

Town of Monroe
Town Board Minutes
Thursday, July 23, 2026
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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 Mnich: 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 Mnich: 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 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

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