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Town of Monroe Town Board Minutes Monday, October 6, 2025 (www.townofmonroeny.gov)

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Members Present

Tony Cardone, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello, Dorey Houle, Maureen Richardson
Town Counsel - Alak Shah

*Public Hearing Transcript 4.1 transcribed by Deputy Town Clerk Barbara Singer

*Public Hearing Transcript 4.3 transcribed by Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer

Call to Order

1.1. Pledge to the Flag

The Supervisor led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion to Open Town Board Meeting

2.1. Motion to Open Town Board Meeting of October 6, 2025

2025-#410

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Town Board Meeting of October 6, 2025, at 7:01 PM.

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

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Community Announcements

3.1. Water Conservation Notice

The Town of Monroe Water Department has issued a Notice to Water District Residents: Orange County is currently under a Drought Watch. A Drought Watch is intended to provide advanced notice of a developing drought. At this stage, the public is encouraged to voluntarily conserve water. To help protect our water resources, we encourage all residents to follow these Water Conservation Tips:

- Reuse water collected in rain barrels, dehumidifiers, or air conditioners to water plants
- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks
- Fix leaking pipes, fixtures, toilets, hoses, and faucets
- Wash only full loads of dishes and laundry
- Take shorter showers or fill the bathtub only part way
- Install water-saving plumbing fixtures
- Don't run the tap to make water hot or cold unnecessarily
- Wash cars less frequently

For more information, please visit: <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/water/water-quantity/water-use-conservation> Or contact the Town of Monroe Water Department at 845-782-8583. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in conserving water during this period.

3.2. Love for Lilly Community Fundraiser

Community Fundraiser: Love for Lilly

October 12, 2025 1-5pm

Tequila Grille 63 Still Rd., Monroe, NY

Food, 50/50 Raffle, Tricky Trays, Games, Entertainment, and more!

\$10 to Enter (cash only) ATM available on site

Food & Drinks available for purchase.

Sweet, spirited, and full of love, Lilly Fernandez is a brave 6-year-old currently battling leukemia. While Lilly faces countless hospital visits, treatments, and long days away from school and play, her smile still lights up every room.

Her family is doing everything they can to support her journey, but the emotional and financial toll is overwhelming. That's where you come in.

We're hosting a fundraiser to help ease the burden and surround Lilly with the support, love, and resources she needs to win this battle.

How you can help:

Attend the event and show your support or donate directly at: Lilly Fernandez GoFundMe.

Together, we can make a difference. Every act of kindness means the world.

#LoveForLilly #TeamLilly #LeukemiaAwareness #FundraiserForLilly

For more information or to donate, contact Darwin Bennett 845-494-0417, Diane Jankowski 845-662-3860, Jenny Masterson 845-709-4728, Liz Melo 914-953-1089, Deena King 845-337-1961

Can't attend? You can still help by donating online or sharing Lilly's story.

3.3. St. Paul Lutheran Church Blood Drive

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

Monday, October 13, 2025

1:00pm-6:00pm

Appointments are highly recommended. For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

All that donate, get a \$10 Amazon Gift Card by mail.

3.4. Orange County Mobile DMV at Town Hall, October 14th

Orange County Clerk Kelly Eskew invites you to the Orange County Mobile DMV Unit. Transactions Offered: All Registration Transactions, all License Transactions including Real/Enhanced, Enforcement Transactions. Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 10:00-12PM, closed 12-1pm, 1-3:30pm. Monroe Town Hall, 1465 Orange Tpke., Monroe, NY 10950.

3.5. Town of Monroe Food Truck Festival

The Town of Monroe Food Truck Festival will take place Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 12-6PM at 61 O&R Road and will benefit the American Legion, Monroe Post 488. Live Music:

- Third Degree...12-1pm
- Dali Blu Band...1-2:30pm
- Fragile Sky...2:45-4pm
- Jungle Habitat...4-6pm

Approximately 20 Food Trucks.

3.6. Early Voting

- Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 2025 – polls are open from 6am to 9pm
- Early Voting will take place from October 25th – November 2nd at 8 locations in the County. (see attached for schedule)
- The last day to file a New Voter Registration at the Board to vote – October 25th (change of address due by October 20th)
- Absentee Voting – last day to submit an application to the Board for an absentee ballot – October 28th (last day to apply in person – November 3rd) *New Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Applications must either be personally delivered or mailed to your appropriate Board of Elections (see attached for addresses)

Orange County Board of Elections 2025 Early Voting Information
Early Voting Sites for General Election

Orange County will have eight sites available for Early Voting and sites are open to all eligible enrolled voters throughout the County. All early voting sites are accessible to voters with physical disabilities.

City of Middletown - Middletown Senior Center — 62-80 W Main St., Middletown, NY

City of Newburgh - Newburgh Activity Center - 401 Washington St, Newburgh, NY

City of Port Jervis - Howard Wheat Engine Co - 34 Owen St, Port Jervis, NY

Town of Goshen - Caroline Building, 23 Hatfield Lane, Goshen, NY

Town of Montgomery - Village of Montgomery Senior Center - 36 Bridge St., Montgomery, NY

Town of Monroe - Monroe Town Hall - 1465 Orange Tpke., Monroe, NY

Town of New Windsor - New Windsor Community Center - 555 Union Ave, New Windsor, NY

Town of Warwick - Warwick Senior Center - 132 Kings Hwy, Warwick, NY

Dates and Hours of Voting during Early Voting

The dates and hours for early voting are uniform for all eight sites during the General Election:

Saturday, October 25, 2025 9am to 5pm

Sunday, October 26, 2025 9am to 5pm

Monday, October 27, 2025 12 noon to 8pm

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 12 noon to 8pm

Wednesday, October 29, 2025 8am to 4pm

Thursday, October 30, 2025 8am to 4pm

Friday, October 31, 2025 7am to 3pm

Saturday, November 1, 2025 9am to 5pm

Sunday, November 2, 2025 9am to 5pm

3.7. Fall 2025 Compost Facility Schedule

TOWN OF MONROE COMPOST FACILITY Fall 2025 Schedule: This facility is open to residents of the unincorporated Town of Monroe (outside of the Villages). Village of Monroe and Village of Harriman residents should contact their respective Village for additional information on disposal options. OPENING DATES: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25th, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8th, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15th

LOCATION: TOWN OF MONROE COMPOST FACILITY 813 LAKES ROAD MONROE, NY 10950

OPERATING HOURS: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

GUIDELINES: *DRIVER'S LICENSE / ID REQUIRED

*BRUSH MUST BE UNDER 4 FEET IN LENGTH AND NO LARGER THAN 5 INCHES IN DIAMETER.

*NO LOGS OR WOOD WILL BE ACCEPTED.

*NO COMMERCIAL OR BUSINESS WASTE PERMITTED.

PLEASE NOTE — THE COMPOST FACILITY WILL CLOSE FOLLOWING THESE DATES & REOPEN IN THE SPRING

FOR ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN OF MONROE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AT 845-782-8583.

3.8. Town of Monroe Electronic/Textile Recycling, Shredding and Tire Recycling Day

The next Town of Monroe Electronic/Textile Recycling, Shredding and Tire Recycling Event will take place on Saturday, November 1, 2025, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Town of Monroe Highway Garage parking lot located at 87 Mine Road, Monroe, NY. The event is open to Town of Monroe, Village of Monroe, Village of Harriman Residents Only (MUST SHOW VALID ID).- PAPER SHREDDING: *NO BUSINESSES* Up to 4 boxes per resident will be accepted

- TIRE RECYCLING: Tires with rims will NOT be accepted

- ELECTRONICS RECYCLING: Items Accepted: Cellular Telephones, Computer, DVD Players, Terminals, Keyboards, Monitors, Printers, Scanners, Speakers, Stereos, Fax Machine,

Televisions, VCRs, Radios, Modems, Typewriters, Batteries, CPUs & Laptops *HARD DRIVES WILL BE DESTROYED*

-TEXTILES RECYCLING:For re-wear, reuse, and recycling, we accept items in any condition for all ages and genders so long as they are clean, dry, and odorless. Everything should be kept dry in a closed, plastic bag. To view accepted items, click the following link:

<https://www.helpsy.com/what-we-accept>

Please note: Appliances will NOT be accepted For any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 845-783-1900 ext. 203.

3.9. Fire Safety Week

Fire Safety Week

Lakeside Firehouse Ladies Auxilliary is selling smoke detectors that light up in the shape of a dog's paw. \$40. They will be outside of Stop and Shop all this week during regular business hours.

Public Hearing

4.1. Motion to Open the Public Hearing RE Police Services in the Town

2025-#411

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Public Hearing RE Police Services in the Town.

