necessary actions 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 ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Michael McGinn Councilperson [ X ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Richard Colon Councilperson [ X ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

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

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

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

Motion by Councilperson - Rick Colon second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution): 9.6 Resolution Authorizing Certain Actions Relating to a Grant Application Pursuant to the New York State Water Infrastructure and Improvement Act (WIIA) Related to Water District 14

**2021-#501**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made the following Resolution by Councilman Scancarello and seconded by Councilwoman Bingham.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MONROE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATING TO A GRANT APPLICATION PURSUANT TO THE NEW YORK STATE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND IMPROVEMENT ACT ("WIIA") REGARDING WATER DISTRICT 14

WHEREAS the Town of Monroe is applying for grant funding pursuant to the New York State WIIA program offered through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation ("EFC"); and

WHEREAS Town of Monroe desires the replacement of existing water main throughout the existing water district as well as the installation of a new water well on the existing water district facility site (S/B/L 219-3-1.1 and 219-3-1.2) in the Town of Monroe; and

WHEREAS the Town Board intends to finance a portion of the project via issuance of a bond; and

WHEREAS the WIIA grant application requires this resolution to be approved by the Town Board as part of the application process.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. The above "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby incorporated by reference as though set forth in full herein.

Section 2. The Town Board hereby authorizes the undertaking of the Town of Monroe Infrastructure Projects at a maximum total cost of \$1951500 including Town financing in the amount of \$780400 for the Town Infrastructure Projects.

Section 3. The Town Board hereby declares that in addition to the proposed grant funds in the amount of \$1171100 the Town hereby commits to expend \$780400 from Town bond financing constituting the Town portion of the funding of such Town Infrastructure Projects.

Section 4. The Town Board hereby designates the Supervisor and a successor Supervisor as the Town representative who shall be authorized to sign the funding agreement with the EFC as well as any associated documents.

Section 5. The Town Board intends to issue a debt for the Town Infrastructure Projects in the form of bonding.

Section 6. The Supervisor or any other Town official employee or consultant at the Supervisor's directions is hereby authorized to take any and all necessary actions 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 ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Michael McGinn Councilperson [ X ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Richard Colon Councilperson [ X ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

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

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

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

Motion by Sal Scancarello second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

10. Community Announcements

Information: 10.1 Teddy Bear Collection (Jim Ferrigno)

To hear Supervisor Cardone regarding Teddy Bear Collection (Jim Ferrigno) please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #10.1 1:19:21.

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

Discussion: 11.1 Enter into Executive Session

**\*\*NO ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME**

12. Return to Regular Meeting

Information: 12.1 Return to Regular Meeting

**\*\*NO ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME**

13. Adjournment

Action (Resolution): 13.1 Adjournment of Meeting

**2021-#502**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe adjourns the meeting of November 15 2021 at 8:47 PM.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

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