



**Monday, August 10, 2026
Monroe Town Board Meeting Agenda**

**Town of Monroe, New York
Town Hall
1465 Orange Turnpike
Monroe, New York**

1. Call to Order

1.1. Pledge to the Flag

2. Motion to Open Town Board Meeting

2.1. Motion to Open Town Board Meeting of August 10, 2026

3. Community Announcements

3.1. Mobile DMV at Town Hall August 27, 2026

3.2. St. Paul Lutheran Church Blood Drive

4. Acceptance of Minutes

4.1. Acceptance of July 13, 2026 Minutes

4.2. Acceptance of July 23, 2026 Minutes

5. Audit of Claims

6. Cash Transfers

6.1. Cash Transfer Abstract

7. Budget Transfer

8. New Business

8.1. Q&A with Joel Mann Regarding Round Lake (Presentation by Landowner to Dispel Misinformation RE Round Lake)

8.2. 2026 NYSAA Fall Conference, Assessor's Office Request

8.3. Authorization for the Supervisor to sign an IMA: For the Control of Snow and Ice on Certain County Roads

8.4. Motion to Schedule a Public Hearing for a Short Term Rental Application at 153 Mine Road Monroe, NY 10950 (SBL# 7-2-1)

8.5. Motion to appoint the Supervisor as an additional Marriage Officer

8.6. Motion to approve the transfer of Kirk Villacres from the Highway Department to the Water Department at his current rate of \$42.69, effective 8/11/26

8.7. Pre-Approval to Transfer Eric Kowalski from Mechanic to Heavy Equipment Operator (HEO), Effective Upon Hiring a Replacement Mechanic

8.8. Authorization for the Supervisor to sign the finalized, ratified Teamsters Union contract MOA

9. Old Business

10. Public Comment

10.1. Rules for Public Comment

10.2. Public Comment

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

11.1. Enter into Executive Session

12. Return to Regular Meeting

12.1. Return to Regular Meeting

13. Adjournment

13.1. Adjournment of Meeting

1. Call to Order

Subject

1.1. Pledge to the Flag

Meeting

August 10, 2026 - Monroe Town Board Meeting Agenda

Type

Procedural

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.

1. Motion to Open Town Board Meeting

Subject **2.1. Motion to Open Town Board Meeting of August 10, 2026**

Meeting August 10, 2026 - Monroe Town Board Meeting Agenda

Type Action (Resolution)

Motion to Open Town Board Meeting of August 10, 2026

2026-#298

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Town Board Meeting of August 10, 2026, at _____.

1. 8-3-2026 Meeting Date Change_page-0001
2. Affidavit RE 8-3-2026 Meeting Date Change_Redacted



TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MONROE

NOTICE OF MEETING DATE CHANGE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Monroe Town Board meeting regularly scheduled for Monday, August 3, 2026, will be rescheduled to Monday, August 10, 2026, at 7:00 PM at 1465 Orange Turnpike Monroe, New York.

By Order of the Town Board Dated July 30, 2026

Valerie Bitzer, Town Clerk
Monroe, New York

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Dated July 30, 2026

Valerie Bitzer, Town Clerk
Monroe, New York

1. Community Announcements

Subject 3.1. Mobile DMV at Town Hall August 27, 2026

Meeting August 10, 2026 - Monroe Town Board Meeting Agenda

Type Information

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. Thursday, August 27, 2026, 10:00AM-12PM, closed 12-1pm, 1-3:30pm. Monroe Town Hall, 1465 Orange Tpke., Monroe, NY 10950. Please visit 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.

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ORANGE COUNTY CLERK KELLY A. ESKEW

INVITES YOU TO THE

ORANGE COUNTY MOBILE DMV OFFICE

Thursday August 27, 2026

Town of Monroe
1465 Orange TPKE
Monroe NY 10950

Hours:

10:00am - 12:00pm

(Closed 12:00pm - 1:00pm)

1:00pm - 3:30pm



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2. Community Announcements

Subject **3.2. St. Paul Lutheran Church Blood Drive**

Meeting August 10, 2026 - Monroe Town Board Meeting Agenda

Type Information

Donate on Saturday, August 15th and receive a \$20 Amazon gift card.

9:00 am-2:00 pm

St. Paul Lutheran Church 21 Still Rd., Monroe, NY

Scan the QR Code on the flyer to register or walk in.

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1. St Paul Blood Drive Flyer_page-0001

EMERGENCY BLOOD CRISIS!!

The American Red Cross has declared only the second national blood crisis in its history.

Donations have fallen to a four-year summer low.

WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW!!!!

**DONATE
BLOOD,
SAVE
LIVES**



Donate on Saturday, August 15th and receive a \$20 Amazon gift card.

DATE

Saturday,
August 15th, 2026
9:00AM – 2:00PM



LOCATION

St Paul Lutheran
Church
21 Still Rd.
Monroe, NY



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1. Acceptance of Minutes

Subject

4.1. Acceptance of July 13, 2026 Minutes

Meeting

August 10, 2026 - Monroe Town Board Meeting Agenda

Type

Action (Resolution)

Acceptance of July 13, 2026 Minutes

2026-#

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to accept the Minutes of July 13, 2026.

1. TB Certified 7-13-2026 DRAFT Minutes

DRAFT

**Town of Monroe
Town Board Minutes
Monday, July 13, 2026
(www.townofmonroeny.gov)**

Generated by Valerie Bitzer

Members Present

Maureen Richardson, Bethany Stephens, Juan Luis Rivera
Town Counsel - Darius Chafizadeh

Members Absent

Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello

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 July 13, 2026

2026-#267

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Town Board Meeting of July 13, 2026, at 7:04 PM.

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Public Hearing

3.1. Motion to Open the Public Hearing RE the Consideration of Highway Improvements to Seven Springs Road Pursuant to NYS Town Law 200

2026-#268

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Public Hearing RE the Consideration of Highway Improvements to Seven Springs Road Pursuant to NYS Town Law 200.

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

Ayes: Supervisor Richardson, Town Councilmember Stephens, Town Council Member Rivera
Nays: None
Abstain: None

The following residents signed up to speak during Public Comment on the Public Hearing RE the Consideration of Highway Improvements to Seven Springs Road Pursuant to NYS Town Law 200:

- Aaron Warner, Zarin Steinmetz
- Phil Grealy, Collier's Engineering
- Joel Mann, Brach & Mann Assoc.
- Samuel Stern
- Chaim Bernath
- Joseph Blumenthal
- Jonas Hoffman

- Aaron Warner: Good evening. My name is Aaron Warner. I'm an attorney with the law firm Zarin and Steinmetz.
- Supervisor Richardson: George, is that on? Is he all set?
- George Carney: (Inaudible)
- Supervisor Richardson: He's good.
- Aaron Warner: Thanks.
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Just repeat your name, please.
- Aaron Warner: Sure. My name is Aaron Warner. I'm an attorney with the law firm Zarin and Steinmetz. I'm joined tonight by Phil Grealy with Collier's Engineering and Design and also Joel Mann on behalf of the petitioner for Bakertown Road Holdings LLC. This petition is for road improvements to the section of Seven Springs Road between the intersection of Seven Springs Mountain Road and the area north of Lanzit Court starting at G Road for a distance of approximately 1,950 ft. The goal and purposes of this road improvement petition are to improve the road specification standards for the subject section of Seven Springs Road. Primarily to improve traffic conditions based on current and future growth of the town and to improve use and safety for all users of the road as well as to improve conditions for land development. As demonstrated in the letter submitted by Collier, the subject section of Seven Springs Road is currently outdated in terms of roadway specifications,

which causes adverse traffic and safety conditions. And this is particularly due to the fact that the horizontal, horizontal and vertical alignment of the roadway severely restricts sight distances for vehicles traveling along the roadway. Several sections of the roadway do not meet the site distance criteria as developed by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. The proposed roadway improvement plan is designed to address these site distance issues through horizontal, horizontal, and vertical alignment and grading resulting in a straighter and flatter road that will be better, will allow the road

to better accommodate current and future traffic with the growth of the town. This will result in a safer road for all users of the road and will better serve potential future development of the adjacent properties. The proposed roadway improvement plan also takes into consideration the anticipated right-of-way dedications to the town of Monroe necessary to accommodate grading and future sidewalk improvements. The petitioner would be funding the roadway improvements solely with no cost to the town or its residents. The amount of which is estimated to be over \$4,600,000. Pursuant to New York State Town Law Section 200, your board has the authority to approve the roadway improvements upon a finding that it's within the public interest. So, that's primarily what this public hearing for is tonight, and we would hope that your board would make a determination of whether these road improvements are in the public interest. But, we respectfully submit that it would be in the public, public interest to conduct the road improvements uh to better accommodate current and future traffic conditions. It would increase safety and ease of use, and it would also improve land development conditions for adjacent properties. So, accordingly, we, we respectfully ask that your board would conduct this public hearing tonight and make a determination whether or not the proposed road improvements are in the public interest and thereafter upon making that determination would direct petitioners engineer to create definite plans, an updated estimate of the expense and also to authorize the town attorney to work with us to create an agreement which would be a contract for to execute the work and thereafter and before any contract would be executed or authorized we would finalize the SEQRA process. So, we're, we're available for any questions from your board. Phil, I don't know if you wanted to walk through or.

- Phil Grealy: Good evening, Philip Grealy from Collier's Engineering and Design. Good evening, Madam Supervisor, members of the board. I think Aaron has given a pretty good synopsis of our review and conclusions. Just to add a couple of things in terms of the traffic growth that has occurred on that section of roadway over the last eight or nine years has been over 50% increase in volume. We looked at accidents, we looked at the volumes, we looked at the speed on the roadway. The plans that were included were conceptual plans. They were to look at both the vertical and horizontal alignment modifications that would meet current design standards. There are variations of that. Once we have detailed survey assuming that the town you know, is in favor of this advancing, based on final topographic information we would finalize the layout. I know in one of our earlier discussions there were concerns about you make the road safer, wider and you make it straighter people speed. Well, there's you know worked into the final design would be not only sidewalks and drainage improvements because there are issues with drainage along the roadway too. Would be design features, traffic calming measures as development occurs along that roadway there would be driveways and controlled intersections. So, those would all be worked into final design, and you know some of the traffic coming measures are used. Sometimes we use roundabouts, we use speed tables and things like that that are easy to maintain. There would also be turning lanes at any major intersection. So, the final design would accommodate that you know future growth in where driveways would be located

and improve the safety for vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists or anyone else that's on the card. So, we happy to answer any questions. Again, the plans that were submitted are, you know, conceptual to get a feel for what would be involved with it and the idea of the cost and then we would go to detailed final designs that we would work together with the highway department and your town engineer. So, thank you.

- Supervisor Richardson: Thank you.
- Joel Mann: Joel Mann, Brahman Associate. Just to add, we working the last decade for all the roads around the area, all the connector roads between the village and the town to make sure that it's accommodating the traffic. We're not putting any burdens on the town as his, historically we can prove that including that we are now on the other side of KJ. We are, we are, we are making like entrance through dash to ease off the traffic on 105. We just finished an improvement on County Route 44. The first half and the plan is to go on and improve the rest of the area that's connecting to the intersection of Seven Springs Road that's county, and we're working now on this piece that's in the town in the Town of Monroe and like we said this is not going to be put any burden or cost on the town.
- Supervisor Richardson: I did have a question for you because the development that is basically the petitioner. Were they required by the village of KJ to have these road improvements conditionally for the access to the development and the density in any way?
- Joel Mann: In the future? Possibly, but they're not there now. But, but still the village is

pushing for that to make this happen right now because based on the conditions of the road the surrounding roads.

- Supervisor Richardson: Yeah. My impression is that the road is so severely damaged.
- Joel Mann: Correct.
- Supervisor Richardson: That there would be basically no appropriate access and in our conversations with the village administrator over there it seems that this is in fact a requirement or would be mandated down the line. I didn't inquire which process the developer was at. But because of that, I certainly agree that this is very dangerous portion of the road. We had on the adjacent street, Seven Springs Mountain Road an incident where a state trooper was rear-ended while trying to police this entire area. It's essentially the same issues with the sightlines, with the changes in elevations, with the blind curves over there. We're trying to put pedestrian lighting. And I put eight street lights in the section where there are residents because this section that we're speaking about is the vacant.
- Joel Mann: Right.
- Supervisor Richardson: Empty. No one is turning in and out. Just turning on to the different intersections on that road.
- Joel Mann: It's still a connector that people are using and part.

- Supervisor Richardson: Exactly.
- Joel Mann: Of part of the improvement is to add lighting along this.
- Supervisor Richardson: That intersection.
- Joel Mann: Along this portion.
- Supervisor Richardson: Is currently a problem.
- Joel Mann: Right.
- Supervisor Richardson: Even without the high density on that other end. So, we are definitely looking to have improvements made overall. So, it will be an ongoing conversation about what should be required. But I've spoken with Mary, with Lewis. We've spoken generally about this at the meetings previously. I don't know if Sal was here for that, but I think the general consensus was that we see, you know, the grand cost of this improvement and don't see a reason why we wouldn't make such an improvement, but that the conditions on that improvement need to be addressing those problems that our board members and our highway and superintendent and yourselves have brought up so that we don't wind up with more incidents particularly knowing the fact that it's required for that development and the impact that those construction vehicles have on the other aspect. The portion of Seven Springs Road. That's in extremely poor shape. You know we've been inclined to ask that more improvements expand the totality of the road to give those re, residents that benefit if they're going to be experiencing the impact of this.

- Joel Mann: Right.
- Supervisor Richardson: Ongoing construction. And I've had many, many complaints not only about, I know this isn't relating to your project but the helicopter noises

in this area.

- Joel Mann: No idea about it.
- Supervisor Richardson: And the stone crushing at 7 and 6 in the morning that goes all day

at this property, and yes, we do call the owner and we do have productive conversations.

- Joel Mann: Nothing connected to this petitioner not on this property so.
- Supervisor Richardson: But this whole section of town is basically suffering from the current construction. Like, they're in a region of town where there are people who have moved there and are lifelong residents and are experiencing, you know, high volume of quality of life complaints from construction. So, they should at least see some access and benefits and improvements if they're going to be subject to this. So, that will be an ongoing conversation. But, I wanted to yield the floor to Bill Brown for a moment because I know he's here specifically for this project and just wanted to make sure you had any comments or questions.
- Highway Superintendent Bill Brown: (Inaudible) to our roads that you know, I'm all for it. You know that's, that's what we're, we're here to do and improve the safety of the

roads for everybody and thank you for you know willing to foot the bill on this one.

- Joel Mann: You know just to prove that we want to make it the safest possible we have here Phil Gurley [clears throat] well known, top of the line as traffic consultant in the region and he will make sure that we have, we make sure that we take care on every concern on any traffic concern to make it better and not to make it worse.
- Supervisor Richardson: Any other comments from.
- Town Councilmember Rivera: Can you be more, can you be more detailed on that? You know, because yes, the road is a mess. I agree. It does need vertical and horizontal alignment as you guys refer to it as. It's going to cost \$4.6 million, which the builder is going to pick up the tab, not the town. Right?
- Joel Mann: Yes.
- Town Councilmember Rivera: So, the only question I have is, and it goes back to what the gentleman said earlier. You're going to straighten this road out. You're going to flatten it out. You're going to straighten it out. How am I not, how can I be assured that there's not going to be, you know, racing down this road and it's going to be more dangerous in the future because it's been now, instead of being windy, now it's straight and it doesn't go up and down that just goes it's a nice straight shot.
- Joel Mann: I think the racing is now much more fun.

[laughter]

- Supervisor Richardson: It's a slick track that we've got going on in Monroe unfortunately.
- Councilmember Rivera: You think you think you think it be much more fun?
- Joel Mann: Take away, it will take away the fun from the people who want to race on that crooked road. But either way, the I think we spoke about adding some speed like traffic counts that shows your speed is here as much as we can. Again, this is definitely going to make the road better. Every snow, at night there's no visibility and whatever you can drive there you just maybe have a visibility of 10 feet. You can barely see the next lane. You can easily get into the crossing lane and the, the other side lane. It's, it's very dangerous. So, straightening around again there's enforcement for speeding but there's no enforcement for a crooked road. To, to understand. You got my point? So, it's basically, we'll make it the.
- Councilmember Rivera: I like, I like to hear the, the expert retort.
- Phil Grealy: Yes, Councilman Rivera. So, in (inaudible), when I refer to traffic coming, the whole idea is to keep speeds down, accommodate pedestrians and other users of the roadway. As development occurs along this road and, and part of the final design will have intersections. So, for example, the property on the east side of the roadway that was referred to, when that is developed there will be access points. There will be controls. There are traffic controls, signing, striping, signals potentially. There may be locations where a small roundabout may make sense. Again, not every town or municipality likes those. They've been very effective. So, when we get to final design,

we'll incorporate those measures. We, we listen to the concerns about speed. You know, throughout the town, there's roads where people speed, even if the road isn't straight. So, a straighter road with proper controls will not be the same situation you have today because you have problems with drainage. people, you know, based on the speed data we collected, there's times where people are speeding on this road, but there's, you know, accidents and there's a lot of near misses in terms of runoff the road type issues. So, I think our design would be safe, but also not to encourage excess speeds. And we'll work with the town with the highway superintendent, your engineer to include all those items.

- Councilmember Stephens: Mr. Mann, I have a couple questions if that's okay.
- Joel Mann: Sure.
- Councilmember Stephens: So, I always think through on all of our decisions what the second and third order effects are going to be and I, I remember your colleague mentioning early and updated estimate. That's one of my primary concerns. The time that this estimate was made was, you know, prior to the conflict in the Middle East, obviously oil, asphalt, all supplies in general are going to be expansionally, cost more. And so, in good faith, you know, you say you're going to get an updated estimate. What happens if you know the project overruns even your new estimate? Who's responsible for that?
- Joel Mann: It's we it's like we this project has support from the village and multiple developers as pushing together roads around, around the village safe. So, we have, we will accommodate whatever needed to make this road, to make this road safe.
- Supervisor Richardson: Yeah, I've already addressed this.
- Town Counsel Chafizadeh: Yeah, let me try to jump in there a little bit on, on this. When they, they ultimately have to design the, the road as the superintendent highways won't want it, the engineer would want it, the town engineer and how you would want it. So, all that, let's say the estimate is 5 million. They'll have to enter into an agreement with us to go into our right of way to do this work, have a traffic management plan, and because they're in our right away, they required to put up a bond for the amount of the project that if they don't complete it, we would be able to go after that bond to complete the project. And it's all on their dime. And the estimate will be looked at by our, our engineer in terms of timing, in terms of cost of asphalt, in terms of cost of whatever they need. So, and, and drainage structure. So, that'll all be analyzed on their dime by us.
- Supervisor Richardson: Thank you, Darius.
- Town Counsel Chafizadeh: You got it.
- Supervisor Richardson: Aside from that, we spoke earlier about adding a clause that going over the figure regardless of the amount of the bond if it was used in its entirety.
- Town Counsel Chafizadeh: Right. There'll be, there'll be there'll be more plans. Phil will design more detailed plans. They'll go out to bid as I'm sure with their, with their potential contractors. There'll be a number that they'll have a contract for. Then we'll

have we'll place that number into our contract with them and they that'll be up to probably 10% if there's any issue that if it goes over and that the bond amount.