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

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The following residents signed up to speak during Public Comment on the Public Hearing RE Police Services in the Town:

- BJ Mendelson
- Rabbi Roger Lerner
- Carol Hawxhurst
- Nora Staffanell
- Kate Troiano
- Bruce Furbeck
- Richard Troiano
- Liam Wisehart
- Michael Sussman
- Dan Burke

- Supervisor Cardone: Madame Clerk, first speaker.

-Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: First speaker is BJ Mendelson, followed by Carol Hawkhurst. Just a

reminder, everyone will have five minutes to speak. We also ask that you do not remove the mic from the stand and that you speak clearly into the mic. Thank you.

- BJ Mendelson: That might be a little difficult.

- Supervisor Cardone: Before you, before you begin, I just want to let everyone know tonight, representing the town is Alex Shaw from the firm of Feerick, Nugent McCartney. Go ahead.

- BJ Mendelson: Great job, Ms. Bitzer, do you have your timer set?

-Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Doing it right now.

- BJ Mendelson: Great. Thank you. ICE is a secret police force controlled by a weak, sexually impotent, and cognitively decline authoritarian. And for once, I'm not talking about Tony

Cardone. The 14th amendment guarantees all people.

-Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: I have to interrupt a minute. I don't know if the mic is on.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Mic is on.

- BJ Mendelson: Mic is on. Can you hear me now? All right. The 14th Amendment guarantees all people, regardless of citizenship, the right to the full protection of our Constitution, including due process. That is not what is happening with ICE enforcement. When you forcefully take someone and deny them due process, that's called kidnapping. We have video evidence demonstrating the potential participation of the Orange County Sheriff's Department in these kidnappings provided by New York City ACLU. According to the United States Holocaust Museum, a concentration camp is defined as follows. The term concentration camp refers to a camp which people are detained or confined, usually under harsh conditions and without regard to legal norms of arrest and imprisonment that are acceptable in constitutional democracy. A close examination of dozens of incidents reported throughout the country demonstrate that what we call an ICE detention facility is actually a concentration camp. That means the answer to the question is Tony Cardone going to send you to a concentration camp is yes, if he allows the sheriff's department to provide police services to the town of Monroe. Let me explain. Given the financial relationship between Orange County and ICE, can we count on the sheriff's department to question or even investigate ICE agents if asked to do so within a town? The answer is no. We can't. That protection must come from an independent agency with no financial ties to ICE, such as the Village of Monroe Police Department. In other municipalities, the police are starting to act as oversight for ICE, such as in Broadview, Illinois, where multiple investigations have been open against ICE agents. Given the county's lucrative relationship with ICE, Monroe residents would be left with little to no oversight of ICE activities within the town, leaving them with no protection from ICE. Who then would be responsible for protecting us? Would it be Dorey Houle? Dorey, who, despite serving in the past as village liaison, repeatedly failed to notify village residents of threats to their health and safety. This includes at least two oil spills reported by the DEC that threatened Lake Mombasha, which provides a drinking water to over 20,000 residents. Let's also not forget this time last year, Monroe residents were bombarded by advertisements from Dorey saying she was a cop's wife who would get tough on crime. A racist dog whistle meant to imply that she would only get tough on crimes involving black and brown people. I can prove it. When was the last time Dorey said anything about the FBI investigation to Steve Neuhaus? Or without protector, Tony Cardone, a man who, according to town employees, has been recorded referring to Latino members of the highway department as quote, unquote spicks. Or the same man who, when told about dangerous levels of hydrogen sulfide on children's playground, proceed to cover it up for almost a decade. The facts are this. The best agency to protect the town residents right now is not the sheriff's department. It's the village police department. If Miss Houle, Mr. Cardone, and Mr. Scancarello feel differently, and they approve of what ICE is doing in our community, they should say so this evening and face the consequences of doing so at the ballot box. I'll see you soon.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Thank you.

-Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: The next speaker is Carol Hawxhurst, followed by Rabbi Roger Lerner.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Move it down the bottom of the list.

-Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Rabbi Roger Lerner, followed by Nora, and I cannot pronounce the last name, my apologies. When you're done speaking, if you wouldn't mind coming up by me just so I can get clarification on your last name.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: You're going to go next, Carol. Good evening, Rabbi.

- Rabbi Roger Lerner: Good evening.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: How are you?

- Rabbi Roger Lerner: I'm all right. How you doing?

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Good.

- Rabbi Roger Lerner: So, I was. I had a phone call tonight about 6 PM by one of your residents who is Hispanic, legal, green card, didn't want to come because there's fear. It's not the first time I've heard of a resident being afraid to go out in public. Not just the residents, but the children. Children keeping their parents from going places, from going to the store because they're afraid. And this is a shame and a black mark on our country as a whole, right? That our citizens, people who are or immigrants, who are here legally, are afraid to participate in our society. You have a lot of events going on, these fundraisers, they're not going to be attended by people who are afraid, because that's what happens when you have a culture of fear. You have before you, this you need police, right? This is something that you need. You need to have more policing. I understand that. But the problem is that it will create a larger atmosphere of fear because, if you think about it, the community that might need it the most, are the ones that won't reach out because they're the ones that are going to be subject to immigration enforcement procedures that have been become normalized. And the county sheriff is participating in that. And so, your citizens whom you represent, are afraid. That's why, I don't know, I'm only first, but I imagine that's why so many people are here, because they know that the fear that's being churned up is real. Now, you have to do something obviously about policing. I think there has to be a better way because you can't have your own people afraid to go out of their homes because that's what they are. We know what ICE is doing across the United States, and it's a shame, you know. You know, I come here, I'm not in the Town of Monroe or the Village of Monroe. I serve a congregation, Monroe congregation, there, and I am heartbroken at the stories that I hear about ordinary citizens here in our Hudson Valley that are suffering. I think, you know, if we look at what our some of you may look at the Old Testament, my Jewish Bible, and say, you know, we're supposed to be doing this. And the Bible kind of, if you're religious at all, your Old Testament tells you at least about 36 times that we are to welcome the stranger. The stranger is very specific in the text that it's not a someone you don't know. It's someone who is an immigrant. And they didn't have illegal immigrants there. Anyone who was a stranger was an immigrant. You're supposed to take care of them. They're in the category of people of widows and orphans because those in the Bible were the most vulnerable. And you, as you in charge of the town, as your responsibility are to care for the most vulnerable citizens here. That's why you have police.

-Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: One minute.

- Rabbi Roger Lerner: Thank you. The problem is when the police are part of the problem in their connection with ICE. Now, I've talked with Chief Guzman and was comforted by the fact that they don't coordinate necessarily with ICE, that they are separate. He's spoken to the Hispanic community. He's spoken at St. Anastasia to talk about what it means to be policing in the area and to express his support for the community. Not everyone can go to those. Not everyone can see that people are scared. And I think they need you to be able to comfort them and say we are behind you and, in so doing, not coordinate with Sheriff of Orange County. Thank you.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Rabbi.

- Rabbi Roger Lerner: My sermon for the day.

-Town Clerk Valeri Bitzer: Carol Hawkhurst. After Carol Hawkhurst will be Nora.

- Carol Hawxhurst: Good evening, Town Board.

- Town Supervisor Cardone: Evening, Carol.
 - Carol Hawxhurst: My name is Carol Hawxhurst, Hawxhurst Road in Monroe. I appreciate what the rabbi shared. Working in a school district, I see that myself. But along with that, I think our town is in great need of law enforcement. Living in this community my entire life, I've seen a lot of issues with the traffic, the people that you know, the way they're driving, a lot of people complaining about it. And there's not enough police force on that end. And we need something to, we need some kind of enforcement in our community. So, I am in support of having the Orange County Sheriff's Department, you know, policing the area, more for the safety of the residents. So, that is what I have to say on that, on that piece.
 - Town Supervisor Cardone: Thank you.
 - Carol Hawxhurst: All right. Thank you.
 - Councilwoman Houle: Thanks, Carol.
 - Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Next is Nora, followed by Kate Triano.
 - Nora Staffanell: I can see that speaking into the microphone is going to be a bit of a stretch for me, but
 - Town Supervisor Cardone: State your name, please.
 - Nora Staffanell Yes, I'm Nora Staffanell. I am 81 years old and have lived in the village of Monroe since 1979. And since that time, I have been paying both village and town taxes. My four children are Monroe Woodbury graduates. The oldest is a contributing opinion writer at the New York Times. The second is a master's level librarian who lost her job due to the DOGE cuts. The third, a lawyer, graduated from London School of Economics and from Harvard Law School the same year as Senator Ted Cruz. And the fourth, designs software for investment banks. They owe their success to the Monroe Woodbury public schools. I am here tonight because I feel blindsided by the discovery that you are negotiating with the Orange County Sheriff's Department to provide police services for the town. The Village of Monroe Police know our community. They have no contract with ICE, the thugs who are lawlessly disappearing our friends and neighbors.
- But the Orange County Sheriff's Department does have a contract with ICE. In fact, the Orange County Jail houses more ICE detainees than any other detention center in the state, with the exception of the federal facility in Batavia and possibly lately, the Nassau County Jail, where one detainee has already died. It is not a great leap to imagine that the people you want to police the town of Monroe will be assisting ICE in its illegal activities. You took an oath of office and in that oath was the promise to uphold the Constitution, in which the 14th Amendment guarantees all people, regardless of citizenship, the right to the full protection of our Constitution, including due process. When the government wants to take something from you, whether your freedom, property, or benefits, due process is your constitutional guarantee that it must follow fair rules. When you take someone and deny them due process, that is not called law enforcement. That is called kidnapping. There is video evidence demonstrating the potential participation of the Orange County Sheriff's Department in these activities. I am happy to supply them if you need them. And so, I am asking you, please protect everyone in the town of Monroe from ICE incursions. There are too many instances of people legally residing here being taken by ICE. Right now, our brown and black-skinned friends and neighbors are most at risk. Soon, we will all be threatened simply for opposing ICE. I know this because I opposed them when they were in the village. I was told by a masked ICE agent that quote, "We are protecting you." At the same time as he suggested that I not be there. I have always felt safe here. I never even locked the doors to my house until after my husband died. I am well protected by the Monroe police. My children's father was a concentration camp survivor and who dealt with anxiety and depression by smoking three packs of cigarettes a day.
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: One minute.
 - Nora Staffanell: I'm sorry?
 - Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: One minute.

