

**Town of Monroe**  
**Town Board Minutes**  
**Monday, May 18, 2026**  
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**Members Present**

Maureen Richardson, Bethany Stephens, Juan Luis Rivera, Mary Bingham  
Town Counsel - Darius Chafizadah

**Call to Order**

1.1. Pledge to the Flag

The Supervisor led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**Motion to Open Town Board Meeting**

2.1. Motion to Open Town Board Meeting of May 18, 2026

**2026-#210**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Town Board Meeting of May 18, 2026, at 7:06 PM.

**On a motion by Supervisor Richardson, seconded by Town Council Member Rivera**

**Ayes: Supervisor Richardson, Town Councilmember Stephens, Town Council Member Rivera, Town Councilmember Bingham**

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Community Announcements**

3.1. Mobile DMV at Town Hall May 29, 2026

Orange County Clerk Kelly Eskew invites you to the Orange County Mobile DMV Unit. Transactions Offered: All Registration Transactions, all License Transactions including Real/Enhanced, Enforcement Transactions. Friday, May 29, 2026, 10:00AM-12PM, closed 12-1pm, 1-3:30pm. Monroe Town Hall, 1465 Orange Tpke., Monroe, NY 10950. Please visit [dmv.ny.gov](http://dmv.ny.gov) for all necessary original documents needed before your visit to the Mobile DMV.

Expect some delays due to the high volume of customers applying for the REAL or Enhanced ID.

3.2. 2026 Memorial Day Parade

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Formation will start at Smith's Clove Park beginning at 12:15 PM with step off at 1:30 PM. The parade will proceed onto Spring St. turning left onto Mapes Place through the underpass to the Monroe Volunteer Ambulance Corps Memorial.

The Color Guard will present arms, and wreaths shall be placed.

The parade will make a right turn at Carpenter Place through downtown Lakes Street.

From there, the parade will turn left onto Route 17M, and proceed to Veterans Memorial Park.

From there proceed to the Monroe Cemetery for formal dedication and disbanding.

Thank you for honoring our heroes.

### 3.3. Annual Orange County Spring Job Fair

Orange County Employment and Training Administration (ETA) will host its annual Spring Job Fair on May 21st at the Galleria at Crystal Run in Middletown from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. The event is designed to connect local employers with job seekers and help residents take the next step in their careers.

### 3.4. 2026 Village of Monroe Farmers Market

The Village of Monroe Farmers Market will continue for the 2026 season.

The Village of Monroe is pleased to announce that Jeremiah Lacsina, owner of Elijo's Natural Soap and a longtime Monroe Farmers Market vendor, has volunteered to serve as Market Manager for the 2026 season.

The Village is currently working with Jeremiah to organize and move forward with plans for this year's Farmers Market.

More information regarding vendor applications, schedules, and market details will be shared in the coming weeks.

We would like to thank the many vendors, residents, and community members who reached out in support of continuing the Farmers Market. Your enthusiasm and community spirit are greatly appreciated.

We look forward to working together toward another successful season in Monroe. a Contact Jeremiah at [W.Elijosnaturalsoap@gmail.com](mailto:W.Elijosnaturalsoap@gmail.com)

~ Looking for Vendors!

### 3.5. Memorial Day Refuse

In honor of Memorial Day, there will be **NO refuse pick-up on Monday, May 25**. Due to the holiday, the **entire weekly schedule will shift by one day**, including recycling. Please see the updated schedule below:

Monday, May 25 - **NO** Service

Tuesday, May 26 - Village Refuse

Wednesday, May 27 - Town Refuse

Thursday, May 28 - Recycling (both Town and Village)

Friday, May 29 - Village Refuse

Saturday, May 30 - Town Refuse

Please continue to place your receptacles curbside the night before the scheduled pick-up. **The regular pick-up schedule will resume on Monday, June 1.** You can also view the updated pick-up schedule on the Recycle Coach app. For any questions or concerns, please call the Highway Department at 845-782-8583.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding. Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day.

### 3.6. 2026 Village of Monroe Summer Concert Series

Between the Millponds from 7:00PM-9:00PM

- Saturday, June 13th - Ladies of the 80's - BO's Pop / Rock
- Saturday, June 27th - Flirtin With Disaster - Classic Rock
- Friday, July 3rd - Mighty Spectrum Band -Classic Rock \*\*Independence Day Celebration (rain date Friday, July 10th)
- Saturday, July 11th - Tonebenders - Pop / Rock/ Jazz
- Saturday, July 25th - Route 66 - Vintage Rock
- Saturday, August 8th - Art Lillard - Light Jazz/ Latin
- Saturday, August 15th - Slam Allen - Rock / Blues
- Saturday, August 22nd - Billy 6 - Billy Joel Tribute Band

\*The rain date for the Saturday concerts is Sunday, same time.