- Supervisor Richardson: Okay. And I just have a couple questions on behalf of Mary Bingham and I'm sure I'll have a few while I'm reading hers. We discussed this a few times before the meeting. So, I'll just read a couple of hers that I found pertinent. So, she wanted to know if our engineer has reviewed the proposed improvements. The answer to that right now is obviously not, but when they do, will the applicant place money in escrow to pay for the cost of the town's engineer to complete such a review? So, you'll be paying for all the costs of the town? They're nodding yes.
- Town Counsel Chafizadeh: Not only that, but also when they're building and constructing, we'll have to hire someone to make sure they're doing it right. And they'll have to put money in escrow to pay for that, too.
- Supervisor Richardson: Yes, that's the Planning Board process. I was actually just going to ask, are you going to be using Matt Sichler as that, because he's more experienced on the Planning Board side of things?
- Joel Mann: That will be up to the town. If you want to have your inspector.
- Supervisor Richardson: Yeah, cause we.
- Joel Mann: Put in money in escrow to cover that inspections like all typical improvements.
- Supervisor Richardson: It's more following the Building Inspector and Planning Board protocols than what.
- Town Counsel Chafizadeh: They wouldn't go to the Planning Board for this.
- Supervisor Richardson: Typically. No, I know they will not go to the Planning Board, but that is his specialty.
- Town Counsel Chafizadeh: Right.
- Supervisor Richardson: Because it's the similar, procedurally.
- Town Counsel Chafizadeh: (Inaudible)
- Supervisor Richardson: So, yes, he's very good at that. And Mike and Quinn are usually handling our other projects. So, I was wondering which entity would we.
- Town Counsel Chafizadeh: Whoever we want.
- Supervisor Richardson: So, I would say Matt.
- Town Counsel Chafizadeh: It's our choice. Yeah.
- Supervisor Richardson: Mary wants to know if Bill reviewed the project.
- Highway Superintendent Bill Brown: I have.
- Supervisor Richardson: He has. In page one, item number three of the applicant's verified petition for road improvement, which in part states, "The improvements are necessary to

support and improve both current and future growing populations. She has no knowledge of what current or proposed developments are being referred to. I would like to know how many units are being considered, what stage in the planning process they are in, and the expected total of the increased population. So, for the new development, how many units and how many families and how many residents do you expect?

- Joel Mann: I can get that number for you. It's just very, very early conceptual plans. We didn't need.
- Supervisor Richardson: You have a rough estimate of the units expected?
- Joel Mann: 600.
- Supervisor Richardson: 600 units. Page two, item seven states the petitioner owns property on one side of the road. Should the realignment take place, will other property owners be affected? No, because it's going through his parcel.
- Joel Mann: Right.
- Supervisor Richardson: If so, will lot line changes be necessary, or is monetary compensation to the other property owners a consideration?
- Joel Mann: Only with this property owner.
- Supervisor Richardson: Yep. Page three, item 11. The road may never have been dedicated to the town of Monroe. If the road was never -dedicated, then who owns the road? And should not the owner of the road be found before the town becomes involved with possible improvements to the Seven Springs Road.
- Joel Mann: So, it's technically, it's or the town or it's the owner of the property. It's not like it's.
- Supervisor Richardson: Yeah, it's the frontage in front of the property.
- Joel Mann: Correct.
- Supervisor Richardson: Or it's ourselves. (Inaudible)
- Joel Mann: Correct.
- Supervisor Richardson: So, they (inaudible)
- Joel Mann: Based on the tax map, it was once dedicated, but we, we (inaudible) the title. I need to check on that and we'll have the attorneys look at that to make sure. But either way, it's the property owner and the town. That's the only two parties that can be as part of it.
- Supervisor Richardson: Is that part of the process for SEQRA that you would need to.
- Joel Mann: Yes, to make a change. Whatever we need to do on the lot on the road dedication?
- Supervisor Richardson: Thank you. Page four, item 19. Please identify exactly which goals and objectives from the town's comprehensive plan the roadway improvements will address. Is it sidewalks or other items? Will there be sidewalks? I know we've gotten a lot of requests and I feel like it's necessary for if there are turn lanes. (Inaudible)
- Joel Mann: Not on, not on this phase of the project. In the future there will be a development.
- Supervisor Richardson: When you develop.
- Joel Mann: Development we will put sidewalks along the road.
- (Inaudible)
- Joel Mann: Yeah, but the road will be designed to be able.
- Phil Grealy: Graded.
- Joel Mann: Graded, that way to be able to accommodate sidewalks in the future.
- Supervisor Richardson: Okay. So, I would just say, go ahead and say the town's

comprehensive plan address lighting sidewalks and safety improvements that deal with, you know, modernizing roadways in general and upkeeping the safety obviously of streets and the fact that large trucks have been beating up on this road regardless of this development, but other developments. It's time to have some benefits there. So, let's see. Page four, item 21 makes reference to the Complete Streets Act passed in 2011 and became law. However, it only applies to projects undertaken by the DOT or receiving funding from both federal and your state government. Is the petitioner seeking funding for the road improvements or is the petitioner performing the work privately?

- Joel Mann: So far, it's privately, but.
- Supervisor Richardson: Yep. Page four, item 21. In regards to the Complete Streets Acts, it

makes reference to providing health benefits from increasive, increasing active forms of transportation while decreasing congestion and pollution. I'd like to know how the proposed improvements would decrease pollution and improve the health of the residents in the area.

- Aaron Warner: Yeah. So, it's, it's primarily through the, the sidewalks. It, it allows more people and pedestrians to use them and have transportation in other forms and, and means just you know besides cars and the decrease in traffic would to a certain degree decrease congestion as well.
- Supervisor Richardson: Maybe put a bike lane.
- Town Counsel Chafizadeh: Those will all be designed and looked at and our engineer will probably recommend certain things.
- Supervisor Richardson: Yeah. Page five, item 23, the maximum amount of proposed to be expended for the improvements to Seven Springs. Yep. She said exactly with the unrest in the Middle East and oil prices that may have fluctuated higher over the past few months, it's my opinion that the max amount should be increased. So, as you addressed previously, we're going to be redoing the estimate and adding a cushion and Darius and the engineer will take a look at that. Page five, item number 26, the SEQRA review be postponed until the owner. She's just very like, because this was an email, she didn't know the process, so I'm going to skip that one. If the proposed developments are mostly in the Village of KJ, should not the current road be abandoned and rerouted through the village to better serve its population? While there's no topo on the vicinity map supplied by the applicant, I would like to know if the road she drew in pink could be a possible alternative. She's trying to reroute the road. I don't know. So, I would say it's the improvements are not majorly in the. They're in the town mostly. The road improvements.
- Joel Mann: Yes.
- Supervisor Richardson: They're almost completely in the town.
- Joel Mann: Yes.

- Supervisor Richardson: Yeah. There is no proposed improvements inside KJ whatsoever.
- Joel Mann: Because that's where the that's where the boundary line is.
- Supervisor Richardson: Our, all of Seven Springs Road is our road.
- (Inaudible)
- Supervisor Richardson: Yeah, Joel talk into.
- Joel Mann: The owner of the property owns a strip between the crooked road and the property across the street. So that's being utilized to straighten out the road and that's in the town.
- Supervisor Richardson: Also, I feel that because the ownership is the town or the property owner we can't go into other vacant lots and.
- Joel Mann: Correct.
- Supervisor Richardson: it's not practical and the topography is.
- Joel Mann: The way the alignment of the existing growth is and the way it's possible to fix it that that's the only option.
- Supervisor Richardson: Yes, I agree. The width of the road will be increased. Bill, will a larger snow plow be required?
- Highway Superintendent Bill Brown: I don't believe so because the truck that does that run now has a wing plow on it and the road is not very wide right now and it doesn't look like they want to make it, you know, incredibly wide. Just it from what I've seen a turning lane in the center. So, you should still be able to do that rather quickly and especially if it's straighter and (inaudible).
- Supervisor Richardson: Will parking on the street be allowed? I would say absolutely not. No.
- Town Counsel Chafizadeh: It's a town issue.
- Supervisor Richardson: We don't.
- Town Counsel Chafizadeh: Is not now. [clears throat]
- Supervisor Richardson: That would be dangerous. Should the improved Seven Springs Road be considered a connector road and therefore for not sorry, should it not become an Orange County road? Does it not lead toward the village of Woodbury? Does it not lead towards the Village of South Blooming Grove? I'm not sure what she means by a connector road. If she's trying to refer to some road classification, do you know what that refers to?
- Town Counsel: That's what it is. (Inaudible).
- Supervisor Richardson:
- (Inaudible)
- Supervisor Richardson: What's the current classification of the road?
- (Inaudible)
- Supervisor Richardson: It's not a county road.
- Town Counsel Chafizadeh: No, town road.
- Supervisor Richardson: No, town road. It's why you're here. Haha. You have to before

me instead of the county. Sorry about that.

- Joel Mann: I don't know why it should be connected road. It's basically connecting the village. It's a collector road.
- Supervisor Richardson: Collector road. And what, what would be the implications of it being classified as a collector road versus.
- Phil Grealy: So, there are some collector roads that are county roads. Seven Springs Mountain Road, County Route 44, is, is a more than a collector road and, and that is what serves as a county road. In the future, this again, it collects the traffic from the adjacent developed areas, whereas on county route 44, there's multiple roads that feed into that. Other collector roads that feed and it typically connecting from a state highway to another county highway. So, if you look at that roadway effectively that provides that connection. So, we would be connecting or maintaining the collector status going from a county road to the local roads.
- Supervisor Richardson: And would there be any implication? I guess she might be trying to say that we have the classification of the road wrong. I don't know.
- Phil Grealy: It also look, you look at the volumes in terms of what's there today and what the projections. I, I don't see it (inaudible).
- Supervisor Richardson: I don't think it meets the threshold and I think that obviously there was a study done at some point because Seven Springs Mountain Road is that.
- Phil Grealy: Yes.
- Supervisor Richardson: So, I'm gonna say nope. Would not the Village of KJ have more control in setting of speed limits if this were to become a village road? Her understanding is that villages can set their own speed limits per New York state vehicle and traffic law whereas a town cannot. I don't think that that's the village law, but I think in the case of Village of KJ, they exceed the population standard for we as the town of Monroe do not meet a certain population standard. Whether it's 50,000 residents, I can't recall, but we cannot set our own speed limits. We have to go through DOT, and the county has to make that request. I believe that she might be on to something that the Village of KJ exceeds that population can make the direct ask themselves. I, that would certainly. I don't know be an ongoing conversation.
- (Inaudible)
- Supervisor Richardson: What is the current speed limit on the road?
- Phil Grealy: Well, it's posted at 30 miles per hour.
- Supervisor Richardson: Yeah. So, we're not getting much lower.

[laughter]

- Phil Grealy: No.
- Supervisor Richardson: All right. That's basically what I have for right now. I'm obviously in contact with you behind the scenes trying to get this arrangement the best that it can be for the residents. So, Dan Richmond, Darius, and myself will continue those conversations. What's your recommendation for tonight, Darius?

Town Counsel Chafizadeh: You want to take public comment?

- Supervisor Richardson: Yes, I would.
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: There's no public comment.
- Supervisor Richardson: Does anyone here for specifically the Seven Springs.
- Joel Mann: People came after that.
- Supervisor Richardson: But the Seven Springs project who would like to speak? Yes, go ahead.
- Samuel Stern: Thank you. Just regarding this.
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Please state your name.
- Samuel Stern: Samuel Stern. I live on Seven Springs and I don't want to take anyone's time just regarding this project. First of all, I want to thank you that as Town Supervisor, you have been for us a lifesaver because I have spoken to many neighbors in this area. They told me that on Seven Springs, no potholes were fixed. We had a road pitch dark. So, we're really starting to see a lot of improvements and we we're extremely grateful for that. Thank you so much. Regarding this project, the road is as we have heard, the road is very, very crooked and in the winter it's extremely dangerous, and even now I have used this road coming here. It's a very, very dangerous road. We have cars going up and down, and it's very narrow. People can't see that it's turning. So, I don't know about the process and how long it's supposed to take and about the funding. I'm not aware. I'm not exactly sure how this works, but whatever we can do to expedite this. We as neighbors and from the entire area will be very, very grateful for that. And that's about it. Thank you so much. I really appreciate everything you're doing.
- Supervisor Richardson: Thank you. There anyone else here? Yes.
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: State your name when you come up to the mic. You'll have five minutes.
- Chaim Bernath: Chaim Bernath. I'm a bus driver for five years over here and I'm driving that road for always, always all the time. And I can tell you like that the road is very narrow and the problem with that is like trash cans in the morning after the truck is coming. It's a lot of times with the drainage they are just it's raining and the cans are all over the road and this makes it very dangerous and the site, I don't I don't need to repeat them but it's a really dangerous road and the problem is also when I come with my wide bus and a lot of people are coming in my lane because it's turning and they, they, they, they are not aware exactly of the curves, they coming in my lane. So, it's a little, It's, It's very dangerous for that. Thanks God I was not involved in any accidents. So, but if you can do that, thank you.
- Supervisor Richardson: Are you with EMS?
- Chaim Bernath: Yes.
- Supervisor Richardson: Yes. Did, were you there at the incident that night when the state trooper was hit?
- Chaim Bernath: Not by that. No. No.
- Supervisor Richardson: He was okay in the end, right?

- Chaim Bernath: Yes.
- Supervisor Richardson: Okay, that's good. I thank you so much for your comments. Anyone else for Seven Springs? Okay, there's a couple. Come right up. And thank you for your service by the way.
- Joseph Blumenthal: Hi, my name is Joseph Blumenthal. I live in the town on Cliff Court. I'm a

assistant fire chief for the Kiryas Joel Fire Department. We go a lot on that road for emergencies on the other side of KJ and we have to go down on literally with the fire trucks on below 5 miles per hour to respond to somebody's emergency and it delays response time. Not only that. If the car is in front of us, the road is so narrow you can't get around them. Traffic coming from the other side, there's no shoulders. There's nowhere to move to the side. So, it really delays response times and creates disoriented drivers and they don't know you know it's, it's not only us that's getting put in danger. We know we can try to be as safe as possible, but it's only always the concern about the driver that's coming towards you how they're going to react and what they're going to do. So, any consideration to improve this road will be great help and will improve response times for emergencies. Thank you.

- Supervisor Richardson: (Inaudible). There was another hand raised for comment or no.
- Jonas Hoffman: My name is Jonas Hoffman. I live in 19 (Inaudible). I'm a bus driver for 30 years. I use a lot this this road. This road is a very dangerous road. It's very hard

to see the upcoming cars. When you go your way, it's you can't judge too far away how to maneuver the bus. You got to go very slow, and there's no place on that road for to avoid anything. So, it would be a very good thing if the road could be straightened out to be easier, make it easier for everybody, safer and easier for everybody. Thank you.

- Supervisor Richardson: Thank you. Does the petitioner have any comments addressing any of those concerns before we make any further action?
- Town Counsel Chafizadeh: You can (inaudible) things. You could either leave the public hearing open or you can close the public hearing and you could potentially vote on the one issue, the narrow issue that it's in the public interest. So, that would be your options right now.
- Supervisor Richardson: Did you want to make any further comment before we debate that?
- Aaron Warner: In, in no response to the public comment, but that's exactly like Darius mentioned is what we would ask. We would hope that you would consider closing

the public hearing and making a determination whether or not it's in the public interest.

- Supervisor Richardson: What's the recommendation of the highway superintendent?
- Highway Superintendent Bill Brown: Well, this is in the public's best interest. You know, again, any road improvement anywhere on any road is in the public's best

interest in my opinion. So.

- Supervisor Richardson: Yeah, as full-time administrator of the town, I feel identically. What's the attorney's recommendation?
- Town Counsel Chafizadeh: Yeah, I think I think it's something to explore. Let's see what they are proposing in their final design in their agreement and what they'll build whether

they're going to require more lighting more whatever that has to be analyzed by these guys. But this early step, I you know, I would I think it's appropriate to close the public hearing and consider a motion that under the town law which is required that this is within the public interest of the town so they can go to the next step.

- Supervisor Richardson: So, declaring that the improvements are in the public's interest don't limit us on negotiations of particular fine details of what improvements they are. It's just saying that the road in its totality will be improved and we seek that as.
- Town Counsel Chafizadeh: You're okay with the concept so they can go to the next step. Generally, when we do this we would have to design it and build it. So, the next step would be that we would pay for everything.
- Supervisor Richardson: Right.
- Town Counsel Chafizadeh: So, we're not going to do that.
- Supervisor Richardson: No.
- Town Counsel Chafizadeh: They have to do that, and then it'll come back to us. It'll be reviewed by all your staff, all your experts, and then we'll be negotiating a contract for them to be able to build this and pay for this and pay for our expenses.
- Supervisor Richardson: Yeah. Given the fact that this was submitted under the previous administration and actually I think midway through 2025 was the request to actually have this on the docket and it wasn't placed on this agenda until like late November, December, I'm inclined to move forward based on everyone's recommendations and close it and continue the discussions of lighting and speed deterrence and all of that and then finalize on those details later on especially because this step is required in order for our engineers to get engaged with this project so that it can be funded. So, thank you for your patience. I am going to.
- Town Counsel Chafizadeh: Make a motion to close the public hearing first.

3.2. Motion to Close the Public Hearing RE the Consideration of Highway Improvements to Seven Springs Road Pursuant to NYS Town Law 200

2026-#269

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Close the Public Hearing RE the Consideration of Highway Improvements to Seven Springs Road

Pursuant to NYS Town Law 200.

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

3.3. Resolution and Order to Consider Highway Improvements to Seven Springs Road

2026-#269A

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made the following Resolution by Supervisor Richardson and seconded by Council Member Rivera:

A RESOLUTION AND ORDER TO CONSIDER HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO SEVEN SPRINGS ROAD PURSUANT TO NEW YORK STATE TOWN LAW § 200

At a duly noticed Public Hearing of the Town Board of the Town of Monroe, held at the Town of Monroe Town Hall, 1465 Orange Turnpike, Monroe, New York 10950 on the **13th day of July 2026**, the following resolution and order was adopted.