- Nora Staffanell: Yeah, I'm almost done. Which killed him. All my life I have believed that detention and concentration camps could never happen in this great country. But here we are. Please protect us from ICE here in the Town of Monroe. Don't waste our money on the Orange County Sheriff's Department. The Village of Monroe Police Department is more than up to the job. Thank you.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Thank you very much.

-Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Kate Troiano. After Kate Troiano is Bruce Furbeck.

- Katherine Troiano: My name is Katherine Troiano. I've been a resident of the Village of Monroe for the last 20 years. Just last month, the Supreme Court ruled that racial profiling was legal and that ICE could stop people for perceived ethnicity, in other words, skin color. The court ruled that people could be stopped for speaking Spanish or working in certain industries. ICE has predictably used this ruling to step up their assaults on people they claim are here illegally. American citizens have also been arrested, people with green cards, people with protected status, etc. ICE agents routinely cover their faces, have no warrants, and failed to identify themselves. In Chicago, last Tuesday, ICE invaded an apartment building, zip-tied children, and generally terrorized the people in the building, including American citizens. In New York City last week, journalists were shoved by ICE agents, resulting in one being rendered unconscious and having to go to the hospital. ICE also accidentally teargassed the Chicago PD while clashing with protesters. As far back as 2017, an inspector general's report found that ICE staff themselves reported insufficient training. Well, welcome to 2025, where poor training doesn't seem to be a problem as long as the ICE agents are sufficiently brutal and sadistic. In addition, ICE agents have no authority about anything except immigration. ICE has no authority over US citizens. They do not belong in local law enforcement. The Orange County Sheriff's Department is contracted with ICE. I want nothing to do with them. Under Trump, ICE has become a terrorist organization. Isn't the Town of Monroe covered by the state police? And if any additional law enforcement is necessary, why not work with the Village of Monroe Police? This contract with the Orange County Sheriff's Department is both unnecessary and unethical. We cannot do this. It is so wrong on so many levels, legally, morally, ethically, any way you want to call it. Thank you.

-Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Bruce Furbeck, followed by Richard Triano.

- Bruce Furbeck: Good evening. My name is Bruce Furbeck, 8 Orchard Street Monroe. I'm a lifelong Monroe resident. I have a little bit of a benefit. I'm also retired from the state police. I served nearly 21 years in the state police, with six of those years as the station commander to state police barracks, Monroe. Out of that 21, about 17 of those years, I was assigned to Monroe as a trooper besides being the station commander as a supervisor. I came in front of the town board probably 20 years ago and told you why I thought you should keep the state police. It didn't cost you anything extra. We were a good, when I was there, we were a good tenant and, because we had anywhere from 18 to 35 troopers at hand, at any given moment during the day, with a barracks in Monroe, we were able to provide adequate, or beyond adequate, service to the residents of the Town of Monroe. Now, I retired from the state police in 2014. Something besides times changing and manpower dwindling, with people wanting to be state troopers. Things have changed here. People across Monroe when they suffer a serious emergency are now waiting hours or are basically told by the state police they can't respond. Now, that's when people are calling 911 in a heat of an emergency looking for help and things that have to change. Now, we've benefited because we have such a relationship with our municipalities that are contiguous with us that the town of Chester Police, the town of Blooming Grove Police, the Village of Monroe Police, they'll respond into the town Monroe for these emergencies and try to hold them down until a state police car is available. Now, I told you, I told the town board, not you guys, 20 years ago that we would always, the state police, would always guarantee a response. Whether we had a send a car from Newburgh, Middletown, or from the Palisades Parkway, we would get a trooper rolling. Time is of the essence. It may not be as timely as you

expect an emergency, but that's gone by the wayside. The state police flat out now, from what I hear on my scanner, flat out say they're not responding, or they're unavailable. And that's unacceptable when we rely on them as our town police provider. Now, I think it's great that you're finally taking a step in the direction. Probably something this is something we should have done five years ago. Would I prefer an IMA with another local police force? Absolutely. Does it have to be the Village of Monroe? If they don't want to do it, we could look at the Town of Chester. We could look at the Town of Blooming Grove Police. Anything that we're going to contribute toward their budgets would assist them with keeping their police department. It's expensive to run a police department. And, you guys know, I'm sure the millions of dollars that it's going to cost even if IMA. Now, I don't know what you have planned with the Orange County Sheriff's Office, but I did see something earlier tonight about \$750,000 possibly budgeted toward that. I don't know what they're going to provide. Typically, they like to answer 911 calls, but here in Monroe, I drive school buses now for the local school district. I probably put about almost 75 to 100 miles on the bus per day just driving around Monroe.

-Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: One minute.

- Bruce Furbeck: It's total, I'm sorry, it's total chaos. We need vehicle and traffic enforcement. That means we need police officers on the road, and we need police that are willing to make traffic stops to make this place safer. And besides the serious emergencies that we need the police to be able to respond. So, I'm for anything, and I'm for anything to happen right away. We can't sit on this any longer. Thank you.

-Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Richard Troiano. Followed by Liam Wisehart.

- Richard Triano: My name is Richard Triano and the people before me made such eloquent points on this. I'm just going to keep this very short. I just want to be on the record to say that I'm against the Town of Monroe contracting with the Orange County Sheriff's Department because the Orange County Sheriff's Department has contracted with ICE. I don't know why the Town Board thinks that the Village of Monroe police can't handle this, but what I want, and what our citizens should have, is equal protection and a company that is associated with ICE will not give equal protection to each and every citizen. Thank you.

-Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Liam Wisehart, followed by Michael Susman.

- Liam Wisehart: Hello members of the Town Board. My name is Liam Wisehart from Harriman Heights Road. I just wanted to comment on the fact that the tentative budget was released three hours ago by the Town Supervisor and the Town Clerk. And that tentative budget shows a \$1.5 million deficit that will come out of the town's fund balance in the next year if nothing is done. And it also earmarks \$750,000 for policing. I don't think this is an acceptable cost to the residents to just be dropped on them like this. And it is honestly a financial time bomb being left for the next year after the election when taxes will have to be raised by many tens of percentage points to justify this presumably part-time policing that's going to come from the sheriff. Furthermore, it's not an investment in a local police force. It's rental cops. You're not buying cruisers. You're not training officers. You're not buying equipment. You're just renting it. So, at the end of the year, you're back to square one anyway. So, the Town Board should try harder to pursue an IMA with a village or, as Mr. Furbeck, said one of the neighboring municipalities or perhaps should explore creating its own police force, but renting a police force, especially given the precarious budget situation, is not an acceptable solution. Thank you

-Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Michael Sussman, followed by Dan Burke.