### 3.7. Upcoming Construction on Orange Turnpike

Upcoming Construction at the intersection of Still Rd., Orange Tpke., Pine Tree Rd., and Stage Rd.

The Village of Monroe is making improvements to the intersection with the goal to enhance safety, improve traffic flow, and create a more effective intersection for our community.

Anticipated start date, last week in June. Project expected to be complete within 60 days.

STAY INFORMED - follow us on Facebook @VillageofMonroeNY and visit our website

[www.villageofmonroe.org](http://www.villageofmonroe.org) for updates.

THANK YOU - we appreciate your patience and cooperation during this important project.

### 3.8. Flagship Cinema Elevator

The cost to repair the elevator was quoted a minimum of \$6,000. Aside from remediation costs, the cost of actual repairs and upgrades is \$26,000.

### 3.9. Audience Attendance

The Supervisor disagrees with inflammatory posts and misinformation on Social Media.

### 3.10. Liaison Appointment

Shlomie Landau was a Supervisor Appointment. He is a volunteer and a friendly face. He was the only person who applied to the Board of Assessment Review. The Board of Assessment Review researches grievances. It is a board of three people.

## **Acceptance of Minutes**

### 4.1. Acceptance of May 4, 2026 Minutes

#### **2026-#211**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to accept the Minutes of May 4, 2026.

**On a motion by Supervisor Richardson, seconded by Town Councilmember Bingham**

**Ayes: Supervisor Richardson, Town Councilmember Stephens, Town Council Member Rivera, Town Councilmember Bingham**

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

## **Audit of Claims**

### 5.1. Abstract of Audited Vouchers General Fund

#### **2026-#212**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe approves Abstract of Audited Vouchers General Fund #26-09, check #38270-38324 totaling \$629,075.17.

**On a motion by Supervisor Richardson, seconded by Town Councilmember Bingham**

**Ayes: Supervisor Richardson, Town Councilmember Stephens, Town Council Member Rivera, Town Councilmember Bingham**

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

### 5.2. Abstract of Audited Vouchers Escrow

#### **2026-#213**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe approves Abstract of Audited Vouchers Escrow #26-06, check #2282 totaling \$177.77.

**On a motion by Supervisor Richardson, seconded by Town Council Member Rivera**

**Ayes: Supervisor Richardson, Town Councilmember Stephens, Town Council Member Rivera, Town Councilmember Bingham**

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

## **Possible motion to adjourn to Executive and or/ Attorney Client Session**

### 6.1. Enter into Executive Session

#### **2026-#214**

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

**On a motion by Supervisor Richardson, seconded by Town Councilmember Bingham**

**Ayes: Supervisor Richardson, Town Councilmember Stephens, Town Council Member Rivera, Town Councilmember Bingham**

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

## **Return to Regular Meeting**

### 7.1. Return to Regular Meeting

#### **2026-#215**

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

**On a motion by Supervisor Richardson, seconded by Town Council Member Rivera**

**Ayes: Supervisor Richardson, Town Councilmember Stephens, Town Council Member Rivera, Town Councilmember Bingham**

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

## **New Business**

### 8.1. Schedule Special Meeting, May 27th

#### **2026-#216**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to schedule a Special Meeting for Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

**On a motion by Supervisor Richardson, seconded by Town Council Member Rivera**

**Ayes: Supervisor Richardson, Town Councilmember Stephens, Town Council Member Rivera, Town Councilmember Bingham**

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

### 8.2. Town Hall Summer Hours

#### **2026-#217**

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

2026 Employee Summer Hours for Town Hall:

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

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

Friday: Town Hall Closed

Effective beginning the week of June 8, 2026, with normal business hours of Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., resuming Tuesday, October 13, 2026. (All Town Offices are closed Monday, October 12th in observance of Columbus Day). **\*Week of June 15th and June 29th (Modified Schedule for Juneteenth and Independence Day Holiday): Monday, Tuesday: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Thursday & Friday: Town Hall Closed**

**On a motion by Supervisor Richardson, seconded by Town Council Member Rivera**

**Ayes: Supervisor Richardson, Town Councilmember Stephens, Town Council Member Rivera, Town Councilmember Bingham**

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

8.3. Music for Humanity Gaming Application

**2026-#218**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to approve the 2026 Music for Humanity Gaming License for the Town of Monroe.