WHEREAS, the Town Board, pursuant to New York State Town Law Section 200(7), has reviewed and considered the Verified Petition for Road Improvements filed by the Petitioner on September 30, 2025, where the proposed road improvements are to the section of Seven Springs Road between the intersection of Seven Springs Mountain Road and the area north of Lanzut Court starting at "G" Road, a distance of approximately 1,950 feet ("Subject Location") including improvements to both the horizontal and vertical alignment of the Subject Section of Seven Springs Road ("Road Improvements"), as depicted in the Preliminary Roadway Realignment Plan attached as Appendix C to the Colliers Letter ("Preliminary Road Improvement Plan") in the Petition; and

WHEREAS, the Petition filed includes maps, plans, and report describing the proposed improvements and the area benefited are on file in the office of the Town Clerk at 1465 Orange Turnpike, Monroe, New York 10950 and are available for public inspection during normal business hours; and

WHEREAS, following the close of the Public Hearing, the Town Board of the Town of Monroe determined that the Subject Location of Seven Springs Road is damaged and unsafe and that the proposed public Road Improvements are in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the estimated maximum cost of said improvements, including all preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto, is approximately **\$4,665,468.36**; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Monroe shall not be required to finance the improvements which shall be paid for by the Petitioner and at no cost to the Town residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe directs Petitioner's engineer to work with the Town Engineer and Town Highway Superintendent to prepare definite plans and specifications and to make a careful estimate of the expense, and authorizes the Town Attorney to prepare a contract or agreement for the execution of the work, and that thereupon the Town Board shall examine such definite plans, specifications, estimate and the proposed contract, and may reject the same or make such modifications and changes therein as shall seem necessary and

desirable, pursuant to New York State Town Law Section 200(8); and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED ORDERED, that the Town Board determines that its actions Type II actions under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") as information collection that does not commit the agency to undertake any Type I or Unlisted action and its determination of public interest qualifies as the adoption of policies in regard to the foregoing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that following review of the definite plans, specifications, expense estimate, and contract for the execution of the work, that the Town Board shall hold a regular meeting to consider whether the proposed Road Improvements would have any significant adverse impacts to the environment pursuant to SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that following the conclusion of environmental review pursuant to SEQRA, the Town Board shall consider whether to enter into the proposed contract for execution of the work; and

The resolution authorizing this order was thereupon declared duly adopted.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

Dated: Monroe, New York

July 13, 2026

Valerie Bitzer

Town Clerk

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Acceptance of Minutes

4.1. Acceptance of July 6, 2026 Minutes

2026-#270

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to accept the Minutes of July 6, 2026.

On a motion by Supervisor Richardson, seconded by Town Council Member Rivera, the minutes were approved.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Audit of Claims

5.1. Abstract of Audited Vouchers Escrow Fund

2026-#271

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe approves Abstract of Audited Vouchers Escrow Fund #26-09, check #2288-2290 totaling \$3,125.46.

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

5.2. Abstract of Audited Vouchers General Fund

2026-#272

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe requests approval of Abstract #26-13 General Fund containing Check # 38487 - 38523 totaling \$55,233.20.

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

New Business

6.1. Motion to Set Special Meeting Date for July 23, 2026

2026-#273

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion setting a Special Meeting for Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 7:00 PM for the purposes of considering certain water projects for Water District No. 2 and Water District No. 14, and financing relating thereto and to consider such other Town Board business as may be necessary.
*And Bonding.

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

At a special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Monroe, in the County of Orange, New York, held at the Town Hall, 1465 Orange Turnpike, Monroe, New York, on July 13, 2026.

PRESENT:

Maureen Richardson, Supervisor
Bethany Stephens, Councilperson
J. Luis Rivera, Councilperson

ABSENT:

Mary Bingham, Councilperson
Salvatore Scancarello, Councilperson

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In the Matter
of the

Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the
Water District No. 2, in the Town of Monroe,
in the County of Orange, New York, pursuant to
Section 202-b of the Town Law

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Offered by: Supervisor Richardson
Seconded by: Councilperson Rivera

ORDER CALLING FOR A PUBLIC
HEARING TO BE HELD ON JULY 23, 2026

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Monroe (herein called the "Town"), in the County of Orange, New York, on behalf of the Water District No. 2, in the Town (herein called the "District"), has caused MHE Engineering, D.P.C., New Windsor, New York, engineers duly licensed by the State of New York (the "Engineer") to prepare a preliminary map, plan and report entitled: "Map, Plan and Report for Town of Monroe Water District 2 Improvements," dated July 13, 2026, which report is on file in the office of the Town Clerk, for the increase and improvement of facilities of the District, consisting of water system improvements, including but not limited to the replacement of existing piping and appurtenances within the existing wellhouse and the construction of a new atmospheric storage tank, the foregoing to include ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the direction of the Town, the Engineer has completed and filed with the Town Board such preliminary map, plan and report for said increase and improvement of facilities of the District and has estimated the maximum cost thereof to be \$1,750,000; and

WHEREAS, the Town expects to apply for grants and/or other funding for the Project through the State of New York Environmental Facilities Corporation and/or from other sources, and if any

such grants and/or other funds are received, such grants or other funds will be applied toward the cost of said Project or redemption of the Town's bonds or notes issued therefor, or to be budgeted as an offset to the taxes to be collected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

ORDERED, that a special meeting of the Town Board of the Town be held at Town Hall, 1465 Orange Turnpike, Monroe, New York, on July 23, 2026 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) to consider said increase and improvement of facilities of the District and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning the same and for such other action on the part of the Town Board with relation thereto as may be required by law; and be it,

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Town Clerk publish at least once in "*Times Herald Record*," hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such publication, and post on the sign board of the Town maintained pursuant to subdivision 6 of Section 30 of the Town Law, a Notice of such public hearing, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, the first publication thereof and said posting to be not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date of such public hearing; and that the Town Clerk shall mail, or cause to be mailed, by first class mail to each owner of taxable real property in the District, a notice of such public hearing in substantially the form attached hereto in Exhibit A.

DATED: July 13, 2026

TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MONROE

(SEAL)

The adoption of the foregoing Order was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Maureen Richardson voting AYE
Councilperson Mary Bingham voting ABSENT
Councilperson Bethany Stephens voting AYE
Councilperson J. Luis Rivera voting AYE
Councilperson Salvatore Scancarello voting ABSENT

The Order was declared adopted.

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At a special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Monroe, in the County of Orange, New York, held at Town Hall, 1465 Orange Turnpike, Monroe, New York, on July 13, 2026.

PRESENT:

Maureen Richardson, Supervisor

Bethany Stephens, Councilperson
J. Luis Rivera, Councilperson

ABSENT:

Mary Bingham, Councilperson
Salvatore Scancarello, Councilperson

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In the Matter

of the

Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the
Water District No. 14, in the Town of Monroe,
in the County of Orange, New York, pursuant to
Section 202-b of the Town Law

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Offered by: Supervisor Richardson
Seconded by: Councilperson Rivera

ORDER CALLING FOR A PUBLIC
HEARING TO BE HELD ON JULY 23, 2026

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Monroe (herein called the "Town"), in the County of Orange, New York, on behalf of the Water District No. 14, in the Town (herein called the "District"), has caused MHE Engineering, D.P.C., New Windsor, New York, engineers duly licensed by the State of New York (the "Engineer") to prepare a preliminary map, plan and report entitled: "Map, Plan and Report for Town of Monroe Water District 14 Improvements," dated July 23, 2026, which report is on file in the office of the Town Clerk, for the increase and improvement of facilities of the District, consisting of water system improvements, including but not limited to the replacement of the existing watermain and associated appurtenances, as well as the installation of new water service meters and an emergency generator for the existing wellhouse facility, the foregoing to include ancillary or related site, demolition and (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the direction of the Town, the Engineer has completed and filed with the Town Board such preliminary map, plan and report for said increase and improvement of facilities of the District and has estimated the maximum cost thereof to be \$4,350,000; and

WHEREAS, the Town expects to apply for grants and/or other funding for the Project through the State of New York Environmental Facilities Corporation and/or from other sources, and if any such grants and/or other funds are received, such grants or other funds will be applied toward the cost of said Project or redemption of the Town's bonds or notes issued therefor, or to be budgeted as an offset to the taxes to be collected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

ORDERED, that a meeting of the Town Board of the Town be held at Town Hall, 1465 Orange Turnpike, Monroe, New York, on July 23, 2026 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) to consider said increase and improvement of facilities of the District and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning the same and for such other action on the part of the Town Board with relation

thereto as may be required by law; and be it,

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Town Clerk publish at least once in "*Times Herald Record*," hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such publication, and post on the sign board of the Town maintained pursuant to subdivision 6 of Section 30 of the Town Law, a Notice of such public hearing, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, the first publication thereof and said posting to be not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date of such public hearing; and that the Town Clerk shall mail, or cause to be mailed, by first class mail to each owner of taxable real property in the District, a notice of such public hearing in substantially the form attached hereto in Exhibit A.

DATED: July 13, 2026

TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MONROE

(SEAL)

The adoption of the foregoing Order was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Maureen Richardson voting AYE
Councilperson Mary Bingham voting ABSENT
Councilperson Bethany Stephens voting AYE
Councilperson J. Luis Rivera voting AYE
Councilperson Salvatore Scancarello voting ABSENT

The Order was declared adopted.

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6.2. Mobile DMV at Town Hall July 30, 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. Thursday, July 30, 2026, 10:00AM-12PM, closed 12-1pm, 1-3:30pm. Monroe Town Hall, 1465 Orange Tpke., Monroe, NY 10950. Please visit 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.

6.3. Personnel Action: Fulltime Dial A Ride Hire

2026-#274

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to hire Nazaire Cineus to the position of Full-Time Dial-A-Ride Driver, effective Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at an hourly rate of \$23.47, with confirmation of a completed background check and Orange County civil service clearance.

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

6.4. Personnel Action: Account Clerk

2026-#275

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to accept the resignation of Susan Ciriello from her Account Clerk position, effective July 23rd, as she is relocating to Westchester County.

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

6.5. Personnel Action: Letter of Interest, Account Clerk

Cindy Wolf has expressed interest in the Part-time Account Clerk position starting at \$25/hr, but has a start date limitation of Aug 10th. Board will keep looking in the meantime as August 10th is still a few weeks away and there is only one person in the Finance Department. If they don't find anyone in the meantime, they will reach out to Cindy.

6.6. Personnel Action: New Hire HEO

2026-#276

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to accept the new hire, Harry Nolte for Heavy Equipment Operator (HEO), under the condition that he passes the complete background check and Orange County Civil Service requirements under the guidelines of the current IBEW 363 paid position salaried amount at the recommendation of Angelina Olsen and Bill Brown.

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

6.7. Water District No. 1 Concerns

The Town was awarded 2.3 million dollars from a WIIA Grant. MHE is recommending and requiring further study to decide on how best to spend the money to stretch it and allocate

it for taxpayers. WD No. 1 also sources from well sites. Studies are to find a cleaner source of water. Public Hearing notices will be mailed out to residents regarding a Special Meeting. Working on getting specialists recommendations on this. Waiting on results from recently approved Hydrogeology tests.

Public Comment

7.1. Rules for Public Comment

7.2. Public Comment

The following signed up for Public Comment:

- Jim Gulick (not present)
- Dorey Houle
- John Sikora
- Tom Ludington
- Carol Scully
- Rick Colon
- Dan Burke
- Carol Hawxhurst
- Steve Thau

- Dorey Houle: Addressed concerns made after Public Comment from July 6, 2026, meeting. Spoke about John Mulligan and that he was not reprimanded by the Union. Received confirmation from the Highway Superintendent regarding this.

- John Sikora: Not a politician and hates politics. He knows service and leadership. Taught leadership, discipline and character development. Attended July 6, 2026, meeting and was concerned and thought that he may need to attend more. Wants the Supervisor to succeed, as we will all benefit. Stated that servant leadership is when we prioritize the growth and well-being of your team and to the communities to which you belong, acting as a steward rather than a traditional boss. He has some concerns. Commented that what the Supervisor puts on Social Media is solid and well-thought-out. The supervisor lacks self-control in person. Unable to receive any sort of constructive criticism. The office she holds garners a level of respect. Respect all constituents, even those you may not agree with. You need to own your decisions. Talked about truck purchase. Concerned for many Town employees as they have resigned or retired early under her watch. Not fostering a healthy work environment. As head of HR Department, workers report to her for work-related issues. This is a serious conflict of interest. A good leader needs to be self-aware. Voices she tried to hush and have removed was her a few years ago.

- Tom Ludington: President of Lake Sapphire. Spoke regarding an incident that happened over the weekend at 64 Sapphire Rd. There was approximately 500-1000 people not from the area, who rented a property. It was a massive rage party. Between 4-5pm. Drinking, DJ's, fighting, fireworks, garbage. Monroe PD did respond to assist the Troopers as there was an erroneous call about shots fired. Shots were not fired. Cars were parked all over the street. Selling alcohol on premises, smoking weed. Wants to know why it wasn't shut down. The

homeowner had nothing to do with this.

- Carol Scully: Spoke about everyone being concerned about the overbuilding. Not the same Monroe. Commented that Tony and Mike stepped up and saved the Town by placing a moratorium on the Town and revised the Comprehensive Plan. They saved the Town from being taken over by a block vote. They tried to slow down the takeover. Due to poor voter turnout and promises made/kept, the new Supervisor has alienated Board Members and other municipalities. Focused on advancing her political ambitions rather than addressing the needs of the residents. Deeply concerned. Monroe is becoming more like So. Blooming Grove. We may lose Monroe eventually. Fight back with your vote and voice your opinion. Monroe is still a beautiful small town.

- Rick Colon: Town of Monroe is not the same as it used to be. The Village Mayor was elected by less than 20% of eligible voters. It's very important to get out and vote. Positions need to be filled on PB, ZBA and Ethics. Thanked everyone on the Board for their contribution. Thanked the speakers who do come up to speak.

- Dan Burke: Misspoke last time. Indicated that the number of votes the Supervisor received was 23,000. It was really 2,522. Let the Supervisor carry out the business that she was elected to do. Time to move on and have restraint.

- Carol Hawxhurst: Need to amend the By-laws to allow 5 minutes for Public Comment. Wants to know why if there's \$45,000 in the Budget, why aren't we doing anything RE the Comp Plan. Doesn't understand why we don't have an Ethics Board. Should hire a private HR. Spoke RE safety on Seven Springs Rd. Soke RE buses.

- Steve Thau: Inquired about the party that took place over the weekend at 64 Sapphire Rd. Was that residence permitted as a STR? Read a statement from a Town of Monroe resident who wished to remain nameless due to retaliation. Disgust and disappointment RE recent behavior in which certain Town matters have been addressed. Numerous contradictions RE statements made publicly and the facts that residents have made or learned. Residents deserve honesty, consistency, transparency and respect from Elected Officials. Spoke RE former Town Employee John Mulligan. The number of early retirements and resignations by Town of Monroe employees raises serious questions about leadership. Need to recognize the role your conduct has played in these problems. Difficult questions are being avoided, minimized or mocked. Unacceptable. We are entitled to leadership that takes full responsibility. Accountability requires more than words. Answer residents' questions directly.

Adjournment

8.1. Adjournment of Meeting

2026-#277

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to adjourn the meeting of July 13, 2026, at 9:24 PM.

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

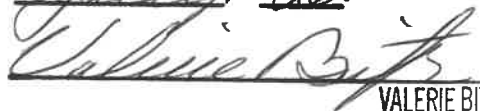
Ayes: Supervisor Richardson, Town Councilmember Stephens, Town Council

Member Rivera

Nays: None

Abstain: None

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE
TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MONROE AT A MEETING OF SAID BOARD HELD ON
THE 7th DAY OF July, 2026.


VALERIE BITZER
TOWN CLERK

2. Acceptance of Minutes

Subject	4.2. Acceptance of July 23, 2026 Minutes
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Meeting	August 10, 2026 - Monroe Town Board Meeting Agenda
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Type	Action (Resolution)
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Acceptance of July 23, 2026 Minutes

2026-#

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to accept the Minutes of July 23, 2026.

1. TB Certified 7-23-2026 DRAFT Minutes

DRAFT

**Town of Monroe
Town Board Minutes
Thursday, July 23, 2026
(www.townofmonroeny.gov)**

Generated by Barbara Singer

Members Present

Maureen Richardson, Sal Scancarello, Bethany Stephens, Juan Luis Rivera, Mary Bingham
Town Counsel - Darius Chafizadeh

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 Special Meeting of July 23, 2026

2026-# 278

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Special Town Board Meeting of July 23, 2026, at 7:03 pm.

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

General Abstract

3.1. Abstract of Audited Vouchers General Fund #26-14

2026-# 279

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to approve Abstract of Audited Vouchers General Fund #26-14 in the amount of \$308,374.55, covering check numbers 38529 through 38560.

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

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

Nays: None
Abstain: None

New Business

4.1. Reclassification of Pete Arroyo to Full-Time Laborer I (Maintenance Dept)

2026-# 280

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to authorize the reclassification and appointment of Pete Arroyo from Seasonal Laborer to Laborer I Maintenance Worker, effective immediately, at the rate of \$22/hour now that his probationary period has been completed.

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

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

Nays: None
Abstain: None

4.2. Sapphire Lake Dam Engineering Report Authorization

2026- #281

WHEREAS, the Town of Monroe requires a professional engineering report for the Sapphire Lake Dam, which is a necessary prerequisite for the pursuit of all potential grant funding opportunities and to proceed with any work on the dam; and

WHEREAS, a professional engineering proposal has been submitted to conduct said assessment in the amount of \$18,500 by Colliers Engineering & Design;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the agreement for the Sapphire Lake Dam Engineering Report.