- Michael Sussman: Good day Mr. Supervisor, members of the Board. I was called by seven or eight people who live in your town. I live in the neighboring town of Chester. In 1990, when I was on the Chester Town Board, I attempted to consolidate the village and town police agencies. I was almost hung from a chandelier at the then high school in Chester. There was no appetite for consolidation. There was an appetite for each of these local police agencies to protect themselves. I thought then, and I think now, that is a regressive development and that what you do need, particularly here in Monroe, which I know intimately from 35 years of living on Laroe

Road in Chester, is a combined police force. I want to speak to you briefly about the sheriff's department and why I believe it's an inappropriate agency to contract with. I'm not going to speak about ICE because you've heard about ICE, and we all know what is going on nationally with ICE. But I have experience with the department which is, as you know, run by an elected official, a sheriff. The current sheriff came into office with an avowed purpose of terminating those who had opposed him politically. He did that at the highest levels of the department. Now, of course, he can appoint an undersheriff. That's expected. But with regard to investigative services, intelligence, and other major functions, he purged the sheriff's department of those people with historic knowledge and appointed persons who are his political supporters. Now, he's an elected official. So, the courts say, at high levels, he can do that. My view is, that is not the kind of institution which should be running local policing. We do not want to politicize law enforcement. I see signs, law enforcement for this candidate, law enforcement for that candidate. That's reprehensible. Law enforcement, like our military, must be politically neutral. You've heard all sorts of discussions about ICE, all of which I endorse and are true. You're not contracting with ICE. You're contracting with the sheriff's department. However, and the sheriff's department is a highly politicized instrument in this county, and it should be avoided by localities, which have to be, from a law enforcement point of view, neutral, not politicized. Local police chiefs are not elected. They're appointed, and they're accountable to a village board or a town board, or it might be to both. You should, in my view, consolidate with the village. The village has a proud history of policing. I did once have to sue one of the village police chiefs and got punitive damages after he groped one of his female officers, but I think we're beyond that hopefully in the village now. We have strong leadership and professional leadership. And my view is, that that's the proper approach. And I was happy to hear the gentleman with the long experience in the state police say something similar. The last thing I would like to say is this. Structurally, the sheriff's department is not a local police agency. It does not have the chain of command of a local police agency and is not organized to provide policing services like those you need in a community. The state police ought to be providing the services that, from a constitutional point of view in New York State, they are supposed to be providing. The constitution indicates, and the charter indicates to the state police that where a town does not have a police agency, the state police is supposed to be here. If they're not here, you have ample state representatives, Mr. Skoufis, you have a state assemblyman. From my point of view, you should be in touch with them and finding out, excuse the expression, where the state police are.

-Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: One minute.

- Michael Sussman: The state police ought to be here responding. I heard the gentleman's description of their lack of response. That's reprehensible. They ought to be here. And from my point of view, it's not a political matter. The governor is a Democrat. The people in control of the state police are Democrats. If they're not doing what they need to do for your community, you need to insist they do it. So, in summary, I think contracting with an agency that has no authority, and I know of no precedent in

Orange County, and I've been active in the county for 40 years. I know of no precedent of the county by which a county sheriff's department has been brought into a local community to provide basic police services. You shouldn't be the first. I know of many precedents in the county where villages and towns share a police agency. There's no reason you can't do it. You have responsible village police leadership and I believe that's the direction you ought to go in. Thank you very much,

-Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Dan Burke.

- Dan Burke: Hi all. Yeah. Hi, Dan Burke. I'm an elder statesman. Rye Hill Road, Village of Monroe, Town of Monroe. Good evening, everybody. Three-fifths of the board presented an IMA to the Village of Monroe, the mayor and the trustees. Can I get a copy of that? Do the taxpayers of the town outside the villages want a police force? How much are they willing to pay and what

would they be paying for? I think for a step forward like this to spend that much money, I think you need a referendum, and then you'll be meeting again with village officials, I understand. And I would ask that when you go to see them, you take with you Councilwoman Mary Bingham and Councilwoman Maureen Richardson. And there's an IMA or a contract with the sheriff's? Can we get a copy of that? Can I see that? I'd like to read that ahead of time. And there's some time constraints here. You have one more meeting on the 20th of October. Mail balloting in the next election has already begun. The early voting begins on Saturday, October 25th. The voters may install a new change the composition of the board. So, I think you should table this until January and handle it more carefully and also get an outside consultant. Get a report this thick tell us all about police protection, law enforcement and let the citizens read it two weeks before you have the meeting on it, not after the meeting. And one other thing, and this is a basic law that you're violating. Don't spend money you don't have.

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

-Town Supervisor Cardone: That's it.

- Councilwoman Richardson: I know there was a gentleman who just walked in who I saw gave a presentation at the Village of Monroe meeting. I just wanted to extend to the board if he'd like to speak on this issue. Can we allow that? I don't know if he would like to speak on this policing issue.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: I don't know who just walked in. Would you like to speak? All right, come on up. Just sign in with the Clerk and then we'll allow you to speak.

-Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Eduardo Blanco.

- Eduardo Blanco: I guess no time like the president, huh?

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Yeah, state your name, please.

- Eduardo Blanco: Eduardo Blanco, sorry I'm late. I was invited to this earlier, but

-Town Supervisor Cardone: That's okay.

- Eduardo Blanco: Trying to escape from my store. Somebody reached out to me that you guys are having a meeting today about bringing in sheriffs as policing here because of whatever budget reasons you guys are having. I think that would be a big mistake. Honestly, first off, if you see who gets the biggest kickback in the state from immigration, it would be the sheriffs. Anybody getting arrested would be the sheriffs. So, let's say you pull over someone for a suspicious of a DUI. Where are they going to take them? Not the local, local precinct to process them. They're going to take them straight to OCJ to process them where they're going to get a kickback from the state for it. Anybody now that they feel like is here illegally, they're going to get harassed even more by sheriff, which is one of my main concerns. And where they going to take him? Straight to OCJ, where they have a section for immigration. You can't let the guy who's getting the riches off of it be the one who's policing it as well. It's, to me, the biggest mistake in the world. It's like they are, metaphorically speaking, zookeepers who are at a zoo, and you want them to come and become babysitters and after-school program directors. You can't mix both of them. They're used to dealing with people on a higher aggravated scale. They're not going to bring their sunshine and daisies over here when they're pulling over your random neighbor who accidentally forgot something and might have passed the red light. Might have gone a little too fast because they're going to pick up the kids because they're running late. I mean, it's, to me, I feel like it's apples and oranges. It's a mistake. One, two, I have seen other towns work with surrounding towns before. I used to live in the town of Florida 20 years ago. After, I think, it was like 8:00, the Florida PD stopped working. So the collective, I think it was Warwick, Chester, and Goshen, would come in, and I think the Quick Check was their destination where they all met up and helped out the town. I mean, I don't see why the towns can help out neighboring towns. Neighbor help a neighbor. That would be a better thing because, like I said, at the end of the day, local police officers like Monroe, they do take that extra mile to find out who is in the neighborhood, who is their community, who they have to take out an extra look or keep an extra eye out for because maybe they have some kind of disability that needs some kind of help. You

can't just bring someone who's been dealing with jerks all day and throwing them around in cages. And yeah, go be nice to a lovely old lady that's suffers from dementia, doesn't know what she's doing in the middle street. It's to me, I feel like it's ridiculous. It's like going backwards. One. Two, I think they have more on their plate than what they have to deal with, which we should hold them responsible for instead of letting them starting to get a kick back from our town. It's like rewarding them for not doing their job. I'm pretty sure you guys seen a video. I saw what was supposedly FBI agents and immigration looking around buildings by my business for supposedly an investigation, they said. First off, I know for a fact that any type of policing state person has to identify themselves because I don't know if they're kidnappers or not. At the end of the day, I had the argument with them. I'm saying I need at least a badge because the sixth amendment allows you to whatchamacallit to face off your accusers in court. So, if you don't have a badge, how can I say badge number threw me this way, that way, hit me this way, that way. I had an argument with these people. Never want to show nothing, nothing. I've been looking online steadily every day because that's public information on who gets arrested. I have not seen arrest for none of these people. So, my theory I'm going on, is they're probably bounty hunters just trying to pick up random people to make money off of. And this is the crazy thing. They're letting them get away with it. I haven't seen no sheriffs look for them because sheriffs do look for people like this. And these people are committing federal crimes because it is a federal crime too.

-Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: One minute.

- Eduardo Blanco: Act like a police officer or any type of agency that's in a policing state. And second off, it's dangerous because when you let a criminal get away with a little bit of leeway, who's to know who they're going to kidnap next? Who's to know what else is happening? Because you guys don't see as much of stuff as we see on our Spanish news as in the English Channel news where people are talking about their kids are missing, their relatives are missing. Who's to know they're not kidnapping and God forbid, now they're trafficking them? We have to have these higher agencies, like the sheriffs, and know that first do their job first and make sure they doing their job instead of saying they're doing their job and then come over here and collect money off of us too. I think that's ridiculous. If anything, we should reach out to our neighboring towns and see how we can help each other out, because if not, we're just going to throw more fire into the flame and more chaos and, trust me, everybody knows what happens after a lot of chaos. You guys see what's been happening in California. And that's all it took was a little bit of chaos. Added to more chaos, more chaos to more chaos.

-Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Time.

-Eduardo Blanco: Thank you very much.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Thanks for coming up.

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

-Town Supervisor Cardone: You give that to the clerk. She'll make copies for us. Thank you very much.

- Councilwoman Bingham: I wanted to say about a month ago, I don't remember the lady's name. She came, and she mentioned ICE and how children were afraid to go to school and, at that time, I said that's very damaging to the children and their families. It's not appropriate because they are living in fear, and we should be sending our children to school to learn. We should not be keeping them at home because they are afraid. So, I agree that maybe certain organizations we should not consider since they might be tied in with ICE. Because, I again, I don't feel that the way some of the I don't even know what to call it that you people said kidnappings. I'm not sure that's the right word. I'm not sure how the families can cope with that. So, I'm very impressed with the number of residents that came out today, and thank you very much for speaking about it in greater detail. Thank you.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Councilwoman Richardson?

- Councilwoman Richardson: Aren't we going down the line? Okay. It's not the normal order, but I'm totally willing to put on the record, like I have previously, that I feel that the process for the contract being arranged by a consultant who the board never formally voted on to retain operating beyond the scope of all five members of this board. Basically, behind closed doors, not transparent, not accountable to members of the public, not accountable to us, negotiated this agreement, which I am able to access for basically the first time myself. So, I need to take a deeper look at it. So, I'm innately suspicious and also dislike the idea of Monroe becoming a police state overnight when, let's be honest, for everyone who was born and raised in Monroe, we all talk about the trouble that we got up to, the donuts that we might have done on the road in the middle of the night. There is a certain charm to Monroe, having the state police who know us, who know not to be too heavy-handed with any of us, with any of our kids. They know our customs, our traditions, our prom night activities. And to have that kind of local PD also available to step in and obviously has always covered our local village residents. The town outside village, the unincorporated portion of Monroe, we only have state police, and I've heard a lot about how the state police and their policies have changed, but I have not heard a sufficient amount of information that says that this board and our state police liaison, Supervisor Tony Cardone, has appropriately advocated to question why are wait times so long, why are we not being appropriately covered? Do we not have rights as the unincorporated town relying on these services? I think that's a wonderful point. Why have we not advocated? Why is this just coming out now when I know that Rob Furbeck, who spoke, I have been following him and his posts about policing for years now. I came in as a council person in 2024 in January and I had actually spoken as an activist prior to that about the fact that wait times at that point were often 30 minutes. So, that wasn't new then. It's not new now. The only thing that is new now is that it's another election year. So, I think that the town of Monroe deserves better than a rushed agreement with the Orange County Sheriff, literally a month before an election, where we have put on the record, time and time again, that policing is deeply personal. We want to host, I want to host, I believe the public it resonates with them, a workshop where this room is packed. The camera might not be pointed at the audience, but I'm sure looking at it and every seat is filled. We had to take out chairs and place them out so that everyone could be heard tonight, and listened tonight, to what was going on here. And I would expect that if we properly publicized a police workshop that it would be similarly well attended. People in this town deserve to have options between Blooming Grove, Chester, those towns, neighboring communities. Did we have thoughtful conversations? Because I haven't seen evidence of a single thoughtful conversation except from, you know, we wanted to get this done right before in October. That's my impression. And again, as a board member, I'm deeply disappointed that all board members were not kept apprised of this. I've personally made it my job to speak with Mayor Dwyer, with trustees on the village board if they would be open to an IMA, and they are in part open to an IMA. They certainly are not open to a demand one minute. They are wanting more data. They are wanting facts. They are not wanting basically a political appointee consultant who has already basically publicly declared that he's running against our mayor at the first possible opportunity as the policing consultant who is proposing the IMA, again without our full board approval, without actual official appointment by the board or retainment on any contract at all. It's just kind of a thumbed nose to the village and I don't think there was never any expectation that that was of a good faith agreement. Are they open to a good faith agreement? Absolutely. And I believe that there are meetings set for this week to discuss that further. So, why are we hosting this public hearing now? I would say political timing and posturing. So, thank you.

- Councilwoman Houle: I don't even know where to start. Thank you all for your comments. I've taken a lot of notes on that, and we have listened to every single one of you. It is true that I was the liaison to the Monroe Police Department when I was a village trustee and there is nothing that I would want more than to have the Monroe Police Department police the town of Monroe. And those have been conversations that have been had with the police department. This is not

easy. This is not an easy decision. This is not an easy negotiation. And what was presented in the public hearing tonight wasn't meant as a this is the final draft, and we're approving it tonight because, to my knowledge,

-Town Supervisor Cardone: The public hearing will remain open.

- Councilwoman Houle: So, all of your comments are going to be listened to. We are not making a decision on this tonight. We are going to proceed with talking with all of the police agencies surrounding us, as we already have. We've had conversations with Blooming Grove and with Woodbury, and with Tuxedo. Incidentally, the town of Monroe will not be the first agency who has entertained coverage from the sheriff's office. The town of Tuxedo used them on the overnights for quite some time. They also provided coverage for the village of Walden for quite some time. So, we would not be the first one. But again, like I said before, we've listened to every single one of your words, and we're going to use that in our decision-making process.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Okay. I'm gonna reiterate that our main goal from the start, back in March, was the Village of Monroe and it is still our main goal. We want to use the village of Monroe, but when you hit a roadblock, and you're not getting responses from the village, and I'm not going to name names when we're trying to negotiate it, and I have emails that prove it, that I was not responded to in the early part of July and then the early part of August when I requested meetings. So, as far as that goes, if we do approve the sheriffs, it will be on a temporary basis. And the sheriffs are aware of that. The sheriffs understand we want to work with the municipality in our town. Our goal, as board members, is if we're going to pay for something, we want it to go to taxpayers already in our municipality. So, while I appreciate everyone's comments, there's a lot of falsities out there with respect to what has actually happened. And I'm not going to get into details of contracts. The contract was put to the board at the last meeting in executive session. And as far as I'm concerned, this is not the first time it's been out there, and it's been back and forth with our consultant who was approved by this board. He's not paid. He was approved by this board. And Mr. Sussman, I just want to say, you know, your comment about politicizing the sheriff's office. You're the one that's using the former undersheriff in your political ads. And I might add, you better learn how to spell undersheriff. There's only one R in it, not two.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Yeah, that was political.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Let's retain order please? So, I'm going to make a motion to keep the public hearing open to our next meeting on October 20th.

- Councilwoman Houle: Houle will second.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Discussion.

- Councilwoman Houle: or immediately thereafter.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: No discussion.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Yes, that is the Robert's rules of order. Yes, it is the Robert's rules of order. I retain the floor. I called discussion.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: No discussion.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Yes. That is Robert's rules of order. I retain the floor.

- Councilwoman Bingham: Correct with the discussion. She called discussion.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: No, we're keeping a public hearing open.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Point of order. We're keeping a public hearing open. It's got nothing to do with discussion.

- Councilwoman Richardson: It was seconded, and then I motioned for discussion.

-Town Attorney Alak Shah: If I, if I may be heard, if the motion is simply to keep the public hearing open, the discussion, if there is any, would be limited just to the motion to keep the public hearing open. It wouldn't be on the underlying topic.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Yes, and I called discussion. So, you're trying to pre-sensor me and not allow discussion.

-Town Attorney Alak Shah: I haven't censored anybody. All I said was the discussion needed to be limited.

- Councilwoman Richardson: And discuss the motion to keep the public hearing open. I've called discussion. Thank you.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: I will give you 30 seconds.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Actually, I will retain the full amount that I am authorized under New York State to do so.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Councilwoman Richardson. I'm giving you 30 seconds.

- Councilwoman Richardson: No.
(Inaudible)

- Councilwoman Richardson: The fact

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Please refrain from yelling. Please refrain from yelling. Please refrain from yelling. I am following the rules. You have 30 seconds, Councilwoman Richardson.

- Councilwoman Richardson: I have as much time as authorized in the

-Town Supervisor Cardone: I'm calling the question.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Rules of comment order and I retain my time. Thank you Speaker. In order discussion we are a possible motion to keep open the public hearing regarding police service in the Town of Monroe. It was discussed in executive session that this was already decided upon that the police would be retained and that it would be kept open until the next board meeting, the second board meeting for October the 3rd Monday, where it will be closed, because they have already decided to budget the precise contract that he referenced. Oh yes, the precise contract that's dated September 19th. The public hearing will be closed. It's already signed by the sheriff -Town Supervisor Cardone: Keep fabricating.

- Councilwoman Richardson: These details that he's refusing to discuss and censoring me from discussing which is of utmost public importance and every person on this board has the right to their time when I finish mine. Will be closed.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: I'm going to call a question. Councilwoman Bingham? If you don't want to vote. Councilman Scancarello?