**On a motion by Supervisor Richardson, seconded by Town Council Member Rivera**

**Ayes: Supervisor Richardson, Town Councilmember Stephens, Town Council Member Rivera, Town Councilmember Bingham**

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

8.4. Conservation Commission Resignation RE: Lauren Kelly

**2026-#219**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to accept the resignation of Lauren Kelly from the Conservation Commission effective May 6, 2026.

**On a motion by Supervisor Richardson, seconded by Town Councilmember Bingham**

**Ayes: Supervisor Richardson, Town Councilmember Stephens, Town Council Member Rivera, Town Councilmember Bingham**

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

8.5. Renewal Proposal – Millennium Strategies

**2026-#220**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe hereby authorizes the renewal of the contract with Millennium Services for continued grant writing services for the Town; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate said renewal on behalf of the Town of Monroe.

**On a motion by Town Council Member Rivera, seconded by Town Councilmember Bingham**

**Ayes: Supervisor Richardson, Town Council Member Rivera**

**Nays: Town Councilmember Stephens, Town Councilmember Bingham**

**Abstain: None**

8.6. FTA FY 2026 Certifications & Assurances

**2026-#221**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe hereby authorizes the adoption and execution of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) FY 2026 Certifications & Assurances as required for participation in federally funded transit programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute all documents and certifications necessary to effectuate said Certifications & Assurances on behalf of the Town of Monroe.

**On a motion by Town Councilmember Bingham, seconded by Town Councilmember Stephens**

**Ayes: Supervisor Richardson, Town Councilmember Stephens, Town Council Member Rivera, Town Councilmember Bingham**

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Public Comment**

9.1. Rules for Public Comment

9.2. Public Comment

The following signed up for Public Comment:

- Iris Conques
- Tom Lapolla
- Carol Scully
- Kevin Scully

- Dorey Houle
- Mike Egan
- Dan Burke
- Ely Schwartz
- Carol Hawxhurst
- Abraham Floor
- Jacob Bickel
- Rick Colon

- Iris Conques: Spoke on Woodbury IMA. Would like cats to be included.

- Tom Lapolla: Spoke RE Liaison position. Believes it was created for political reasons.

- Carol Scully: Spoke RE Liaison/B.A.R. Appointment and streetlights on Seven Springs Rd. Wants to know if any other backroom promises were made. Believes an assessment should have been made RE lights on 7 Springs Rd. Need to find a way to stop the unsustainable building.

- Kevin Scully: Spoke RE B.A.R./Liaison Appointment and streetlights. A perception of corruption was created. Feels as though this was not transparent. Also, spoke on the firing of former ZBA Attorney Dave McCartney.

Dorey Houle: Spoke RE Rye Hill Parkland Dedication. Spoke RE vacancies on Ethics Board, [rior B.A.R. applications and how she is blocked on posts by Town Supervisor on Social Media.

- Mike Egan: Spoke RE Jewish Liaison. It's a violation of the 1st Amendment and Code of Ethics. Residents of Round Lake Park are concerned about the turn of events. Told the Supervisor to be viligiant and active.

- Dan Burke: Spoke RE Round Lake. Mixed population. They pay school taxes too.

- Ely Schwartz: Spoke RE B.A.R. Appointment. He's a hard working person, loving dad, always there to help others. Doesn't understand the uproar. Has had a lot of conversation with his non-Jewish neighbors. Not here with any Agendas/Motives.

- Carol Hawxhirst: Questioned Comprehensive Plan. Hasn't heard any additional talk of it (Zoning Laws). Additional \$500,000 left in fund. Questioned appointing a Treasurer. Believes in equity for all.

- Abraham Floor: Congratulated Board. Thanked Supervisor Cardone for doing the job he did. Resident of the Town for over 50 years. Paramedic for over 30 years. Covers 20-30 call/week for outside Town community.

- Jacob Bickel: Loves Monroe. Congratulated Town Board. Glad they picked Shlomie for B.A.R. He's always available. He's a volunteer for everyone. Spoke RE lights on Old County Rd.

- Rick Colon: Prior Board Member. Community has grown very rapidly in the last 40 years. We all work together. We should all try to work together. Doesn't believe in transparency but clarity.

## **Adjournment**

### 10.1. Adjournment of Meeting

#### **2026-#222**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe adjourns the meeting of May 18, 2026, at 9:22 PM.

**On a motion by Supervisor Richardson, seconded by Town Council Member Rivera**

**Ayes: Supervisor Richardson, Town Councilmember Stephens, Town Council Member Rivera, Town Councilmember Bingham**

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**