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

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

Nays: None
Abstain: None

4.3. Resolution to Adopt a Negative Declaration for WD #2

2026- #282

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR WATER DISTRICT NO. 2

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2026, the Town of Monroe ("Town") declared its intent to act as Lead Agency for the purposes of conducting an environmental review for the increase and improvement of facilities of the Water District No. 2 (the "District"), consisting of water system improvements, including but not limited to the replacement of existing piping and appurtenances within the existing wellhouse and the construction of a new atmospheric storage tank, the foregoing to include ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith (the "Proposed Action"); and
WHEREAS, the Proposed Action was classified as an Unlisted Action; and
WHEREAS, each involved agency was notified by letter of the Town's intent to act as lead agency and provided with Part I of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF); and
WHEREAS, no other agency objected to the Town serving as lead agency following circulation of the notice of intent; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board has thoroughly reviewed the EAF, the map, plan and report for the Proposed Action and information obtained through its own knowledge, the public hearing, its consultants and other agencies and has sufficient information on which to base a determination of significance; and
WHEREAS, the Town has considered the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR 617.7 and thoroughly analyzed all identified relevant areas of environmental concern to determine if the Proposed Action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment. NOW,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town as lead agency for the action contemplated herein, after review of the Proposed Action, 6 NYCRR Part 617, and EAF, hereby determines that the above-described project is an Unlisted Action; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, based upon the information contained in the EAF, the map, plan and report for the Proposed Action and other relevant information before the Town, as lead agency for the action contemplated herein, and after due deliberation, review and analysis, hereby determines that the Proposed Action will not result in significant adverse impacts to the environment and hereby adopts the annexed Negative Declaration On a motion by Supervisor Richardson, seconded by Town Council Member Rivera

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

4.4. RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR WATER DISTRICT NO. 14

2026- #283

RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR WATER DISTRICT NO. 14

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2021, the Town of the Monroe (the "Town"), as lead agency for the increase and improvement of facilities of Water District No. 14 (the "Water District"), consisting of water system improvements, including but not limited to the replacement of the existing watermain and associated appurtenances, as well as the installation of new

water service meters and an emergency generator for the existing wellhouse facility, the foregoing to include ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith (the "Proposed Action") determined that the above-described project was an Unlisted Action; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2021, the Town further determined that based upon the information contained in the Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF), the map, plan and report for the Proposed Action and other relevant information before the Town, as lead agency, and after due deliberation, review and analysis, determined that the Proposed Action will not result in significant adverse impacts to the environment and adopted a Negative Declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town hereby confirms the actions described in the recitals hereof that were heretofore taken by the Town with respect to the Proposed Action.

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

4.5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO EXECUTE TOWN VOUCHERS FOLLOWING TOWN BOARD APPROVAL

2026- #284

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO EXECUTE TOWN VOUCHERS FOLLOWING TOWN BOARD APPROVAL

WHEREAS, for many years, the Town of Monroe (the "Town") has required vouchers for materials and services procured by the Town to be approved by the signatures of at least three (3) Town Board members; and

WHEREAS, before each Town Board meeting, the Town Finance Office now provides the Town Board with an abstract of invoices and copies of the corresponding invoices for review; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the abstract and invoices, the Town Board votes to approve or deny such expenditures/vouchers at a duly noticed public meeting; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the timely procurement of materials and services, the Town Board wishes to authorize a duly appointed member of the Town Finance Office to execute all vouchers following Town Board approval of expenditures/vouchers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that following Town Board approval of the Finance Office's abstract at a Town Board meeting, a duly appointed member of the Town Finance Office is authorized to execute Town vouchers for the procurement of materials and services on behalf of the Town; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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

Ayes: Supervisor Richardson, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Stephens, Town Council Member Rivera, Town Councilmember Bingham
Nays: None
Abstain: None

Motion From The Floor

- 5.1. Authorize the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an independent Human Resources consulting firm.

2026- #285

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion that the Town Board authorize the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an independent Human Resources consulting firm. The Town Attorney is directed to prepare the RFP no later than August 23rd, 2026, and upon completion, the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to distribute and advertise the RFP in accordance with the Town's procurement policy and applicable law.

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

Ayes: Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Stephens, Town Councilmember Bingham
Nays: Supervisor Richardson, Town Council Member Rivera
Abstain: None

- 5.2. Affirm that all members of the Town Board and all department heads are authorized to communicate directly with the Town's consultants, professional service providers, vendors, and governmental agencies for the purpose of obtaining information necessary to fulfill their official responsibilities

2026-# 286

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion that the Town Board affirm that all members of the Town Board and all department heads are authorized to communicate directly with the Town's consultants, professional service providers, vendors, and governmental agencies for the purpose of obtaining information necessary to fulfill their official responsibilities. No Town policy or directive shall prohibit or restrict such communications, provided that no individual Board member or department head may direct work, authorize expenditures, amend contracts, or otherwise bind the Town without proper legal authority.

On a motion by Town Councilmember Stephens, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Stephens, Town Councilmember Bingham

Nays: Supervisor Richardson, Town Council Member Rivera
Abstain: None

- 5.3. Resolved, that no elected official, employee, contractor, consultant, or agent of the Town shall have administrative access to, monitor, access, or otherwise view the email account

2026- #287

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion that the Town Board establish the following policy regarding electronic communications of elected officials:

Resolved, that no elected official, employee, contractor, consultant, or agent of the Town shall have administrative access to, monitor, access, or otherwise view the email account or electronic communications of another elected official without the express written consent of that elected official or as otherwise required by law, court order, or a duly authorized forensic or information technology investigation authorized by the Town Board.

Be it further resolved, that any administrative access required for the maintenance, security, backup, or operation of the Town's email system shall be limited to designated information technology personnel or authorized third-party information technology providers acting solely within the scope of their technical duties and subject to appropriate confidentiality requirements.

Be it further resolved, that no elected official, including the Town Supervisor, shall be granted administrative credentials, passwords, delegated mailbox access, or any other means of accessing another elected official's email account unless specifically authorized by resolution of the Town Board or otherwise required by law.

Be it further resolved, that the Town Clerk shall, within five (5) business days of the adoption of this resolution, provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Town's information technology provider and any Town employee or contractor responsible for the administration of the Town's email system.

Be it further resolved, that the Town's information technology provider shall, within ten (10) business days of receiving this resolution, verify compliance with this policy, revoke any unauthorized administrative or delegated access to elected officials' email accounts, and provide written confirmation of such compliance simultaneously to the Town Clerk and each member of the Town Board.

On a motion by Town Councilmember Stephens, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Stephens, Town Councilmember Bingham

Nays: Supervisor Richardson, Town Council Member Rivera

Abstain: None

- 5.4. Establish a standing Public Safety Advisory Committee for the purpose of evaluating the public safety needs

2026- #288

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion that the Town Board establish a standing Public Safety Advisory Committee for the purpose of evaluating the public safety needs of the Town of Monroe and making recommendations to the Town Board regarding strategies to enhance the safety and well-being of its residents.

Be it further resolved, that the Committee shall review and evaluate matters affecting public safety, including but not limited to reported crime trends, traffic violations, motor vehicle accidents, emergency response services, policing needs, community safety concerns, and any other factors relevant to the evaluation of the Town's public safety needs.

Be it further resolved, that the Committee is authorized to gather information, review available public records and data, consult with municipal, county, state, and federal agencies, meet with public safety professionals, and solicit input from residents and other stakeholders to assist in its evaluation.

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

Ayes: Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Stephens, Town Councilmember Bingham

Nays: Supervisor Richardson, Town Council Member Rivera

Abstain: None

Public Hearing

- 6.1. Motion to Open the Public Hearing RE WD No. 2 in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities (Improvement District)

2026- #289

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Public Hearing RE WD No. 2 in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities (Improvement District).

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

Not Present At Vote: Town Councilmember Sal Scancarello

The following residents signed up for Public Comment for the Public Hearing RE WD No. 2 in

Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities (Improvement District):

-John O'Brien

- John O'Brien: Hey, I just have one question. I received this notice for the hearing this evening and I see that the town's reaching out to the state for funding and other sources. I just want to know for sure if someone from this town has contacted the federal government with regard to possible funding through the infrastructure bill that was passed by Congress years ago.

-Supervisor Richardson: Sir, how it typically works is that this is an open public hearing. Your comments will go into the record and I can respond to all of your questions at the end. So, you can proceed ask all of your questions. That's all you had?

-John O'Brien: That's all I have.

-Supervisor Richardson: Okay. Thank you so much.

-Deputy Clerk Barbara Singer: There's no more public comment.

-Supervisor Richardson: Okay. So yes, we actually applied for congressionally directed spending applications through Congressman Ryan's office and we have unfortunately been denied twice in a row, including this year for that application. Actually, for water district number two, how it works and I just realized it conflated two districts. I apologize. We chose and prioritized one project per year because that is how that directed spending at the federal level works. We're not actually able to receive or apply for more than one major grant award through the federal government, through our congressmen. And your district, as bad as it might be, is not nearly as bad as the repairs needed in water district number 14. So, from a town's perspective, an administrative perspective, we group, coordinated and applied for water district number 14 and we cannot submit any other applications. So, for this district, no, we did not seek federal funding for water district number two. Anyone else from water district number two who might have accidentally not signed up to speak and who would like to come up to speak before we proceed? Okay. The next is just closing it, right?

-Deputy Clerk Barbara Singer: Yes.

-Supervisor Richardson: Thank you.

6.2. Motion to Close the Public Hearing RE WD No. 2 in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities (Improvement District)

2026- #290

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Close the Public Hearing RE WD No. 2 in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities (Improvement District).

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

Not Present At Vote: Town Councilmember Sal Scancarello

- 6.3. Motion to Open the Public Hearing RE WD No. 14 in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities (Improvement District)

2026- #291

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

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

Not Present At Vote: Town Councilmember Sal Scancarello

The following residents signed up for Public Comment for the Public Hearing RE WD No. 14 in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities (Improvement District):

-Mary Ann Wichman

-Jeff Indyk

-Phil Hackett

-Travis Kripor

-John O'Connor

-Blas Cordero

-Louis Castrogiovanni

-Gilbert Kusins

-Barbara Mnich

-Dan Campney

-Deputy Clerk Barbara Singer: The first speaker is Maryanne Wickman, followed by Jeff Indyk. You have five minutes to speak. Please don't touch the mic. Thank you.

-Supervisor Richardson: Sorry, if you'd like. Yes, you can sit there if you'd like. That's easier. Before we proceed, Barb, were there written comments? There were written comments.

-Deputy Clerk Barbara Singer: Mary Ann emailed and I emailed.

-Supervisor Richardson: Would you like yours read out?

-Deputy Clerk Barbara Singer: Yes, please. Oh, well, you can read at the end after.

-Supervisor Richardson: Yes. And then with none for water district number two, right?

-Deputy Clerk Barbara Singer: No.

-Supervisor Richardson: Okay. Thank you, Maryanne Wickman. Good evening. How are you?

-Mary Ann Wichman: Thank you for responding to my email. Just a couple questions with ours. Any idea how much this would cost the homeowner for this update for the \$4 million?

-Supervisor Richardson: Four million three per household? I'm not entirely sure. I just know that there are 60 parcels and I'm sorry I'm just answering because there's only two people signed up to speak. Correct?

-Deputy Clerk Barbara Singer: Oh, no. Water district 14, you have nine speakers.

-Supervisor Richardson: Oh, I'm so sorry. I will take notes and I violated my own rule. I'm so sorry. So how much would it cost? Correct. And then you can proceed.

-Councilwoman Bingham: Continue with your questions.

-Mary Ann Wichman: My next question is, have you looked into any other resources? I've lived there for 53 years. We, of course, are retired. I don't want to move, but if this is what it's going to take, then we will have to move. We won't be able to afford to stay there. Is there other resources that you can look into for us for folks that are there? At one time we were, I'd say 16, 17 years ago, we could have been qualified as a low economic community because it was a summer community turned around to a year round. The water system is very, very bad. So, it needs to be worked on. My next question is one time about three years ago we were supposed to have generators. Which our generator, that I worked on, went to number one. That's not when you were supervisor because I had an argument with the other supervisor. The people that have wells in their on their property, will they be included in this cost?

-Deputy Clerk Barbara Singer: She'll answer your questions at the end.

-Supervisor Richardson: I'm sorry. Yeah, I'm just going to answer at the end. Would you mind though repeating the generator question? Did you say that your funding went elsewhere?

-Mary Ann Wichman: Well, we didn't do any we didn't do any funding, but we I had worked on the committee to try and get generators because I live next door to the water system. When the water stops, I mean, we're out, you know, and it can be for the whole day with all the problems that we had last year. So, but a couple years ago, we worked on a committee to see if we could get generators for the system. And our generator, I think the state gave us two or whatever, the one generator was supposed to come to us, but somebody decided that it should go to district number one. And I had a very large discussion with the supervisor at that point. The other question I have is, I pay taxes to the Village of Monroe.

So, there's a quite a few people in our community that live in the village as well as the town. Can we request that we get some help? Since I've been there for 53 years and been paying taxes because we receive no other help from the Village of Monroe. And I just don't think that that's fair. That's it.

-Supervisor Richardson: Thank you so much for your questions. If I can't answer them all tonight, I will definitely email.

-Mary Ann Wichman: Well, thank you very much for answering my question.

-Councilman Rivera: Thank you.

-Mary Ann Wichman: And thank you for hoping this project gets going because it's been a long time.

-Supervisor Richardson: I'm so sorry that it's so expensive. I really am.

-Deputy Clerk Barbara Singer: Okay. The next speaker is Jeff Indyk, followed by Phil Hackett. You'll have five minutes to speak. Please don't touch the mic. Thank you. You can sit or you can stand, whatever your preference is.

-Jeff Indyk: It's all good.

-Supervisor Richardson: Good evening. Just please state your name. This is the official record for the water district number 14 hearing.

-Jeff Indyk: Okay. Thank you. I've been here in Monroe since 1963 and I've watched everything that has gone on ever since the inception of this problem since 2012 and 13 where we our community has had problems with the water after it broke down and Zadoff sold and the town took over. So, we had a proposal many, in I think 13, about a \$1.8 million bond, I believe. And then when they did their study, they said based on the incomes of the people in the community, it would not be able to be afforded. Now, we have a \$4.3 million bond, which is about 13 years later. Most of the people still live there and those who have come in. We still don't have a community that is in probably, if we take the cost of living that can afford a \$4.3 million bond. I don't know, at that point, it was brought to my attention that there would be user those who needed water would have a user cost and those who were non-users would have a different cost. That's what I was reading in the paperwork to review the history for those who don't know the history of this problem. The town never solved it. Many of us dropped our own wells in at the cost of about \$8,000 a well. In today's cost, if we factor in the current cost, would be about \$20,000 a well, at most. That would be, and there's 85 or 86 homes in this, that would be \$1.7 million if I do my math, not 4.3 million on a bond, which would be a much more affordable solution to every single house in Water District 14's problem. So, I have two things. one, is there a way for those families who can't afford that, to somehow create a way of having a bond or a fund that could have them build wells in addition so they don't have to be (a) after the municipal wanted to fix this district with the piping and the well have a water meter attached to their usage. So, now

they're going to pay more money for their usage in addition to each home having to pay back this bond. We just got a tax bill this year for \$2049 on a \$200,000 repair, if I'm not mistaken. And I think this, Travis was telling me about this. And so, with that said, I own eight properties. One of my properties doesn't have a house, and I still got a \$2,400 bill on top of a property that is an empty lot of to this water district. It seems like there's a lot of inequities here. Many of the homes, and we should probably, I propose, we take a count on how many homes have wells. It would be a cheaper solution and not be so burdensome. And then when some of these families want to sell their homes, just like you have a mortgage, you pay off your mortgage. In this case, we they pay off their well bill if they don't have the money before they sell their homes. So, at least they can live in their homes today and currently. So, these are my proposals because I don't understand how this bond, which is 75% higher than the cost of digging wells for those homes that don't have them yet, would be affordable. It's going to tear the community apart even further. Any comments? Anybody back there who wants to add points if I missed it and I know I drew together a lot of our neighbors to please come and comment upon what I have just proposed or tell me what you think. Or if so, that at least our town board can understand our concerns.

-Supervisor Richardson: Do you mind just circling back and sharpening the fine point? I heard all of the buildup, but I want to just be clear on what the request is regarding the individual wells. If you could just

-Jeff Indyk: I'm saying that the proposal of putting a well in even at maximum would be \$20,000 because I know the people who've dug our wells and I know them very well. It was a little bit of a pun, but it would be cheaper for 85 homes if we had no homes, I think maybe 86 homes, would be cheaper to if you do the math of \$1.7 million than 4.3 million and they wouldn't have to be metered. They can use as much or as little water as they want. So that's my point.

-Supervisor Richardson: You're proposing that every home drill in.

-Jeff Indyk: Every home in that community, in district 14, could build a well for cheaper than your bond that they want to have put in here. I proposed this 13 years ago with Bunny Brown, who's moved out of the community. I bought her house. Bottom line is, it that's not the point. Also, there's private roads in that district and there is public roads in that district. All my houses are on the private road. All my houses have wells. All my neighbors are people who are, we don't need this extra expense. This would help raise the cost of their existence there too. (Alarm) That was my five minutes, wasn't it? Okay.

-Supervisor Richardson: I guess if you just have like two more sentences you want to say that's completely fine, but we that is time.

-Jeff Indyk: I think I made the point clear unless somebody can add to it. I think this is a very expensive bill and I want to know how we're going to be able to afford it, if it goes through. What this means to the increase of my taxes further which is already out there. It's very, very expensive and if I'm complaining about expenses and I can borderline afford this at

this point. What's going to happen to those neighbors who can't?

-Supervisor Richardson: Okay, thank you so much gentlemen.

-Jeff Indyk: Do I go back?

-Supervisor Richardson: Yes, we just answer everyone's questions at the end. That's just the procedure. So, your neighbors give public comment. Thank you so much.

-Deputy Clerk Barbara Singer: Next speaker is Phil Hackett followed by Travis Kripor. Please state your name.

-Phil Hackett: Yeah, I just have a quick question.

-Deputy Clerk Barbara Singer: I'm sorry. Can you please state your name?

-Phil Hackett: I'm sorry. Phil Hackett, District 14. I don't understand how years ago uh the county and the state determined that our demographic, our median income could not support a \$2 million bond and yet somehow we can support of four million plus bond. Where is, there seems to be something not kosher here? How does that get justified? How do we justify double a large bond of four million where years ago two million was too much for our neighborhood and it hasn't really changed. And if you do get and if you are going to be applying for funds from the government, what happens if those funds never come through? Does this district still get created? And do we still get hit with a \$4 million plus bond? No. No. In other words, I guess what I'm asking is what happens if you don't get the money to do this? Does the project go through?

-Supervisor Richardson: I'm happy to answer that. Thank you so much. Is that all that you have?

-Phil Hackett: That's pretty much okay.

-Supervisor Richardson: Thank you so much.

-Deputy Clerk Barbara Singer: Thank you. The next speaker is Travis Kripor, followed by John O'Connor. Please come up, state your name. You have five minutes.

-Travis Kripor: Thank you. I was just up with Jeffrey Indyk. My name is Travis Kripor. But I did have two other questions. Can we get a total of how many homes need wells? How many homes have wells?

-Supervisor Richardson: How many are publicly serviced and how many have private wells?

-Travis Kripor: and then in terms of the taxes that have been paid over the last couple of years, particularly last year. I want I'd like to know if any of those funds have been allocated toward the highway department repairs on that road specifically.

-Supervisor Richardson: The road versus the water?

-Travis Kripor: Correct. Because we you need to repair the roads after you fix the issues. And are those taxes going toward, and I'm not talking about the property taxes. I'm talking about specifically the water bill tax, Is that going toward.