- Councilman Scancarello: Aye.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Meeting for the October, and they've already decided, and it was already discussed privately in executive session.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Councilwoman Houle.

-Councilwoman Houle: Aye.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Motion passes.

- Councilwoman Richardson: It was already illegally discussed privately in executive session against the open meetings law because no contract negotiations can occur outside public meetings law. So, everything that you see here tonight is a pretty desperate attempt.

-Town Supervisor Cardone: Councilwoman Richardson, you are out of order.

- Councilwoman Richardson: You're actually the only one out of order, Speaker, and if we had a real board we would vote to remove you temporarily as speaker.

- Councilwoman Houle: We have a real board prior to 2023.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Oh, Mike McGinn would be so happy with this. All right. So, if anybody here is highly concerned about the retaining county, please come back to open the for the second town of Monroe meeting public hearing for the benefit.

4.2. Motion to Keep Open the Public Hearing RE Police Services in the Town

2025-#412

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Keep Open the Public Hearing RE Police Services in the Town until October 20, 2025, at 7:00 PM or soon there-after.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Houle

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle

Nays: None

Abstain: Town Councilmember Mary Bingham, Town Councilmember Maureen Richardson

4.3. Motion to Open the Public Hearing on the Benefit Assessment Rolls in Relation to the 2026 Budget

2025-#413

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Public Hearing on the Benefit Assessment Rolls in Relation to the 2026 Budget.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The following residents signed up to speak during Public Comment on the Public Hearing RE Benefit Assessment Rolls in Relation to the 2026 Budget.

*NO PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS TIME

- Supervisor Cardone: Madam Clerk.

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: No Public Comment.

- Supervisor Cardone: No Comment?

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: No Public Comment.

- Supervisor Cardone: No Public Comment. OK. What say you Madam Clerk, as to keeping it open or closing it? Did you want to keep it open or close it?

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: If there's no Public Comment and you want to close it, we're fine to close it.

- Supervisor Cardone: OK. Alright.

4.4. Motion to Close the Public Hearing on the Benefit Assessment Rolls in Relation to the 2026 Budget

2025-#414

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Close the Public Hearing on the Benefit Assessment Rolls in Relation to the 2026 Budget.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember

Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: Town Councilmember Bingham

Abstain: None

- 4.5. Presentation of 2026 Tentative Budget by Town Clerk and Motion to set Public Hearing RE 2026 Preliminary Budget (Elected Official's Salaries)

2025-#415

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to set a Public Hearing RE 2026 Preliminary Budget for October 20, 2025, at 7:00 PM or soon there-after. 2026 Elected Officials' Salaries (no raises). Same as last year.

Supervisor: \$80,740

Council: 4 @ \$17,834.50 = \$71,338

Town Justice: 2 @ \$43,367 = \$86,734

Town Clerk: \$63,940

Highway Superintendent: \$96,000

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

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Acceptance of Minutes

- 5.1. Acceptance of September 15, 2025 Minutes

2025-#416

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Accept the September 15, 2025, Minutes.

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

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Audit of Claims

6.1. General Fund Abstract

2025-#417

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe requests approval of Abstract #25-17 General Fund containing Check # 37338-37407 totaling \$481,386.98.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Houle

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle

Nays: None

Abstain: None

***Councilwoman Richardson was not present for this vote.**

6.2. Escrow Abstract

2025-#418

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe requests approval of Abstract #25-13 Escrow Fund containing Check #2245-2251 totaling \$30,386.47.

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

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle

Nays: None

Abstain: None

***Councilwoman Richardson was not present for this vote.**

Cash Transfers

7.1. Cash Transfer Abstract

2025-#419

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe made a Motion to approve Abstract #2025-08, in the amount of \$960,000 for cash transfers to/from investment funds.

CASH TRANSFERS TO/FROM INVESTMENT FUNDS

TOWN OF MONROE

DATE OF AUDIT: October 6, 2025

ABSTRACT #CASH 2025-08

DATE GL NO. DESCRIPTION Account Trans To Trans From

9/15/2025 Consolidated Savings A000 Fund A000-0201 300,000.00NYCLASS Investment

A000 Fund A000-0240 300,000.00

Consolidated Savings DB00 Fund DB00-0201 400,000.00

NYCLASS Investment DB00 Fund DB00-0240 400,000.00

Consolidated Savings SR00 Fund SR00-0201 220,000.00
NYCLASS Investment SR00 Fund SR00-0240 220,000.00
Consolidated Savings SW00 Fund SW00-0201 20,000.00
NYCLASS Investment SW00 Fund SW00-0240 20,000.00
Consolidated Savings SW15 Fund SW15-0201 20,000.00
NYCLASS Investment SW15 Fund SW15-0240 20,000.00
960,000.00 960,000.00

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle

Nays: None

Abstain: None

***Councilwoman Richardson was not present for this vote.**

Budget Transfer

8.1. Budget Transfer Abstract

2025-#420

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe approves Budget Transfer Abstract #2025-10 totaling \$45,490.02 for 2025 Expenditure Adjustments.

ABSTRACT OF BUDGET TRANSFERS

TOWN OF MONROE

DATE OF AUDIT: October 6, 2025

ABSTRACT 2025-10

2025 EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS

DATE GL NO. DESCRIPTION Account Trans In Trans Out9/15/2025 Highway Garage Water

A000-5132-4240-00 1,000.00

10/6/2025 Town Council Contractual A000-1010-4500-00 3,403.41Town Council educ, dues, meetings A000-1010-4189-00 2,600.00

Town Council Equipment A000-1010-2000-00 500.00

Town Council Printing, Advert & Publishing A000-1010-4102-00 303.41

Supervisor PS Full-Time Emp A000-1220-1020-01 39,431.14

Supervisor PS Part-Time Emp A000-1220-1030-00 39,431.14

Board of Ethics Contractual A000-1470-4500-00 250.00

Public Information Board Docs A000-1480-4500-02 250.00

Shared Services Educ, Mtgs, Dues A000-1620-4189-00 150.00

Shared Services Other Expenses A000-1620-4109-00 150.00

Shared Services Janitorial Supplies A000-1620-4281-00 1,040.47

Shared ServicesBldg Repair & Maint. A000-1620-4303-00 1,040.47

Senior Center Jolly Seniors A000-7620-4500-01 1,215.00

Senior Center Legal Gen & Admin A000-7620-4010-00 1,215.00

45,490.02 45,490.02

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

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

New Business

9.1. Short Term Rental Application, 95 Walton Terrace (SBL# 18-4-50.2)

There were no objections. Town Counsel will provide a Resolution at the next meeting RE: Short Term Rental Application, 95 Walton Terrace (SBL# 18-4-50.2).

9.2. Trunk or Treat

2025-#421

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to approve the Town of Monroe Trunk or Treat event which will take place on Monday, October 27, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. - 8 p.m. (Rain or Shine) at O&R Park located at 61 O&R Road. Parking will be available at Monroe Park & Ride Commuter Lot B. Access from 17M only. O&R Road will be closed for public safety. Guest transportation to and from the lot will be available via hayride or Dial-A-Ride. Participation is FREE. Sign up as a trunk participant is required. Setup will begin at 4:00 p.m. Candy, food, music and hayrides. Deadline to sign up is October 22. Register at <https://monroeny.org/community/trunk-or-treat>.

*Please note: Political-themed trunks and/or campaigning are strictly prohibited at this event. Family-friendly themed trunks only.

Any questions, please contact Valerie Bitzer 845-783-1900 x203 or Angelina Olsen 845-783-1900 x137.

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

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

9.3. Teenager Trends Event Hosted by Monroe-Woodbury Community Coalition

2025-#422

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion approving use of the Town Hall Meeting Room by the Monroe-Woodbury Community Coalition on

November 20th for a Teenager Trends event including discussion on current teenage trends, how parents can support their child, and Narcan training. Fee waived.

On a motion by Town Councilmember Houle, seconded by Town Supervisor Cardone

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

9.4. Monroe Conservation Commission, Request to Host Repair Cafe

2025-#423

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to approve the request of Monroe Conservation Commission to organize and host a Repair Café at Monroe Town Hall on Saturday, December 6, 2025, in conjunction with Repair Café Hudson Valley. 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Certificate of Insurance has been provided.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Houle

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

9.5. Request for Permit Application Refund, #2025-109

2025-#424

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to refund half the permit application fee for Building Permit Application #2025-109, 102 Highland Road (SBL#36-7-6.2). The owner decided not to move forward with this project.

Town of Monroe Code: § 23-15, Fees for building permits, subsection (B): If no permit is issued, the applicant shall be entitled to a refund of 50% of the fee paid, provided that no construction has commenced and has not exceeded six months from the date of application.

The Building Inspector has no objection to this request, being that no construction was started and it has only been 30 days.

Refund amount: \$2,190.00

Refund to: Meridian Construction Creations Inc. Kim Santos 107 Stage Road — Apt. 1, Monroe, NY 10950

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson
Nays: None
Abstain: None

9.6. Performance Bond Release, SBL 3-1-19.2

2025-#425

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion approving the release of the Performance Bond provided to guarantee the work for the project related to the construction of a 100-foot Monopine wireless communications tower at 24 Strauss Lane. As a result of a site visit on September 16, 2025, the Planning Board Engineer has recommended the release of this Performance Bond. The Building Inspector is in agreement.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson
Nays: None
Abstain: None

9.7. Return of Escrow, Driveway Permit, 24 Raywood Drive

2025-#426

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to approve the Highway Department Request to return the escrow amount of \$5,000 for Driveway Permit #2024-03. The driveway at this address has been inspected and found to meet all current Town Code standards. As such, the Highway Department recommends releasing the bonds.

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

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson
Nays: None
Abstain: None

9.8. Road Improvement Petition, Seven Springs Road Realignment

The matter RE Road Improvement Petition, Seven Springs Road Realignment, was Tabled until October 20, 2025.

9.9. Amendment to Town of Monroe Fee Schedule, RE: Tree Removal Permit Fees and Mitigation

Fees

2025-#427

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Table the Matter on Amendment to the Town of Monroe Fee Schedule, RE: Tree Removal Permit Fees and Mitigation Fees until October 20, 2025.

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

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

9.10. Sole Source Vendor Resolution

2025-#428

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made the following Resolution by Councilwoman Houle and seconded by Councilwoman Bingham:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MONROE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH SIGNARAMA AS A SOLE SOURCE VENDOR FOR TOWN SIGNAGE

WHEREAS, the Town of Monroe desires to purchase additional signage for use at Town facilities in order to provide consistency and uniformity across Town locations; and

WHEREAS, the cost of said signage will exceed the competitive bidding threshold set forth in the New York State General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, the initial signage artwork was created and produced by Signarama, and such company holds the rights to the specific artwork and design used on the first Town sign; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure consistency in appearance, the Town requires the use of the same artwork and design for all additional signs, and no other vendor can provide the identical product because Signarama holds the rights to the specific artwork and design; and

WHEREAS, Signarama has provided an estimate to the Town for the replacement of six signs totaling approximately \$28,000; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to guidance from the Office of the New York State Comptroller, a contract may be awarded without competitive bidding when the goods or services required are available from only one source (a "sole source"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that Signarama is the sole source provider for the required signage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. The above "WHEREAS" clauses are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute a contract with Signarama for the purchase of additional Town signage, at an estimated cost not to exceed \$28,000.00, as a sole source procurement under New York State law.

Section 3. The Town Supervisor, and any other officer or employee as directed by the Town Supervisor, is hereby authorized to take any and all necessary actions to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

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

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Anthony Cardone, Supervisor	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Dorey Houle, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Mary Bingham, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Sal Scancarello, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Maureen Richardson, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

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

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

9.11. Engineering Agreement, Water District 14 Improvements

2025-#429

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Table the Matter RE: Engineering Agreement, Water District 14 Improvements until October 20, 2025.

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

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

9.12. Janitorial Services Agreement

2025-#430

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to extend Janitorial Services with D.O.C. Cleaning through the 2026 year.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

9.13. Intermunicipal Agreement for Municipalities in the Moodna Commission

2025-#431

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Resolution approving and authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement for the municipalities in the Moodna Commission (Town of Chester, Town of Monroe, Village of Monroe). The Moodna Commission has approved the updated agreement.

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

Ayes: None

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Old Business

10.1. Village of Monroe Tax Exemption Request, Items 3 and 4, Town Highway Budget

2025-#432

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Table the Matter RE: Village of Monroe Tax Exemption Request, Items 3 and 4, Town Highway Budget until October 20, 2025.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Houle

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

10.2. Village of Monroe Tax Exemption Request, Items 3 and 4, Town Highway Budget

2025-#433

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Table the Matter RE: Village of Monroe Tax Exemption Request, Items 3 and 4, Town Highway Budget until October 20, 2025.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Houle

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion From the Floor

11.1. Registrar Appointment RE: Barbara Singer

2025-#434

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Appoint Barbara Singer as Deputy Registrar. Term to expire 12/31//2025.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Public Comment

12.1. Rules for Public Comment

12.2. Public Comment

The following residents signed up for Public Comment:

- Liam Wisehart
- BJ Mendelson
- Louis Rivera
- Dan Burke

- Liam Wisehart: Spoke regarding Budget. Talked about the deficit on a \$12 million dollar budget being 1.5 million dollars. The budget is not final and does not include any cost of living adjustments for the employees. Finds it disturbing that this amount of money is being withdrawn from the Fund Balance with no plan as to how to eventually make ends meet on top of recruiting the Orange County Sheriffs for an additional \$750,000.

- BJ Mendelson: Questioned Board Members if they support ICE Enforcement against Monroe residents.

- Louis Rivera: Spoke RE the 2026 Summary Page of the Budget. Numbers didn't make sense. The same numbers were used in 2024 and 2025. The data was inaccurate. Louis provided Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer with a copy of the Summary Pages. Questioned 2022-2025.

- Dan Burke: Spoke about Flagship Cinema. Anything the Town can do to help generate ticket sales will help with the Budget. Requesting a quarterly financial report. Requested forming a Citizens Committee to advise the Board on our theater.

- Councilwoman Richardson addressed Louis Rivera's comments regarding the 2026 Budget Summary Page. Argued the timing of the presentation of the Tentative Budget. Questioned Departmental Heads requests.

- Supervisor Cardone: Talked about the appropriations to the Fund Balance. Clarified the fact that October 6th was the date that the Tentative Budget was due because the 5th was on a Sunday. Commented that Councilwoman Richardson didn't vote on the Budget last year.

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

13.1. Enter into Executive Session

*NO ACTION AT THIS TIME

Return to Regular Meeting

14.1. Return to Regular Meeting

*NO ACTION AT THIS TIME

Adjournment

15.1. Adjournment of Meeting

2025-#435

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to adjourn the meeting of October 6, 2025, at 8:54 PM.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Houle

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**Town of Monroe
Town Board Minutes
Monday, September 15, 2025
(www.townofmonroeny.gov)**

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*Public Hearings Transcribed by Deputy Town Clerk Barbara Singer

Members Present

Tony Cardone, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello, Dorey Houle, Maureen Richardson
Town Counsel - Brian Nugent

Call to Order

1.1. Pledge to the Flag

The Supervisor lead 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.

a. Moment of Silence

The Supervisor held a Moment of Silence for all victims of 911, victims of violence and Tom Flannery with Mombasha Fire Company.

Motion to Open Town Board Meeting

2.1. Motion to Open Town Board Meeting of September 15, 2025

2025-#376

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Motion to Open the Town Board Meeting of September 15, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

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

3.1. Enter into Executive Session

2025-#377

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Enter into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember

Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Return to Regular Meeting

4.1. Return to Regular Meeting

2025-#378

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

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Houle

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Community Announcements

5.1. 2025 Orange County Household Hazardous Waste & Operation Safe Scripts Pharmaceutical Collection Event

2025 Orange County Household Hazardous Waste & Operation Safe Scripts Pharmaceutical Collection Event, Saturday, September 27, 2025 9AM-3PM OCTS #1 Maintenance Garage, 21 Training Center Lane, New Hampton, NY. Entrance across from the Mid-Hudson Psychiatric Center.

Public Hearing

6.1. Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE: Local Law A-v1/2025 to Amend Article VI, Ch. 53 Concerning Material Used for Water Pipes in the Town of Monroe

2025-#379

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE: Local Law A-v1/2025 to Amend Article VI, Ch. 53 Concerning Material Used for Water Pipes in the Town of Monroe.

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

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The following spoke during Public Comment on the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE: Local Law A-v1/2025 to Amend Article VI, Ch. 53 Concerning Material Used for Water Pipes in the Town of Monroe:

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

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: No public comment.

- Supervisor Cardone: No one signed up for public comment. I'm sorry, Mary, did you get anything from MHE? Any updates?

- Councilwoman Bingham: At our monthly water meeting, we made some adjustments and then Mr. Nugent was going to look into some of the legal questions. He was going to review them.

- Supervisor Cardone: I don't think that Dave made those formal adjustments and sent them to you yet.

- Counsel Nugent: (inaudible). Do you have something new from him or no?

- Supervisor Cardone: No, Mary had some adjustments and questions.

- Counsel Nugent: I remember that.

- Councilwoman Bingham: And then there was just, he put comment boxes in on the word format that he was using and there were just some legal questions in there. So, I'll get him to send it to you again if you don't have it.