-Supervisor Richardson: Is any portion of your water bill in your special district has any special district tax funds been used to pay the highway department to repair the roads because repairs have cut into the roads?

-Travis Kripor: That's correct. Yeah. And that would be the only two questions.

-Supervisor Richardson: Thank you.

-Travis Kripor: Thank you.

-Deputy Clerk Barbara Singer: I believe John O'Connor left. So, I have Blas Cordero followed by Louis Castrogiovanni.

-Blas Cordero: I will pass on that.

-Deputy Clerk Barbara Singer: So, after Blas, you have Louis Castrogiovanni. Is he here?

-Louis Castrogiovanni: I will pass on that also.

-Deputy Clerk Barbara Singer: Okay. Followed by Gilbert Kusins.

-Gilbert Kusins: I will pass also, we're all together.

-Deputy Clerk Barbara Singer: Okay. And then followed by Barbara M.

-Supervisor Richardson: Good evening. Please say your name.

-Barbara Mních: My name is Barbara. I'm living in the 420 Hillside Rd, district 14. I'm living over there since 1998. And I understand we need to fix it because this is bad. I understand. I'm worried about the financing, you know, the money because everything is expensive and, you know, I don't want to get the bill from the town, you know, then I'm going to have a problem to pay that. I want to know how the town to going solve this and that's it. That's all my question.

-Supervisor Richardson: Thank you so much.

-Barbara Mních: Thank you.

-Deputy Clerk Barbara Singer: And that's all for public comment.

-Supervisor Richardson: Okay. Thank you so much everybody. So, tonight's proceedings and the normal step of the town board meetings this month were specifically altered to chase

these grants aggressively at a state level. Unfortunately, the track record for water district 14 has been one where we have not seen any state or federal assistance despite applying aggressively in former years. So, I do want to say collectively I'm very sorry that your district has experienced decades worth of service disruptions, problems. That this is a multi-administration issue where multiple solutions were attempted, tried, proposed, many were not pursued. It looks like capital savings for this district where money was squirreled away strategically taxed over time to lessen the all-in-one impact of the inevitable breakdown which we have seen, the leaks, the supply issues, that your district is seeing where the pipes are basically held together. We lovingly refer to it as held together by chewing gum and paper clips over down at the water department, in the highway department. Our clerk, our deputy clerk Barbara makes some jokes that when she sees the water district department employee in her neighborhood, she knows her tax bill is going to go up. So, we have a vested interest, as you know, people trying to service our constituents and obviously some who are personally affected by this issue. And as I stated earlier on in the night, we have prioritized this district repeatedly because of the grand cost being so high, at \$4 million. And that is because your district basically requires an entirely new ductile iron supply system. So, you don't have a water quality issue. There are no contaminants in the water, but you do have complete corrosion breakdown and other issues with the infrastructure. Unfortunately, that does not make an appealing project for WIIA, for several reasons. One being again that they do prioritize demographics where not unfortunately your district, your special district, is not competitive when it comes to, you know, average salary is factored in, need is scored using something that they call the intended use plan. So, when we score your district, it's done at a universal state level measured, you know, and basically when you get into a competitive grant pool alongside Newburgh, Middletown, and other districts that have better, higher need scores, including demographics, we are not very competitive at all. Plus, the fact that it is infrastructure based rather than quality, which is what the WIIA grants are really geared toward is quality. We want to make sure there's not chemicals or contaminants in the water supply, and that is the state's priority. Again, this has been the board's priority, like I said, over multiple administrations. There's clearly not an easy fix to this problem. That is not what we are here to tell you. What I can tell you is that I'm doing everything that I can. We submitted a congressional directed spending application with Congressman Ryan. This is our second time. Unfortunately, again, that was denied and now we are going again through the WIIA application and this is the process. So, we opened SEQRA for water district 2 for those of you in the audience who are with two, to declare a negative declaration. We did this previously, as some in the audience pointed out, years ago with water district 14 in order to go through these funding processes. The \$1.8 million bond, that was done in 2021, was it years ago? That was proposed years ago, let's say that. I believe it was before. Basically, there were other attempts And I believe that there were proposals when the town took over the district and had to connect, you know when it was a private district that basically collapsed and the district sought assistance from different municipalities including the village and the town. The town was the only one who wound up taking it on and that needed substantial repairs and setup to create a public district. That's what I have done my research and found out. I believe there had to have been a bond but I

don't think it was the 1.8 that was, so I will have to get back to residents on that question. I'll allow it. Go ahead. Yeah.

-Councilwoman Bingham: Can you speak into the microphone. Wait, wait, wait, wait till come to the microphone.

-Supervisor Richardson: We want to have it on the record. We want to hear you.

-Jeff Indyk: Your information is correct. That's what happened. So, I guess the bottom line to what I'm hoping that we can accomplish here for the community is an affordable solution. I came up with because with the idea because I know what it cost that building wells and owning your own water and not being metered would probably be the lesser expensive proposal. If we can get money that could be loaned just like a mortgage at a percentage for each homeowner to put a well in so they don't ever have water problems again in this district of 86 homes. And some already have done that on their own expense. I think the balance of the people who need this done that that would be a very, very viable solution treated like an equity loan. You're trying to help our community and your constituents, as you say. And I think that if we could take it from that angle and analyze that versus this bond issue and come up with some sort of monetary solution by first taking account on how many homes need this help and how many don't. Take account of each one and see how many people are really involved with this issue. It's going to be far cheaper than what this has been proposed over since 2013.

-Supervisor Richardson: Yes, I appreciate that. I'm just going to continue answering all the questions. I appreciate.

-Jeff Indyk: Should I go away again?

-Supervisor Richardson: You know, you could stay here in case I need you to fact check because I'm obviously new and I'm inherited right here, but if you could. Yeah, just I'll let you know if I need you. I appreciate you. So, basically, that's the history that we've tried to break down for residents. That \$1.8 million bond was likely the same thing that we're doing tonight. The cost estimate at the time it was too expensive. They attempted to bond for project readiness. That's what we're doing now. We're showing the state, the you know, that we are applying and prepared to do so to enact this project right away. It shows project readiness to do a resolution for the bond. All the application needs is the resolution for the bond. And to answer a few questions, no, if we did not secure the grant, it would not be pertinent to go through with bonding at this amount and taxing \$4.2 million onto the residents of only 60 parcels. So, this is again a resolution where we are prepared, signaling that we are prepared. We have engineers report. We have the project ready to go. If the state felt that this was a worthy project, we would be able to proceed immediately having the appropriate legal setup to engage in that progress when we received the award. However, if we don't receive the award, we are already working, as you said, to investigate any other sources of funding, any other solutions. What you just said is that, we at this town board, were under the impression, and it's before we saw the \$4.2 million price tag, is that

again, you all were a district. As Barb had let me know, that it was assumed sometime in 2010 and we treated it as though you were a legally incorporated district. However, as you may have realized, we just finalized your district paperwork through the state legislature last year and that had to be walked as special legislation along with the special legislation that allowed your district because it was never a formal district beforehand. We just decided it was at a local level. We have to follow legal processes as been the theme of, you know, everything we do here is that there's a lot of (inaudible)

-Jeff Indyk: Everything takes years, I get it.

-Supervisor Richardson: Yeah. There's a lot.

-Jeff Indyk: So, how many how many people are in district 14? You said 60.

-Supervisor Richardson: There are 60 parcels. That's what I have on my (inaudible).

-Jeff Indyk: 60? I thought was number (inaudible).

-Councilwoman Bingham: There's 60 homes, but there's 82 or 86 parcels.

-Supervisor Richardson: Excuse me. Don't cross talk, please. It's very hard on me.

-Jeff Indyk: Yes. It's 86 parcels according to the what I have from 2012 and 13. It says it still exists as 86 parcels. I don't know.

-Supervisor Richardson: I have a budget sheet right in front of me that says 60 parcels. I don't know if those are active members. It could be like your question those who are users in the district, but I have the sheet that says 60. So, we're happy to investigate that. But it's somewhere, you know, under 100.

-Deputy Clerk Barbara Singer: Excuse me, Maureen. I think it's 60 water users.

-Supervisor Richardson: Yes. I'm just reading what the actual uses are.

-Deputy Clerk Barbara Singer: I think that there's 60 water customers for the town of Monroe, but there's 80 something parcels.

-Supervisor Richardson: Okay.

-Jeff Indyk: That sounds correct.

-Councilman Rivera: Maureen, yeah, because here in the engineering report, it says the existing water district consists of 84 lots, 60 of which are currently connected to the public water system.

-Supervisor Richardson: Okay. Yeah, that's makes sense.

-Jeff Indyk: As of what point was that report made?

-Councilman Rivera: This is July 13, 2026.

-Jeff Indyk: Oh, so it's recent.

-Councilman Rivera: Yes.

-Jeff Indyk: So, you're saying the subsequent homes are approximately 26 wells are on that 20?

-Councilman Rivera: Yeah. 24

-Supervisor Richardson: Or they are not occupied parcels. They could be just vacant parcels as well. -Jeff Indyk: That have wells.

-Supervisor Richardson: It doesn't specify that.

-Jeff Indyk: It's not about the wells. It's about the parcels. The SBLs.

-Councilman Rivera: Correct. Correction blocks and lots parcels.

-Jeff Indyk: Yes. Clear.

-Supervisor Richardson: 60 taxable user parcels in the district is what I have on my budget sheet. So, sorry, we were talking about something important before that question came up. What was the last thought?

-Councilwoman Bingham: Funding. If it didn't, come through, then it would be an excessive burden on the homeowners.

-Supervisor Richardson: Yeah, I think the ultimate conclusion here is that we're searching for alternative. Oh, that we were under the impression as a town board that it had to be done and that the district supported the legislation that was walked last year to formalize the district. But to your point, and to the point of other residents in the audience, because of the high cost, it's so prohibitive that users are questioning now, why are we a district? We thought we were in 2010. It made sense. We thought we were locked into this. But then immediately after I took office, I got several complaints, including a resident that wanted to circulate a petition to decommission the district to allow individuals to drill wells. And I've heard this now from a lot of people. So, we just walked special legislation last year to allow us to go out for this funding, but it seems that that cost benefit analysis was not done prior to that because what you're suggesting is essentially you wouldn't be a district. You're just suggesting that private property owners have individual wells and not be on public water at all. And in that case, why was all of this work done to incorporate a special district? And I've heard from over 10, that's a large portion just to have reached out to me. And I feel that others probably feel that way and have not communicated with us.

-Jeff Indyk: So why do you think that happened? Because nobody maybe heard this type of information I'm trying to bring forth so that they made a district so that they can get the funding. And now we're saying now that you can do that, you're going to have an estimate of a \$4.3 million bond. That's 60 or maybe 80 homes are going to have to pay for which would be a prohibitive cost on top of our already current school and land taxes.

-Supervisor Richardson: I agree.

-Jeff Indyk: That is not good math. It's not good sense. And so now you're saying let's find another solution. So, if we have to decommission and not have a district, if I'm understanding you, and then somehow find how can we help this community that was once a summer bungalow colony have water to their now year-round houses that they weren't then and is now. Then we need to figure out a way as a community to support all those people who need water in a much less expensive way.

-Supervisor Richardson: And in part, the reason we're here today is simply to apply another round for another round of funding. Given the bag that we were handed, given the fact that this was the expressed intent of, you know, we thought at that time when we passed this that this was the supported initiative of the district, that they wanted to be an incorporated district, that this would be to the public benefit. And now, exactly as I said and as you said, this is not mathing unless we can find either a village assistance support.

-Jeff Indyk: We could be a district if it's affordable.

-Supervisor Richardson: Just another resident has a question.

-Councilman Rivera: Please come to the mic sir.

-Phil Hackett: Are you saying that if we're in a water district we're not allowed to drill a well? Is that like a legal thing?

-Supervisor Richardson: I would have to check the specific incorporation of your district but that is a prohibition in other incorporated districts. Yes.

-Jeff Indyk: That's a big deal.

-Supervisor Richardson: Yes.

-Jeff Indyk: So, that would prevent future wells to be dug if we're a district.

-Supervisor Richardson: It could be if that was in the language of the incorporation and the town of Monroe district. There are other districts that do have that prohibition, especially in Harriman, they have that prohibition.

-Jeff Indyk: Why would they do that?

-Supervisor Richardson: Because once you establish, I'm just gonna be honest, once you

establish a normal district say that there wasn't this need. We just enacted that we're taking on the responsibility as a town for the water. The town becomes responsible for enacting infrastructure. We're taxing you. We're expending public funds. We want the revenue related to all of the to be able to pay for it.

-Jeff Indyk: To pay for it.

-Supervisor Richardson: Yes.

-Jeff Indyk: So, let me make a point that the lawsuit that was brought by Toby Gross in the 1970s or early 80s. Zadoff owned it privately, no different than the town owning it publicly. She wanted to drill a well, he said, "You can't. It's illegal."

-Supervisor Richardson: Yes.

-Jeff Indyk: Then what happened at that point is because he wanted everybody to pay. And then he would be in total control of the amount of money he can charge.

-Supervisor Richardson: Yes. That's the official position of the Town as a whole

-Jeff Indyk: Let me just finish so I don't lose my thought because I'm old. My brain doesn't It's on the line here, I'm on the railroad. So, with that said, I understand that you have to have a certain amount of commitment, which is why they probably would ban water wells being dug while the district is being approved because where are they going to get their revenue to pay for this bond?

-Supervisor Richardson: Yes.

-Jeff Indyk: That's clear. You see, I'm kind of smart. Now with that said, so we either decommission this as a district and find a way of funding wells, which is a much cheaper viable solution in my mind. And if I could be proven wrong, please present it to me in in in the future.

-Supervisor Richardson: They might have other options that we could present to the district after this round.

-Jeff Indyk: So, what happens to those who already have wells and they approve this district like me? Do I pay double?

-Supervisor Richardson: No, you pay a base rate as a member of the district who's a non-user if I'm not mistaken.

-Jeff Indyk: So, we need numbers of what that is.

-Supervisor Richardson: You're not on the public system right now, correct? And you got taxed.

-Jeff Indyk: I got taxed.

-Supervisor Richardson: Because it's a capital improvement. So, you do pay into the capital improvements.

-Jeff Indyk: Like the sewer district.

-Supervisor Richardson: Yep.

-Jeff Indyk: Because it benefits the community and even if you're not using it, you're paying for the infrastructure to pay for the pipes.

-Supervisor Richardson: That's the legality of that.

-Jeff Indyk: Yes, I understand that.

-Supervisor Richardson: So, I'm going to take a couple more questions and then I'm going to answer the remaining questions and then we have to move on. But I'm happy to have these discussions.

-Travis Kripor: Thank you. I just wanted to ask, you know, this has been proposed numerous times before and nothing has been done. I spoke here three or four years ago. Jeffrey has come here and spoken and so this was this has been a proposal for many times. I don't know why, at this point, it seems like maybe now this is an option and it wasn't for years and if it were, all of these taxes could have been obviated for years.

-Supervisor Richardson: I agree.

-Travis Kripor: So, I don't understand why today, 2026, suddenly there's a possibility that this district can be dissolved.

-Supervisor Richardson: I'm not the one advising on like legal possibility. I've just expressed that may be the intent of residents and I'm happy to look into it in case other proposals now that you are an incorporated district do not make sense in terms of a cost benefit analysis we may have a few other options. However, I'm agreeing that it doesn't seem that the actual residents like your impression again as a totality of residents, 80, 60 people in the district thought you were an incorporated district in 2010. It made sense to pursue certain routes if you weren't completely aware of the costs and again the benefits and the number of users who are on the well versus the public.

-Travis Kripor: We were aware of the cost. Is it possible?

-Supervisor Richardson: I meant the administration. I'm referring to the previous administrations that it seems like these are the motions that an administration goes through when they're trying to seek funding, make a public district work, make those public district improvements. However, this isn't the solution. You see what I'm saying is you have to do a little bit more digging. Sometimes it's not obvious and you know, everybody has

their own way of doing it. We are taking a really hard look at this because we've failed so many times at this point.

-Phil Hackett: Is it possible to amend the water district to allow wells?

-Supervisor Richardson: I will I have to get the contract language and the legislation that was walked and I'm happy to answer those questions. if everybody in this district on their way out actually, Barb, could like everyone who wants to be on an email group can you just make a piece of paper and also if you could email your neighbors and then we could start an email group relating to this because a lot of this is going to have to be brought from the actual legislative language and the actual enacted law for the district.

-Jeff Indyk: How soon do you need the email list? Tonight?

-Supervisor Richardson Just go on your way.

-Jeff Indyk: We only have a few neighbors here. I'm saying in general for the entire community who's going to be affected should probably be on the email list.

-Supervisor Richardson: Yes. And so just help us start that off by leaving your contact information so that we can respond.

-Jeff Indyk: We'll help you if you help us.

-Supervisor Richardson: I'm trying. I'm really trying.

-Councilwoman Bingham: I just have Matt Sickler. Can you just address the residents that sometimes there's a possibility that if everybody drills their own well, they still won't have enough water, since you're on the planning board, you kind of understand that. Could you explain it to them?

-Jeff Indyk: You're saying that.

-Councilwoman Bingham: Wait, wait. I'm going to have the engineer.

-Supervisor Richardson: Yeah, we're going to have to move on. I'm sorry. I'm allowed just

-Jeff Indyk: You're asking me a question?

-Supervisor Richardson: No, sorry.

-Jeff Indyk: Oh, I thought it was to me. That's I don't want to hog the mic. I'm going to go sit.

-Deputy Clerk Barbara Singer: No, I was asking for you.

-Matt Sickler, Town Engineer: So, at one point this was created as a water system with the approval of the health department. One of the issues with lot size and multiple wells is

you're now withdrawing from multiple sources within the same aquifer or

-Councilwoman Bingham: Can we have a little quiet in the audience so everyone can hear the engineer please.

-Matt Sickler, Town Engineer: So, you're trying to withdraw, you know, from 60, 80 sources, whatever within the aquifer, as opposed to a single source. You may not be able to do that without impacting other wells in close proximity to it. In other words, when we pump test a well, we monitor other wells around it to see how you affect that. That may be one of the reasons why this was a central system. The other issue that would have to be researched in regards to putting individual wells is you need to maintain proper separation distances from everybody's septic systems, sewer systems, things like that. So, it is something that can be looked at. but there's a reason this was created as a central system to begin with the health department. Undoing that to allow everybody to drill individual wells would require going back through the health department as well, and adequate testing and research would need to be done to demonstrate to them that that's feasible. So, not easy, but it's out there.

-Supervisor Richardson: Thank you, Matt. Appreciate it. Yeah, every one of our options right now has a downside.

****Talking from the audience****

-Councilman Rivera: Please come up to the mic, sir, and finish off your thoughts.

-Jeff Indyk: That community has on or about half-acre parcels and some are a third acre parcels. I know that because I've been there forever. I'm 100 years old. And the point is that none of them have leech fields. It's all on sewer. We pay sewer bills. That was put in, I think, in 1983. I remember all this because I've been in the in this community. I'm really not 100 since 1963. And so I know what was going on. I didn't know then. I was only four years old. But the point is, I know the history of Orchard Hill Estates Jewish Community Center that became a private community and how the how big these parcels are because my family was quite involved at that time. So, in terms of contaminations, septic, you're right, it should be looked at. But I know that these properties can support it. We have very high water tables, too. Okay, that's it.

-Supervisor Richardson: Thank you so much. And in the interest of time, I do I really do appreciate all the information, but we're just going to have to answer the questions that have been asked very quickly and then move on. So, I will get back to the residents with specifically how much this would cost per household because that requires the percentage of parcel breakdown of the size of the property. It doesn't just evenly disperse. Are we looking to other resources? Absolutely. We've talked about that already about how many times we've attempted funding and I'm still pursuing other state discretionary funding because this is not related to water quality which would be restricted to WIIA. It is capital improvement infrastructure. So, our legislators can give out discretionary funding. However,

that has ceiling limits and it might not move the needle. However, we could do an adapted proposal such as options discussed here. We would have to obviously work with Matt and MHE to do any sort of further options. The generators were selected in that round of aforementioned discretionary funding back in I'm sorry the deadline to expend the money is this year in October. I think it was 2023 that that application Mary Ann went through. I'm sorry that your district wasn't selected. It did go to Water District One. We can certainly petition our state legislators for future grants for generators and we can pursue that through Millennium Grant Company. I wasn't aware that this district also was in need of that. I believe the project proposal that we're looking at obviously probably includes or removes the issue in terms of the generator backup. I'll get back to you with more information on that. So, will people who have wells be impacted by the capital improvements? Yes, you've already been impacted by the capital improvements as we just discussed, just differently because of user versus non-user and the property size that you have. Someone asked the property taxes to the village of Monroe that they've paid. can we request assistance from the village? So, yes, you pay property taxes because you're a resident of the village of Monroe. We will request assistance because we are not too proud to ask anyone for help. However, this is a special district and it is separately taxed. your water has nothing to do with your other property taxes such as police services, garbage, everything like that. They are separate and that special district, they don't overlap. So, your water district, everything that you're receiving isn't related to your general property tax bill through the village, but we are happy to reach out to see if they could propose a hookup to their system. Anything that they could do? Why [laughter] not?

-Dan Campney: Because back in the beginning of this whole thing, Mary Ann and I started the whole water thing with Doles back in 2012 when the person, the individual, that ran the well walked away from the well when he passed away. So, we went to the town or to the village to get rid of our will, get hooked up to the village well. The amount of money that they wanted to charge us per gallon was way out of control.

-Supervisor Richardson: It's only gone up. It's only gone up.

-Dan Campney: But it outweighed the repair of our lines that we had. So, we said build the water district that we had.

-Supervisor Richardson: At this point, it's cheaper, right? [laughter]

-Dan Campney: So, but there was also conversations of because of the amount of water that our well produces to sell that water to other areas to get revenue back from that in order to help fix some of the issues that we had. So, there was many conversations with Dole and everybody else on

-Supervisor Richardson: Could you repeat that one more time

-Dan Campney: Similar to what the village was going to do to us is hook us up to their well.

-Supervisor Richardson: You were going to sell.

-Dan Campney: But what the village wanted to do, they wanted us to rebuild a well that was out on the racetrack and then do that, then they would hook us up because they didn't have the structure to feed our community. So, between what they would charge us per thousand gallon and rebuilding their racetrack well, it outweighed the cost to repair the well that's there today and the water lines. Back when we started doing the conversation with the community. Yes, there were some people that wanted wells, but the whole community voted on whether they wanted wells, whether they want to stay on the system themselves, which is where we got the 60 people versus some that don't. So, the cost of the 4 whatever million we're looking at today, is way above the other one because cost of living and everything else that's cost.

-Supervisor Richardson: It's a full system infrastructure redo with duct tile iron. That's what we're proposing.

-Dan Campney: No, I get it. But I'm just filling in. We tried the village.

-Supervisor Richardson: Yes.

-Dan Campney: And they wanted us to rebuild something that we already had and all we needed is somebody to operate it, put chlorine in it, check test it, and do all that services plus then repair our lines because the cost was going to be too much from the village.

-Supervisor Richardson: Yeah, I understand.

-Dan Campney: If they're going to do the same thing today as repair one of their wells. It doesn't make sense to us.

-Supervisor Richardson: Obviously, we'd have to evaluate any response that we received from the village. There's a different administration there today. There's a different level of need there today. Again, your system is held together by bubble gum and paper clips. And so, we will be investigating that and bringing that information forward to users because we're going to be doing a cost benefit and an engineering analysis on literally every option. So, I appreciate the history and thank you so much. If you could just. Thank you so much. So, the tax bill question, what did you see in water district 14? It was the repayment the interfund loan transfer principal and interest was taxed in last year's budget and taxes and that is what you saw per household the large increase and that part of that will be a recurring charge, unfortunately, as a repayment of the \$544,000 that the B fund the town gave to your water district that your water district then owes the town. So, that is a completely separate matter than the additional repairs and potential additional bonding necessary because even if we don't bond at 4.2 million, we're still going to be needing to pursue a bond for infrastructure repairs that we decide upon based on this award because it is full infrastructure collapse and it needs a system review. So again, there were questions about the differences in well properties versus those serviced by the district. I have to look how that's broken out. We discussed it. So private roads versus public roads, it doesn't

really play a factor. Again, you're members of the special district and it can encompass village, town, private, public. the roads don't really play any kind of portion because it's an established special district that's a benefit assessed role. You are listed in the benefit assess district. It's published every time that we do tax increases. Yes.

-Deputy Clerk Barbara Singer: I think what they're saying is when you come in and do the complete overhaul of the infrastructure, you're going to dig up people's private roads that people privately pay to have paved. Will they be repaired? I think that was the question.

-Supervisor Richardson: I believe that the cost would be accrued to the special district then for that repair. Unfortunately, it doesn't make it like new again, but it's just a necessary infrastructure improvement that we have to cut a road, then we have to cut it whether it's private or public. Thank you, Barb. I answered this one. It's important to repeat. So, how can we support a bond so large if we didn't support the 1.8? How can we do a 4.2? Again, we're unlikely to move forward unless under the gun that this is absolutely the only option for residents. This is just in pursuit of funding. Again, it's the resolution to approve the bond that indicates project readiness that will be put in your packet for the WIIA application. It does not invoke the bond. It does not imply the bond. It does not incur debt. And we will get the questions answered for how many homes are publicly serviced. It's 60. And how many homes have private wells? We have to determine that. And the total repairs of the water district cutting into the road. I'm not certain, Barb, do you have the answer for when we did the repairs or Matt? When we did the repairs, water district passed, did we pay for the road?

-Travis Kripor: The town fixed the private roads when they dug them up.

-Supervisor Richardson: Yes, but were the taxes of the special district paid to the highway department for those?

-Deputy Clerk Barbara Singer: I don't know.

-Supervisor Richardson: We'll have to how that work, okay. We'll get those answers. That's all I've got and one more question and then we have to really move on and we have to do the same thing for other.

-Travis Kripor: I do think that's an important factor because if so then that means that everybody in that district is being double bill because we do pay highway taxes to begin with. So that's why I feel that that's important.

-Supervisor Richardson: If it's the case that the special district is charged for the specific cost first of all of a private road, no one is being double billed for that because it's privately owned by those residents. And if I'm saying in the case of where it is private, I'll answer both. In the case where it is private, no one is being taxed. So, you if you were taxed through your water district to pay those owners back or for those repairs necessary to the highway department, that seems fair. And in the case where it is a public road, that's not scope where the highway department would be intervening and it wouldn't be included in

what you are taxed for in general if that is legally applied. I believe it would be excluded. I'm not sure if it is. So again, I will have to find that answer. But there it's more complicated than that. It can be excluded in what you're actually build for. You get an itemized bill.

-Travis Kripor: Correct.

-Supervisor Richardson: Basically.

-Travis Kripor: And so I have both the highway department and then the water.

-Supervisor Richardson: But if it's not included in what you're being taxed for in the normal operations of the highway department, you're not being taxed for it because it's not within the normal operations of the department. So, they would be going above and beyond. And I believe if it's even the highway department, it could be an outside entity doing the repairs. Like who we've licensed to do the repairs might be the ones cutting into the road. I'd have to examine that. I don't believe that there's double billing going on. I'll just answer that. Thank you. Okay.

6.4. Motion to Close the Public Hearing RE WD No. 14 in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities (Improvement District)

2026- #292

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Close the Public Hearing RE WD No. 14 in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities (Improvement District).

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

Not Present At Vote: Town Councilmember Sal Scancarello

6.5. Adoption of the Order After Public Hearing RE WD No. 2 in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities (Improvement District)

2026- #293

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made the Motion to Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 2, in the Town of Monroe, in the County of Orange, New York, pursuant to Section 202-b of the Town Law.

RESOLUTION AND ORDER AFTER PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, a map, plan and report entitled: "Map, Plan and Report for Town of Monroe Water District 2 Improvements," dated July 23, 2026, has been prepared by MHE

Engineering, D.P.C., New Windsor, New York, engineers duly licensed by the State of New York (the "Engineer"), for the increase and improvement of facilities of the Water District No. 2 (herein called the "District"), in the Town of Monroe, New York (the "Town"), consisting of water system improvements, including but not limited to replacement of existing piping and appurtenances within the existing wellhouse and the construction of a new atmospheric storage tank, the foregoing to include ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith demolition and other work required in connection therewith (the "Project"), at the estimated total cost of \$1,750,000; and

WHEREAS, the Town expects to apply for grants and/or other funding for the Project through the State of New York Environmental Facilities Corporation and/or from other sources, and if any such grants and/or other funds are received, such grants or other funds will be applied toward the cost of said Project or redemption of the Town's bonds or notes issued therefor, or to be budgeted as an offset to the taxes to be collected; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted an Order describing in general terms the proposed increase and improvement of such facilities, specifying the estimated maximum cost thereof, and stating the Town Board would meet to hear all persons interested in said increase and improvement of facilities on July 23, 2026 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) at Town Hall, 1465 Orange Turnpike, Monroe, New York; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of such public hearing was duly published and posted pursuant to the provisions of Article 12 of the Town Law and was also mailed by first class mail to each owner of taxable real property in the District; and

WHEREAS, such public hearing was duly held by the Town Board on the 23rd day of July, 2026 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) at Town Hall, 1465 Orange Turnpike, Monroe, New York, with considerable discussion on the matter having been had and all persons desiring to be heard having been heard, including those in favor of and those in opposition to said increase and improvement of such facilities; Now, therefore, it is hereby DETERMINED, that it is in the public interest to increase and improve the facilities of the District as hereinabove described, at the estimated maximum cost of \$1,750,000; and it is hereby

ORDERED, that the facilities of the District shall be so increased and improved and that MHE Engineering, D.P.C., New Windsor, New York, engineers duly licensed by the State of New York (the "Engineer") shall prepare plans and specifications and make a careful estimate of the expense for said increase and improvement of such facilities and, with the assistance of the Town Attorney, shall prepare a proposed contract for such increase and improvement of facilities of the District, which plans and specifications, estimate and proposed contract shall be presented to the Town Board as soon as possible; and it is hereby

FURTHER ORDERED, that the expense of said increase and improvement of facilities shall be financed by the issuance of not to exceed \$1,750,000 bonds of the Town, and the costs of said increase and improvement of facilities, including payment of principal of and interest on said bonds, shall be paid from charges collected through water metering and/or by the assessment, levy and collection of assessments upon the several lots and parcels of land within the District which the Town Board shall deem especially benefited by said improvements, so much upon and from each as shall be in just proportion to the amount of

benefit which the improvement shall confer upon the same; and it is hereby FURTHER ORDERED, that the Town Clerk record, or cause to be recorded, a certified copy of this Resolution and Order After Public Hearing in the office of the Clerk of Orange County within ten (10) days after adoption thereof.DATED: July 23, 2026

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

Not Present At Vote: Town Councilmember Sal Scancarello

6.6. Bond Resolution to Authorize Bonds RE WD No. 2 in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities (Improvement District)

2026- #294

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion for a BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MONROE, NEW YORK, ADOPTED JULY 23, 2026, APPROPRIATING \$1,750,000 FOR THE INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES OF WATER DISTRICT NO. 2, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,750,000 BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

WHEREAS, following preparation of a map, plan and report and an estimate of cost for the increase and improvement of facilities of Water District No. 2 (herein referred to as the "District"), in the Town of Monroe (herein called the "Town"), in the County of Orange, New York, and after a public hearing duly called and held, the Town Board of the Town determined that it is in the public interest to increase and improve the facilities of the District, and ordered that such facilities be so increased and improved;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, NEW YORK (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board)

AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Town Board hereby appropriates the amount of \$1,750,000, for the increase and improvement of facilities of Water District No. 2, consisting of water system improvements, including but not limited to replacement of existing piping and appurtenances within the existing wellhouse and the construction of a new atmospheric storage tank, the foregoing to include ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith demolition and other work required in connection therewith (the "Project"), all as further described in the map, plan and report prepared for the Town by MHE Engineering, D.P.C., New Windsor, New York, entitled: "Map, Plan and Report for Town of Monroe Water District 2 Improvements," dated July 23, 2026. The estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, will not exceed \$1,750,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of not to exceed \$1,750,000 bonds of the Town to finance said appropriation, and the collection of charges from water metering and/or the assessment, levy and collection of

assessments upon the several lots and parcels of land within the District which the Town Board shall deem benefited thereby, so much upon and from each as shall be in just proportion to the amount of benefit which the improvement shall confer upon the same, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable. The Town expects to apply for grants and/or other funding for the Project through the State of New York Environmental Facilities Corporation and/or from other sources, and if any such grants and/or other funds are received, such grants or other funds will be applied toward the cost of said Project or redemption of the Town's bonds or notes issued therefor, or to be budgeted as an offset to the taxes to be collected.

Section 2. Bonds of the Town in the principal amount of not to exceed \$1,750,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law"), to finance said appropriation.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and stated:(a) The period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 1 of the Law, is forty (40) years.(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.(c) The proposed maturity of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation said bonds shall be general obligations of the Town, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Town by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 of the Law relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Town Board relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, and as to executing contracts for credit enhancements and providing for substantially level or declining annual debt service, are hereby delegated to the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer of the Town

.Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in

anticipation of said bonds, may be contested only if: (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town is not authorized to expend money, or (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing bond resolution, in summary, in the "Times Herald Record," a newspaper having a general circulation in said Town, which newspaper is hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such publication, together with the Town Clerk's statutory notice in the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

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

Not Present At Vote: Town Councilmember Sal Scancarello

6.7. Adoption of the Order After Public Hearing RE WD No. 14 in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities (Improvement District)

2026- #295

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 14, in the Town of Monroe, in the County of Orange, New York, pursuant to Section 202-b of the Town Law.

RESOLUTION AND ORDER AFTER PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, a map, plan and report entitled: "Map, Plan and Report for Town of Monroe Water District 14 Improvements," dated July 23, 2026, has been prepared by MHE Engineering, D.P.C., New Windsor, New York, engineers duly licensed by the State of New York (the "Engineer"), for the increase and improvement of facilities of the Water District No. 14 (herein called the "District"), in the Town of Monroe, New York (the "Town"), consisting of water system improvements, including but not limited to replacement of the existing watermain and associated appurtenances, as well as the installation of new water service meters and an emergency generator for the existing wellhouse facility, the foregoing to include ancillary or related site, demolition and demolition and other work required in connection therewith (the "Project"), at the estimated total cost of \$4,350,000; and WHEREAS, the Town expects to apply for grants and/or other funding for the Project through the State of New York Environmental Facilities Corporation and/or from other sources, and if any such grants and/or other funds are received, such grants or other funds will be applied toward the cost of said Project or redemption of the Town's bonds or notes issued therefor, or to be budgeted as an offset to the taxes to be collected; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted an Order describing in general terms the proposed increase and improvement of such facilities, specifying the estimated maximum cost thereof, and stating the Town Board would meet to hear all persons interested in said increase and improvement of facilities on July 23, 2026 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) at Town Hall, 1465 Orange Turnpike, Monroe, New York; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of such public hearing was duly published and posted pursuant to the provisions of Article 12 of the Town Law and was also mailed by first class mail to each owner of taxable real property in the District; and

WHEREAS, such public hearing was duly held by the Town Board on the 23rd day of July, 2026 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) at Town Hall, 1465 Orange Turnpike, Monroe, New York, with considerable discussion on the matter having been had and all persons desiring to be heard having been heard, including those in favor of and those in opposition to said increase and improvement of such facilities;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

DETERMINED, that it is in the public interest to increase and improve the facilities of the District as hereinabove described, at the estimated maximum cost of \$4,350,000; and it is hereby

ORDERED, that the facilities of the District shall be so increased and improved and that McGoey, Hauser and Edsall, Consulting Engineers, D.P.C., engineers duly licensed by the State of New York (the "Engineer") shall prepare plans and specifications and make a careful estimate of the expense for said increase and improvement of such facilities and, with the assistance of the Town Attorney, shall prepare a proposed contract for such increase and improvement of facilities of the District, which plans and specifications, estimate and proposed contract shall be presented to the Town Board as soon as possible; and it is hereby

FURTHER ORDERED, that the expense of said increase and improvement of facilities shall be financed by the issuance of not to exceed \$4,350,000 bonds of the Town, and the costs of said increase and improvement of facilities, including payment of principal of and interest on said bonds, shall be paid from charges collected through water metering and/or by the assessment, levy and collection of assessments upon the several lots and parcels of land within the District which the Town Board shall deem especially benefited by said improvements, so much upon and from each as shall be in just proportion to the amount of benefit which the improvement shall confer upon the same; and it is hereby

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Town Clerk record, or cause to be recorded, a certified copy of this Resolution and Order After Public Hearing in the office of the Clerk of Orange County within ten (10) days after adoption thereof.

DATED: July 23, 2026

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

Not Present At Vote: Town Councilmember Sal Scancarello

6.8. Bond Resolution to Authorize Bonds RE WD No. 14 in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities (Improvement District)

2026- #296

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Resolution to accept the BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MONROE, NEW YORK, ADOPTED JULY 23, 2026, APPROPRIATING \$4,350,000 FOR THE INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES OF WATER DISTRICT NO. 14, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,350,000 BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

Recital

WHEREAS, following preparation of a map, plan and report and an estimate of cost for the increase and improvement of facilities of Water District No. 14 (herein referred to as the "District"), in the Town of Monroe (herein called the "Town"), in the County of Orange, New York, and after a public hearing duly called and held, the Town Board of the Town determined that it is in the public interest to increase and improve the facilities of the District, and ordered that such facilities be so increased and improved; Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, NEW YORK (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Town Board hereby appropriates the amount of \$4,350,000, for the increase and improvement of facilities of Water District No. 14, consisting of water system improvements, including but not limited to replacement of the existing watermain and associated appurtenances, as well as the installation of new water service meters and an emergency generator for the existing wellhouse facility, the foregoing to include ancillary or related site, demolition and demolition and other work required in connection therewith (the "Project"), all as further described in the map, plan and report prepared for the Town by MHE Engineering, D.P.C., New Windsor, New York, entitled: "Map, Plan and Report for Town of Monroe Water District 14 Improvements," dated July 23, 2026. The estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, will not exceed \$4,350,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of not to exceed \$4,350,000 bonds of the Town to finance said appropriation, and the collection of charges from water metering and/or the assessment, levy and collection of assessments upon the several lots and parcels of land within the District which the Town Board shall deem benefited thereby, so much upon and from each as shall be in just proportion to the amount of benefit which the improvement shall confer upon the same, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable. The Town expects to apply for grants and/or other funding for the Project through the State of New York Environmental Facilities Corporation and/or from other sources, and if any such grants and/or other funds are received, such grants or other funds will be applied toward the cost of said Project or redemption of the Town's bonds or notes issued therefor, or to be budgeted as an offset to the taxes to be collected.

Section 2. Bonds of the Town in the principal amount of not to exceed \$4,350,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law,

constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law"), to finance said appropriation.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and stated:(a) The period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 1 of the Law, is forty (40) years.(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.(c) The proposed maturity of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation said bonds shall be general obligations of the Town, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Town by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 of the Law relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Town Board relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, and as to executing contracts for credit enhancements and providing for substantially level or declining annual debt service, are hereby delegated to the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer of the Town.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be contested only if:(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town is not authorized to expend money, or(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing bond resolution, in summary, in the "Times Herald Record," a newspaper having a general circulation in said Town, which newspaper is hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such publication,

together with the Town Clerk's statutory notice in the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

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

Not Present At Vote: Town Councilmember Sal Scancarello

Adjournment

7.1. Adjournment of Meeting

2026- #297

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to adjourn the meeting of July 23, 2026 at 9:15 pm.

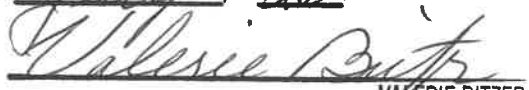
On a motion by Supervisor Richardson, seconded by Town Council Member Rivera

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

Nays: None

Not Present At Vote: Town Councilmember Sal Scancarello

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE
TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MONROE AT A MEETING OF SAID BOARD HELD ON
THE 23rd DAY OF July, 2026.


VALERIE BITZER
TOWN CLERK

1. The first part of the document is a list of the names of the persons who have been appointed to the various positions of the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The names are listed in alphabetical order, and each name is followed by the position to which he or she has been appointed. The names are as follows:

2. The second part of the document is a list of the names of the persons who have been appointed to the various positions of the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The names are listed in alphabetical order, and each name is followed by the position to which he or she has been appointed. The names are as follows:

CASH TRANSFERS TO/FROM INVESTMENT FUNDS

TOWN OF MONROE

DATE OF AUDIT: August 10, 2026

ABSTRACT #CASH 2026-03

[illegible]

1. New Business

Subject	8.1. Q&A with Joel Mann Regarding Round Lake (Presentation by Landowner to Dispel Misinformation RE Round Lake)
Meeting	August 10, 2026 - Monroe Town Board Meeting Agenda
Type	

2. New Business

Subject	8.2. 2026 NYSAA Fall Conference, Assessor's Office Request
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Meeting	August 10, 2026 - Monroe Town Board Meeting Agenda
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Type	Action (Resolution)
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2026 NYSAA Fall Conference, Assessor's Office Request

2026-#

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion approving Carla McNamara, Assessor, and Caroline Steinhauer, Assistant Assessor to attend the 2026 NYSAA (New York State Assessors Association) Fall Conference taking place September 29–October 1, 2026, at the Windrose on the Hudson in Ossining, New York. Amount not to exceed _____.

The following costs will be incurred for (2) attendees at this conference.

Conference Registration Fee: \$400.00

Hotel: \$1,020.20 (\$510.00/per night at Windrose on the Hudson)

Anticipated Meal Cost: \$390.00 per person/\$780.00

Total Estimated gas cost for town vehicle: \$56.24

Total:: \$2,256.44

Conference cost and accommodations to be covered through expenditure account A000-1355-4189-00, Assessor Education, Dues, Mtgs & Mileage.

1. 2026 Fall Conference Approval Request_Revised



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Carla Mary McNamara
(845)783-1900 Ext.206
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July 29, 2026

Monroe Town Board
1465 Orange Turnpike
Monroe, NY 10950

Subject: Upcoming Courses for Assessor and Staff

Dear Members of the Town Board,

I respectfully request the Town Board's approval for the Assessor's Office staff to attend the 2026 New York State Assessors' Association Fall Conference for continuing education and professional development this September 28th – October 1st 2026. The conference offers valuable training on current assessment practices, legislative updates, and industry trends, helping staff stay informed and better serve our community.

I also request approval for lodging at the host hotel. Staying on-site allows staff to fully participate in the conference experience, including networking opportunities and educational activities scheduled throughout the event. Additionally, I request approval for the required conference meal plan. While the cost of the meal plan exceeds the Town's typical daily meal allowance for travel, it is a mandatory component of the conference registration and is necessary for participation in the full conference program. The total overall cost of the conference is still under what has been allotted for this year's education expenses for the Assessor's office in the adopted 2026 Budget.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I respectfully ask for approval of conference registration, lodging at the hotel, and the mandatory meal plan.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Mary McNamara
Assessor, Town of Monroe

Enclosed: Projected Expenses and Town set thresholds for travel



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New York State Assessor's Association Fall Conference Event Expenses

- Assessor Education, Dues, Meetings & Mil on 2026 Adopted Budget \$3,800
- Town of Monroe Handbook states \$76 daily outside NYC
- $\$76 \times 3 \text{ (days)} = \228 per trip
- Meal plan $\$390 - \$228 = \$162$ over recommended food allotment per person.
- Assessor & Clerk will only be attending Tuesday-Thursday for classes 9/29/26 - 10/1/26

Windrose on the Hudson Hotel Room

Carla Mary McNamara x2 nights \$510.10
Caroline Steinhauer x2 nights \$510.10

Total \$1,020.20

Event Registration Fee

Carla Mary McNamara x1 \$200.00
Caroline Steinhauer x1 \$200.00

Total \$400.00

Meal Plan

Carla Mary McNamara x1 \$390.00
Caroline Steinhauer x1 \$390.00

Total \$780.00

Travel Reimbursement

Assessor's Home to Event (1 Way) 37 Miles
 $37\text{mi} + 37\text{mi} = 76\text{mi}$
 $\$0.76 \times 74 =$ **\$56.24**

Total Trip Cost \$2,256.44



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Excerpt from 2026 Adopted Budget:

**2026 TOWN OF MONROE
ADOPTED BUDGET**

Account No.	Account Name	2026 Adopted	2025 Adopted	2025 YTD 10/15/2024	2024 Adopted
A000-1330-4102-00	Tax Collector Tax Roll & Bill Preparation	1,600.00	2,000.00	837.00	1,200.00
A000-1330-4189-00	Tax Collector Education, Dues, Meetings	500.00	1,000.00	25.00	1,200.00
A000-1330-4500-00	Tax Collector Contractual	3,000.00	2,950.00	2,927.25	3,000.00
	Total - Tax Collector	20,098.75	14,877.00	12,715.67	13,551.00
A000-1340-1010-00	Budget Officer Personal Services	0.00	18,500.00	8,500.00	18,500.00
A000-1340-1030-00	Budget Officer PS Part Time Employees	3,819.00	3,819.00	1,908.00	3,600.00
	Total - Budget Officer	3,819.00	22,319.00	10,408.00	22,100.00
Town Assessor					
A000-1355-0000-00	ASSESSOR				
A000-1355-1010-00	Assessor Personal Services	68,794.00	54,340.00	14,103.46	54,340.00
A000-1355-1011-00	Assistant to the Assessor PS	0.00	64,900.00	47,810.03	60,000.00
A000-1355-1020-00	Assessor Compensation of Full Time Empl	92,048.00	45,800.00	33,563.79	44,413.00
A000-1355-1030-00	Assessor Compensation of Part Time Empl	22,929.92	21,632.00	15,030.33	20,800.00
A000-1355-1050-00	Assessor Compensation Overtime	0.00	0.00		0.00
A000-1355-2000-00	Assessor Equipment	1,200.00	1,000.00		1,300.00
A000-1355-4010-00	Assessor Special Litigation	8,000.00	10,000.00	6,575.00	10,500.00
A000-1355-4104-00	Assessor Public Notices	400.00	400.00	102.90	400.00
A000-1355-4189-00	Assessor Education, Dues, Meetings & Mil	3,800.00	2,600.00	1,029.83	3,000.00
A000-1355-4223-00	Assessor IT Support	650.00	650.00	218.75	650.00
A000-1355-4226-00	Assessor Software Maintenance	4,050.00	4,000.00	2,994.89	2,800.00
A000-1355-4301-00	Assessor Vehicle Maintenance	0.00	200.00	411.94	200.00
A000-1355-4304-00	Assessor Vehicle Fuel	600.00	600.00	21.21	1,200.00
A000-1355-4500-00	Assessor Contractual	5,500.00	5,500.00	3,238.65	5,000.00
A000-1355-4501-00	Assessor Grievance Board of Review Contr	850.00	1,300.00	775.00	850.00
A000-1355-4600-00	Assessor Auto Insurance	0.00	1,500.00		1,290.00
	Total - Town Assessor	208,821.92	214,422.00	125,875.78	206,743.00

Excerpt from Town of Monroe Employee Handbook:

506 Expense Reimbursement

Policy Statement – Upon proper authorization and approval of the Town Board, an employee or Elected Official will be reimbursed for expenses associated with carrying out Town business, including, but not limited to, meals, lodging, parking, and highway tolls. All required documentation and when required, corresponding receipts, must be submitted to the Bookkeeper in order for the reimbursement to be processed.

Meal Allowance – The Town has established a per diem meal allowance, the amount of which is set forth in the table below. In order to be reimbursed for meals when attending seminars or conferences, an employee or Elected Official must produce a receipt. An employee will be reimbursed up to and not to exceed the amount as set forth in the table below. If an employee or Elected Official is attending a seminar or conference and meals are provided, the employee or Elected Official will not be reimbursed for any meals provided at said seminar or conference.

Revised and Approved by the Town Board on 2/5/18

	Per Diem Allowance for:		
Locale:	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Outside New York City	\$8.00	\$34.00	\$34.00
New York City	\$8.00	\$42.00	\$42.00

Mileage – An employee who is directed by the appropriate Department Head to use the employee's own vehicle to conduct Town business will be reimbursed at the IRS approved mileage rate or as specified in the applicable collective bargaining agreement, as the case may be. Mileage will only be reimbursed for miles incurred for the total trip, less any travel from the employee's home to the Town Office. All required documentation and corresponding receipts must be submitted to the Bookkeeper in order for the reimbursement to be processed.



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1465 Orange Turnpike (Lower Level)
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IRS Website:

<https://www.irs.gov/tax-professionals/standard-mileage-rates>



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Annual Filing Season Program participants

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EITC central

Enrolled actuaries

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If you use your car for business, charity, medical or moving purposes, you may be able to take a deduction based on the mileage used for that purpose.

2026 mileage rates (July 1 – Dec. 31)

The standard mileage rates for 2026 are:

- Self-employed and business: 76 cents/mile
- Charities: 14 cents/mile
- Medical: 23.5 cents/mile
- Moving ([military only](#)): 23.5 cents/mile

[Find out when you can deduct vehicle mileage](#)

Mileage rates for all years (cents/mile)

Period	Business use	Charity use	Medical or military moving	Source
2026 (July 1 – Dec. 31)	76	14	23.5	IR-2026-29
2026 (Jan. 1 – June 30)	72.5	14	20.5	IR-2025-128



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Fall Conference policies:



Fall Conference

2026 Fall Conference

Registration is now open.

 **Monday, September 28, 2026 at 2:00 PM (EDT)** to
Thursday, October 1, 2026 at 1:30 PM (EDT)

 Windrose on Hudson
1 Shady Lane Farm Road
Ossining, NY 10562
United States

* Registration open until 9/11/26 at 12:00 AM (EDT)

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Overview	Pricing	Agenda	Hotel
Classes	Photographer	Attendees	Golf Tournament

The Windrose on Hudson has reserved a block of rooms at the conference rate of \$229.00 per night. Please create your reservation within this block. Please also note that the **cutoff date is August 31, 2026**, at which time the block rate will be closed and room rates will be subject to change. The hotel is not able to guarantee early check-in on the day of your arrival. Free parking is available onsite.

Please also remember that if your reservation is to be tax exempt, the hotel will need a signed copy of the tax exempt form presented to the reception desk at the time of check-in.

If you are staying at the hotel, you must purchase the full meal package during the conference registration process.

Policies:

A credit card is required for this reservation.

For More Information:



Tracy Carman
Communications Director
NYS Assessors Association

3. New Business

Subject **8.3. Authorization for the Supervisor to sign an IMA: For the Control of Snow and Ice on Certain County Roads**

Meeting August 10, 2026 - Monroe Town Board Meeting Agenda

Type Action (Resolution)

Authorization for the Supervisor to sign an IMA: For the control of snow and ice on certain county roads

2026-#

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion authorizing the Supervisor to sign an IMA: For the control of snow and ice on certain county roads at a cost of \$5,700.00 per mile and a total cost of \$32,889.00.

1. Monroe 2



Steven M. Neuhaus
County Executive

ORANGE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Erik Denega, P.E., P.M.P.
Commissioner

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June 29, 2026

Ms. Maureen Richardson, Supervisor
Town of Monroe
1465 Orange Turnpike
Monroe, NY 10950

RE: Agreement for Snow and Ice Control on Certain County Roads for the 2026-2027 Season

Dear Ms. Richardson:

Enclosed herewith is one (1) copy of the proposed *Intermunicipal Agreement for the Control of Snow and Ice on Certain County Roads* for the 2026-2027 season with your municipality. Please execute the Agreement and **return it to this office no later than August 14, 2026** with the following documents:

- 1) **Original Agreement: Signed, Dated, and with Corporate Seal**
- 2) **Resolution enacted by the municipality to enter in the Agreement. Resolution must be original and certified by the Town Clerk, with your Corporate Seal.**
- 3) **Certificates of Insurance** as outlined in ARTICLE 13 of the Vendor Services Agreement;
(Please see Paragraph 8 in the Agreement for specified amounts.):
 - **Comprehensive General Liability and Automobile Liability**, naming County of Orange additionally insured
 - **Certificate of Insurance for NYS Workers' Compensation** (Must be separate from ACORD; i.e. Form C-105.2)
 - **Certificate of Insurance for NYS Disability Benefits** (Must be separate from ACORD; i.e. Form DB-120.1)

Certificate holder information should read as follows: **County of Orange c/o Dept of Public Works
P.O. Box 509, 2455-2459 Route 17M
Goshen, NY 10924**

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,


Erik Denega, P.E., P.M.P.
Commissioner

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Enclosures

**INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT
FOR THE CONTROL OF SNOW AND ICE ON CERTAIN COUNTY ROADS**

This **INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT** ("Agreement"), dated and effective as of the 1st day of October, 2026, between the **County of Orange**, a municipal corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of New York and being one of its political subdivisions (hereinafter the "**County**"), and the **Town of Monroe**, Orange County, New York (hereinafter the "**Municipality**"), collectively referred to as "Parties."

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the **County** owns, operates and maintains a highway system (hereinafter "roadways") in the towns and villages of the **County**; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Department of Public Works has general charge and supervision of the work of constructing, improving, repairing and maintaining all **County** roadways; and

WHEREAS, **County** funds may be expended for the control and removal of snow and ice from **County** roadways; and

WHEREAS, the **County** may contract with the **Municipality** for snow removal and for salting or otherwise treating **County** roadways for the purposes of removing the danger of ice and snow; and

WHEREAS, the **Municipality** has the necessary machinery and equipment to exercise snow removal and salting or otherwise treating certain **County** roadways in said **Municipality**; and

WHEREAS, it will be beneficial to the **County** for said work to be performed by the **Municipality**; and

WHEREAS, the **Municipality** is willing to contract with the **County** for snow and ice control services based on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, it is agreed between the parties hereto as follows:

1. **Term.** This Agreement shall be in effect for a period commencing on **October 1, 2026** and will terminate on **April 30, 2027** (hereinafter the "Term"). This Agreement is subject to approval by resolution of the Orange County Legislature and the Municipality's legislative body pursuant to New York Highway Law §135-a, set forth in **Schedule "B"**.
2. **Scope of Work.** This Agreement shall include all activities necessary to control snow and ice, together with all necessary labor, equipment and materials for the **County** roadways designated in **Schedule "A"** which is annexed hereto and incorporated herein (hereinafter the "Work").
 - a. The **Municipality** will furnish all personnel, necessary highway tools and equipment and cause the Work to be performed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the **County's** Commissioner of Public Works.
 - b. The **Municipality** will provide all necessary sanding for the purposes of removing the danger of snow and ice on the **County** roadways designated in **Schedule "A."**

- c. Plowing shall always be done with the plowing trucks moving in the direction of traffic. Snow should not be plowed to the side of the truck on which traffic has an opportunity to pass.
3. **Payment.** In consideration for the Work, the **County** will pay the **Municipality** in accordance with the rates set forth in **Schedule "A"**. **Municipality** shall submit a detailed invoice for all Work rendered pursuant to this Agreement. The **County** will pay the **Municipality** on or before **April 15, 2027** or, in the event that an invoice is not tendered to the **County** on or before **March 15, 2027**, **County** shall issue payment within thirty (30) days receipt of such invoice.
4. **Municipality Responsibilities.** In addition to the obligations set forth in this Agreement, **Municipality** shall:
 - a. Notify the **County's** Commissioner of Public Work, through **Municipality's** Superintendent, of any action, proceeding, claim or demand against **Municipality** arising from or out of the manner of performance of the functions under this Agreement;
 - b. Maintain a sufficient level of manpower, equipment and materials to enable it to meet the objections of this Agreement;
 - c. Clear the **County** roadways described in **Schedule "A"** to the extent that the **County** may deem necessary to provide reasonable passage and movement of vehicles over such roadways all in accordance with the terms, rules and regulations as may be deemed by the **County** to be in the best interest of the public; and
 - d. Adhere to all applicable local and state driving laws including the New York State Department of Transportation guidelines for any employees possessing a Commercial driver's license.
5. **Compliance with Local Law No. 10 of 2013. AS PROVIDED IN LOCAL LAW NO. 10 OF 2013, THE MUNICIPALITY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE PLACEMENT OF BRINE ON ANY ROAD OR PROPERTY OF THE COUNTY IS UNLAWFUL. MUNICIPALITY AGREES THAT NO BRINE, AS DEFINED BY LOCAL LAW NO. 10 OF 2013, WILL BE UTILIZED ON OR PLACED ON ANY PROPERTY OF THE COUNTY IN PERFORMING THE WORK.**
6. **Expenses.** **Municipality** shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incident to the performance of this Agreement, including but not limited to, all costs of materials, equipment, all fees, fines, licenses or bonds required or imposed against **Municipality** and all other costs associated with the Work. The **County** shall not be responsible for any expense incurred by **Municipality** in performing the Work.
7. **Parties' Status.** It is the expressed intention of the Parties that the **Municipality** is an independent entity and not an employee, agent, joint venture or partner of the **County**. Nothing shall be interpreted or construed as creating or establishing the relationship of employer and employee between the **County** and **Municipality**.
8. **Municipality's Insurance.** The **Municipality** shall maintain the following insurances covering both the **Municipality** and the **County** as it applies to liability under this Agreement: (A) General Liability Insurance with a combined single limit of \$1,000,000; (B) Auto Liability Insurance with

a combined single limit of \$1,000,000; and (C) Workers' Compensation and Disability coverage as required by the New York State Workers' Compensation Law.

- a. The **Municipality** shall attach to this Agreement a current Certificate of Insurance. The Certificate of Insurance will name the "County of Orange" as an additional insured with respect to this Agreement.
 - b. In the event the **Municipality** does not carry liability insurance, it shall provide the **County** with a letter of indemnification that holds the **County** harmless in the event of any action brought against the **County**. Said letter shall be approved by the Orange County Department of Law in advance of any performance of the Work.
 - c. Each insurance policy required by this Agreement shall be endorsed to state that the coverage shall not be suspended, voided, cancelled or reduced in coverage or in limits except after sixty (60) days prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the **County's** Risk Management Division. Any insurance coverage replaced or renewed during this Agreement will be evidenced by a new Certificate of Insurance being supplied to the **County** by the **Municipality**.
 - d. The **Municipality's** insurance coverage or self-insurance deductible shall be primary insurance with respect to the **County**, its officials, employees, agents or volunteers; and shall be in excess of the **Municipality's** insurance or self-insurance/deductible and shall not contribute with it.
 - e. The **Municipality** may not subcontract or utilize subcontractors for Work to be performed under this Agreement without the express written consent of the **County**. In that the **County** provides written consent for the **Municipality** to subcontract or utilize subcontractors to perform the Work, the **Municipality** shall include any subcontractors as insured under the aforementioned insurance policies or shall furnish separate certificates for each subcontractor. Coverage for subcontractors shall be subject to all the requirements stated herein.
9. **Additional Insurance.** The **County** will provide insurance with limits of \$2,000,000 in excess of the amounts set forth in Paragraph 8(A) and 8(B) hereof that will cover the **Municipality's** liability as it applies under this Agreement.

10. Indemnification.

- a. The **Municipality** hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the **County**, including its officials, employees and agents, against all claims, losses, damages, liabilities, costs or expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorney fees and costs of litigation and/or settlement), whether incurred as a result of a claim by a third-party of any other person or entity, arising out of services pursuant to this Agreement which the **County**, or its officials, employees or agents, may suffer by reason of any negligence, fault, act or omission of the **Municipality**, its employees, representatives, subcontractors, assignees, or agents. The **Municipality** further agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the **County** against any claim arising from or occasioned by the manner of performance or non-performance of the Work under this Agreement.
- b. In the event that any claim is made or any action is brought against the **County** arising out of the negligence, fault, act or omission of an employee, representative,

subcontractor, assignee or agent of the **Municipality**, either within or without the scope of his or her respective employment, representation, agreement or agency, or arising out of the **Municipality's** negligence, fault, act or omission, then the **County** shall have the right to require payments hereunder for the purpose of set-off in sufficient sums to cover the said claim or action. The rights and remedies of the **County** provided for in this clause shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or this Agreement.

11. **Termination.** The **County** may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the **Municipality** subject to the fulfillment of all outstanding obligations to the **County** under the provisions of this Agreement. If this Agreement is so terminated, the **Municipality** shall be paid for that portion of the Work satisfactorily completed.
12. **Prohibition against assignment.** In accordance with the provisions of section 109 of the General Municipal Law, the Parties are hereby prohibited from assigning, transferring, conveying, subletting or otherwise disposing of this Agreement, or of its right, title or interest in this Agreement, or its power to execute this Agreement to any other municipality, officer, person or corporation without the previous consent in writing of the other party.
13. **Construction of Agreement.** This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York and jurisdiction and venue for any disputes arising herewith shall reside with the Orange County Supreme Court in and for the State of New York.
14. **Notices.** All notices shall be in writing and hand-delivered or sent by United States certified or registered mail, return receipt requested to the address of the other party or to such other address as such party may designate from time to time by such notice and shall take effect when mailed.
15. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the **County** and **Municipality** with reference to the subject matter hereof. There are no terms, conditions or obligations other than those contained herein and there are no written or verbal statements or representations, warranties or agreements with respect to this Agreement which have not been embodied herein.
16. **Modification.** This Agreement shall not be modified except by writing, subscribed by both Parties.
17. **Non-Waiver.** No delay for failure by either party to enforce or exercise any rights or remedies hereunder shall constitute a waiver of such right or remedy, nor shall any single or partial exercise of a right or remedy preclude any other or further exercise of rights and remedies.
18. **Severability and Compliance with Applicable Law.** Should any part, term, portion or provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstances be in conflict with any local, state or federal law or otherwise be rendered unenforceable or ineffectual, the validity of the remaining parts, terms, portions or provisions or the application thereof shall be deemed severable and shall not be affected thereby.
19. **Headings.** The headings used herein are for convenience only and shall not be considered in any interpretation of any disputes over the terms of this Agreement.
20. **Interpretation.** The Parties acknowledge that that they have had an opportunity to review this Agreement and confer with counsel of their choosing. This Agreement shall be interpreted in

accordance with its plain meaning, and the rule that ambiguities shall be construed against the drafter of the document shall not apply in connection with the construction or interpretation hereof.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties have hereunto executed this Agreement to be effective as of the date set forth above.

TOWN OF MONROE

COUNTY OF ORANGE

By: _____
Maureen Richardson
SUPERVISOR

By: _____
Stefan ("Steven") M. Neuhaus
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Date: _____

Date: _____

Seal Affixed;

Schedule "A"

Town of Monroe

Item	Description	Distance Per Mile	Rate Per Mile	Total
A.	Harriman Heights Road, County Road No. 71, leading from County Road No. 19, northeasterly to New York State Route 17M	2.01	\$5,700.00	\$11,457.00
B.	West Mombasha Road, County Road No. 91, leading from County Road No. 5, Monroe- Greenwood Lake Road, at Cedar Cliff Road, southerly to the Town of Tuxedo Line	3.76	\$5,700.00	\$21,432.00
	Total Contract	5.77	\$5,700.00	\$32,889.00

Schedule “B”

Town Resolution

4. New Business

Subject **8.4. Motion to Schedule a Public Hearing for a Short Term Rental Application at 153 Mine Road Monroe, NY 10950 (SBL# 7-2-1)**

Meeting August 10, 2026 - Monroe Town Board Meeting Agenda

Type Action (Resolution)

Motion to schedule a public hearing for a Short Term Rental Application at 153 Mine Road Monroe, NY 10950 (SBL# 7-2-1)

2026-#

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe made a motion to schedule a public hearing for a Short Term Rental Application at 153 Mine Road, Monroe, NY 10950 (SBL# 7-2-1) for September 8th 2026 at 7:00PM or soon thereafter.

5. New Business

Subject **8.5. Motion to appoint the Supervisor as an additional Marriage Officer**

Meeting August 10, 2026 - Monroe Town Board Meeting Agenda

Type Action (Resolution)

Motion to appoint the Supervisor as an additional Marriage Officer

2026-#

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to appoint the Supervisor as an additional Marriage Officer.

6. New Business

Subject **8.6. Motion to approve the transfer of Kirk Villacres from the Highway Department to the Water Department at his current rate of \$42.69, effective 8/11/26**

Meeting August 10, 2026 - Monroe Town Board Meeting Agenda

Type Action (Resolution)

Motion to approve the transfer of Kirk Villacres from the Highway Department to the Water Department at his current rate of \$42.69, effective 8/11/26

2026-#

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to approve the transfer of Kirk Villacres from the Highway Department to the Water Department at his current rate of \$42.69. He will work under the Lead Water Operator while completing the training necessary to become a licensed Water Operator., effective 8/11/26.

7. New Business

Subject **8.7. Pre-Approval to Transfer Eric Kowalski from Mechanic to Heavy Equipment Operator (HEO), Effective Upon Hiring a Replacement Mechanic**

Meeting August 10, 2026 - Monroe Town Board Meeting Agenda

Type Action (Resolution)

Pre-Approval to Transfer Eric Kowalski from Mechanic to Heavy Equipment Operator (HEO), Effective Upon Hiring a Replacement Mechanic

2026-#

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe hereby grants pre-approval to transfer **Eric Kowalski** from the position of **Mechanic** to **Heavy Equipment Operator (HEO)**, with the effective date contingent upon the successful hiring of a replacement Mechanic to fill his current position.

Eric has requested this transfer, expressing that the Heavy Equipment Operator role is the best fit for his skills and career goals. The Highway Department supports this request and recommends that the transfer become effective only after the Mechanic position is filled, ensuring adequate staffing levels and continuity of operations.

Upon approval, the Highway Department will advertise the Mechanic vacancy and begin the interview process. The Highway Superintendent fully supports the transfer.

Eric's current hourly rate as a Mechanic is **\$46.62**. Upon transfer to the Heavy Equipment Operator position, his hourly rate will be **\$42.69**. The replacement Mechanic will be hired at a lower hourly rate, resulting in cost savings within both the **DA** and **DB** funds.

8. New Business

Subject **8.8. Authorization for the Supervisor to sign the finalized, ratified Teamsters Union contract MOA**

Meeting August 10, 2026 - Monroe Town Board Meeting Agenda

Type Action (Resolution)

Authorization for the Supervisor to sign the finalized, ratified Teamsters Union contract MOA

2026-#

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the ratified Teamsters Union Contract (MOA attached).

1. Dial A Ride MOA 2026-2028

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

**BETWEEN
THE TOWN OF MONROE
AND THE
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 445
DIAL- A-BUS BARGAINING UNIT**

WHEREAS, the Teamsters Local 445 represents the Dial-A-Bus Bargaining Unit and all full-time and part-time bus drivers, dispatchers and the Working Supervisor employed in the Town of Monroe Dial-A-Bus Program; and

WHEREAS, the current agreements between the Town of Monroe ("Town") and the Teamsters Local 445 on behalf of the Dial-A-Bus Bargaining Unit ("Union") expired on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Union representative and the Town Board representatives have engaged in negotiations for a successor Collective Bargaining Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, subject to the ratification/approval by the Union and The Town Board with the recommendations of the negotiating committees, the expired agreement will be modified by the following terms.

1. 12.1 Duration of Agreement

12.1.1 This Collective Bargaining Agreement shall be effective from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties.

2. Article 6 Compensation and Staffing

6.1 .1 Pay Schedule

Effective January 1, 2026, the wage rate in effect on December 31, 2025 shall be increased by 3% as indicated in Chart 1 below.

Effective January 1, 2027, and beyond, the wage scale shall reflect the increases as indicated in Chart 2 below.

CHART 1: Effective January 1, 2026

Driver	1/1/2026
New Hire	\$23.14 (+3%)
5 Yrs of Service	\$31.25 (+3%)
Driver with additional duties	+1.50 over driving rate
Dispatcher	35.39

CHART 2: Effective January 1, 2027

Driver	2026 Rate	1/1/2027 +4.5%	1/1/2028 +4.5%
New Hire	23.14	24.18	25.27
3 Yrs of Service*	---	25.18	26.27
4 Yrs of Service*	---	---	27.27
5 Yrs of Service	31.25	32.66	34.14
Dispatcher	35.39	36.98	38.64
Driver with additional duties		+1.50 over their driving rate	

*Drivers qualifying for 3 years of service in 2027 shall receive an increase of 4.5% + one (\$1) additional dollar per hour.

*Drivers qualifying for 3 years of service and 4 years of service in 2028 shall receive an increase of 4.5% + one (\$1) additional dollar per hour.

**Driver with additional duties shall receive \$1.50 over their current driving rate.

6.1.2 Wages: For Probationary Employees: Probationary employees shall not receive any step increases until the completion of their probationary period, and there shall be no retroactive increases to such employees. Newly hired employees shall be paid from the first day of workday following their effective appointment date. However, any newly hired employee that does not have a valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL), shall be paid \$1 per hour less than the applicable new hire rate until such employee receives his/her CDL.

(Effective 1.1.2027) Any newly hired employee with a valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and a minimum of five (5) consecutive years of bus driving experience, shall be paid the 3-Year Rate after 6 months.

6.1.4 Driver with Additional Duties: Extra work shall be posted and bid by qualified seniority. If the position requires regular reoccurring work, the awarded employee shall retain the duties until such work is eliminated, the employee chooses to give up the duties, or they are removed for just cause through progressive discipline.

6.2 Staffing

6.2.1 The Town agrees to maintain and fund a minimum of seven (7) full-time driver positions and two (2) part-time driver positions.

6.2.2 Vacancies occurring in such positions shall be posted and filled within a reasonable period of time.

3. 7.1 Holidays

7.1.2 Holiday Pay: A full-time employee who **does not** work on a designated holiday will be paid for the day at the employee's regular daily rate of pay.

7.1.3 Assigned to Work on a Holiday: A full-time employee who is required to work on a designated holiday will receive holiday pay plus wages at the employee's regular rate of pay for all hours worked.

A part-time employee who works on a designated holiday will be paid time and a half at the employee's regular rate of pay for all hours worked.

4. 8.3 Optical Plan

8.3.3 Amount of Reimbursement: Reimbursement for approved optical care expenses shall not exceed \$600 per year for each full-time employee including eligible family members. "Eligible family members" include the employee's spouse and family members residing in the employee's household who have not yet reached age 25. The reimbursement shall not exceed \$600 per year per family. The Town Board reserves the right to change the amount of reimbursement at any time. Requests for reimbursement should be submitted to the Confidential Secretary to Town Supervisor and must include appropriate receipts for applicable charges.

5. 10.3 Bidding

10.3.1 Full-time drivers will be given first choice on routes by seniority.

10.3.3 If full-time employees do not fill in all available routes, the remaining work will be assigned to part-time employees as part-time work, at management's discretion. If no part-time employees are available to cover those open routes, the open routes will be offered to full-time drivers by seniority to cover.

10.3.4 Routes that become vacant after the initial assignment will be offered to drivers by seniority including part-time drivers who desire to become full-time drivers. Part-time drivers may bid on vacant routes in seniority order following full-time drivers.

6. 11.2 Disciplinary Procedure

11.2.1 Civil Service Rules: Discipline shall be in accordance with the statutory provisions set forth in Section 75 and Section 76 of the New York State Civil Service Law except where this Agreement provides greater protection to employees.

11.2.2 Notice of Discipline: The Town shall provide the employee with a written Notice of Discipline, which shall contain all charges and specifications and the penalty. Simultaneously, a copy of the notice shall be sent to the designated representative of the Union.

11.2.3 Employees will be provided with a copy of any letter regarding that employee that is to be placed in the employee's personnel file.

11.2.4 No employee shall be disciplined or discharged without just cause. Any disciplinary action, including warnings, suspension, terminations or other penalties imposed under this Article, shall be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedure.

11.2.5 Progressive Discipline: The Town recognizes the principles of progressive discipline and agrees that disciplinary action shall be corrective rather than punitive in nature.

Except in cases involving serious misconduct, the Town shall utilize progressive discipline for a similar offense, not to exceed the following:

Step 1: Verbal warning;

Step 2: First written warning: no further discipline. A copy of written warning shall be placed in the employee's file;

Step 3: Second written warning: up to a three-day disciplinary suspension. A copy of the written warning and the disciplinary action will be placed in the employee's personal file.

Step 4: On the third written complaint: discharge.

11.2.6 Union Representation: An employee shall have the right to Union representation during any investigatory interview or meeting which the employee reasonably believes may lead to discipline.

11.2.7 Timeliness of Discipline: The Town shall impose discipline within seven (7) days following the event giving rise to the discipline or following the time the Town knew or reasonably should have known of the alleged misconduct.

11.2.8 Personnel File: Employees shall have the right to review their personnel file upon reasonable notice and shall be entitled to receive copies of disciplinary materials contained therein.

11.2.9 Expungement: Provided no related disciplinary offense has occurred during the applicable period, disciplinary records shall be removed from the employee's personnel after twelve (12) months. Disciplinary records that have been removed shall not be used as a basis for future discipline.

7. Ratification

The Union shall conduct a ratification vote and notify the Town if the successor terms are approved. The Town shall then place the matter on the next available agenda for approval by the Town Board.

TOWN OF MONROE

By: _____

Supervisor Maureen Richardson

Dated: _____

TEAMSTERS LOCAL 445

By: Lori Polesel

President Lori Polesel

Dated: July 21, 2026

1. Public Comment

Subject

10.1. Rules for Public Comment

Meeting

August 10, 2026 - Monroe Town Board Meeting Agenda

Type

2. Public Comment

Subject

10.2. Public Comment

Meeting

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Type

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

Subject **11.1. Enter into Executive Session**

Meeting August 10, 2026 - Monroe Town Board Meeting Agenda

Type

1. Return to Regular Meeting

Subject **12.1. Return to Regular Meeting**

Meeting August 10, 2026 - Monroe Town Board Meeting Agenda

Type

1. Adjournment

Subject

13.1. Adjournment of Meeting

Meeting

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Type

Action (Resolution)

Adjournment of Meeting

2026-#

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe adjourns the meeting of August 10, 2026, at ____.