- Counsel Nugent: Alright, and then we can continue and put that on.

- Supervisor Cardone: I can put it on for the 20th.

- Counsel Nugent: I think that would be good.

- Supervisor Cardone: We can put that on for the 20th of October.

6.2. Motion to Keep Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE: Local Law A-v1/2025 to Amend Article VI, Ch. 53 Concerning Material Used for Water Pipes in the Town of Monroe

2025-#380

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Keep Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE: Local Law A-v1/2025 to Amend Article VI, Ch. 53 Concerning Material Used for Water Pipes in the Town of Monroe until October 20, 2025, at 7:00 PM or soon there-after.

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

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

- 6.3. Motion to Open the Public Hearing RE Short Term Rental Application, 10 Twin Lakes Rd. (SBL #19-1-1.3)

2025-#381

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe made a Motion to Open the Public Hearing in regard to the Short-Term Rental Application, 10 Twin Lakes Rd. (SBL #19-1-1.3).

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The following signed up to speak during the Public Hearing RE Short Term Rental Application, 10 Twin Lakes Rd. (SBL #19-1-1.3):

*NO PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS TIME

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: No public comment.

- Supervisor Cardone: No public comment. We had no objections through the Building Department? So, I'm going to close the Public Hearing.

- 6.4. Motion to Close the Public Hearing RE Short Term Rental Application, 10 Twin Lakes Rd. (SBL #19-1-1.3)

2025-#382

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Close the Public Hearing RE Short-Term Rental Application, 10 Twin Lakes Rd. (SBL #19-1-1.3).

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Houle

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

- 6.5. Motion to Open the Public Hearing RE Local Law B-v-1 Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-C

2025-#383

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Public Hearing RE Local Law B-v-1 Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-C.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Houle

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The following signed up to speak during Public Comment on the Public Hearing RE Local Law B-v-1 Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-C:

*NO PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS TIME

- Supervisor Cardone: Council, can you read the law, after we pass the motion?
- Counsel Nugent: We usually wouldn't, but I can summarize it.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah, basically summarize it, what it entails.
- Counsel Nugent: It authorizes the Town, it doesn't mean that you will, but it authorizes the Town Board if you're going to adopt a budget that exceeds the levy under the state provisions, you need a local law which must be adopted before the budget is adopted. It could be the same night, but the local law has to come first to authorize you to exceed the tax cap. And that's the purpose of this law to authorize the Town to adopt a budget that would exceed the cap. It doesn't necessarily mean that you will. I don't know where you are financially in the budget, but either way, this is usually done as a precaution. Regardless, this way, if you're exceeding the cap, you're now authorized to do that. Otherwise, you run into a lot of problems.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Do you mind explaining how low the tax cap actually is? And the normal practice for municipalities in general, because I see a lot of misinformation and misunderstanding.
- Supervisor Cardone: The normal tax cap is 2% above your previous year.
- Counsel Nugent: That is.
- Supervisor Cardone: And there are some caveats in there where it's adjusted based on the previous year and going forward.
- Counsel Nugent: That is correct. So, it's not always a true 2%. It could be lower, and often it is because of the way that the State comes down with the numbers and 2% is what people generally refer to but it isn't always, as the Supervisor pointed out, it's not always 2%.
- Councilwoman Richardson: And in your experience, how many municipalities actually make it under this cap?
- Counsel Nugent: It's tough to say. I have a mix. I would say that most all of them adopt this law. But as a very rough estimate, I'm going to say it's sometimes like a 50/50.
- Councilwoman Houle: I think a lot of it depends on the policies that are coming out of New York State. For instance, last year's tax cap, a lot of it had to do with minimum wage. And so, we were locked into raises for a lot of our entry-level employees and that was kind of impacting. And we have no control over that. So, we didn't have a raise again with the minimum wage again this year, right?
- Supervisor Cardone: No. And there were unfunded mandates that came down. We were above the tax cap. A portion of it was from the Rye Hill purchase. It was the first year that

we were under the tax cap. But if you farm out what we've done as a Board, over the last ten years, we had had less than a 3% increase in totality.

- Councilwoman Richardson: We had to pass that we were going to go past the tax cap last year because of the Rye Hill purchase.

- Supervisor Cardone: No.

- Councilwoman Houle: No, we've done it every year.

- Supervisor Cardone: We've done it every year.

- Councilwoman Richardson: I know, but it was a factor in doing it.

- Supervisor Cardone: I said that.

- Councilwoman Richardson: You did not. You said it was the first year that we came under.

- Supervisor Cardone: I did talk about the Rye Hill purchase.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Yeah, you said it was the first time we came under the tax cap.

- Supervisor Cardone: No, the first time we went over the tax cap.

- Counsel Nugent: That's what he said.

- Councilwoman Richardson: It wasn't. It was a mistake. I just wanted to make it clear because there were some confused faces.

- Supervisor Cardone: Maybe I said, that maybe it was the first time that we didn't come under the tax cap.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Didn't. There you go.

- Supervisor Cardone: Ok.

- Counsel Nugent: And let me just say that, I've seen it where municipalities also have not exceeded the tax cap, and then it came to light that their budget actually did, and then it did and that creates a lot of problems because you have to offset it the following year. So, the best practice is just adopt the law. The old days you used to have to appeal it because of the state funding that was related to it. That doesn't matter anymore, so there's no harm in adopting the law. You're prepared. If you do exceed, you've done it. Even if you thought you didn't exceed the tax cap, and you ended up exceeding it, you're covered.

- Supervisor Cardone: I know of four municipalities that went substantially higher than us over the cap last year.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Ok, thank you, it was just a question.

- Councilwoman Houle: Did we call to question?

- Counsel Nugent: You opened the hearing. I don't know, there was no comment, correct?

- Supervisor Cardone: Ok. So, I close the Public Hearing RE Local Law B-v1 Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-C.

6.6. Motion to Close the Public Hearing RE Local Law B-v-1 Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-C

2025-#384

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Close the Public Hearing RE Local Law B-v-1 Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-C. This becomes Local Law 2/2025.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson
Nays: None
Abstain: None

6.7. Resolution Adopting Local Law B-v1 (2/2025) Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-C

2025-#384A

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made the following Resolution by Supervisor Cardone and seconded by Councilman Scancarello:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2025

LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-C

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Monroe, New York ("Town Board") duly noticed a Public Hearing which was held on September 15, 2025, to solicit public comment from any interested party concerning a proposed Local Law on Real Property Tax Levy; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of such proposed Local Law is to authorize the Town Board to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town and to further allow the Town Board to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing on January 1, 2026, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the tax levy limit in accordance with General Municipal Law § 3-c.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Monroe as follows:

Section 1. All "WHEREAS" paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The Local Law Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law § 3-c, as attached hereto, be and hereby is adopted as Local Law No. 2 of 2025 of the Town of Monroe.

Section 3. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to enter said Local Law into the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law book of the Town of Monroe, and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law by filing the Local Law in the Office of the Secretary of State in the State of New York.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

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

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Anthony Cardone, Supervisor	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Mary Bingham, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Sal Scancarello, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Dorey Houle, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Maureen Richardson, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

- 6.8. Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the WD No. 14

2025-#385

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

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

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The following signed up to speak during Public Comment RE the Continuation of the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the WD No. 14:

***NO PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS TIME**

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: No public comment.

- Supervisor Cardone: No public comment. Ok, just an update on this. We were waiting for the Governor to sign the bills that were submitted by the legislators, both the senate and the assembly. And working with Senator Soukis' aid, William Alexander, Carl Brabenec's office and Johanna from Congressman Ryan's office, we were able to get that done on Friday. It was placed on her desk, it was either Thursday night or Friday morning, and she signed it mid-afternoon Friday. So, that essentially formalizes the district, Water District 14.

It was an arduous 10-year process for us. It's done. We are able to bond, we are able to get grants, which, through a conversation with DFC, we were able to move forward because we were that close, and it was submitted to the Governor's office, and we did apply for grants that were due on Friday for both Water District 1 and Water District 14.

- Councilwoman Houle: I'm glad that we have that done. It was a lot of work.
- Supervisor Cardone: It was a lot of work.
- Councilwoman Houle: That was a lot of meetings on your part. Good job getting that done.
- Supervisor Cardone: It was a lot of work on everyone's part. Thank you.
- Councilwoman Houle: You're welcome.
- Councilwoman Richardson: I just want to give a shout-out to Pavon Patel.
- Supervisor Cardone: Pavon, from the Governor's office. I apologize. I was on the phone with him on Friday, like four times, and Thursday once, so.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Very diligent.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah, he's a great guy. Thank you for that. OK, there's no speaker, so, I would think we should close that public hearing.

6.9. Motion to Close the Continuation of the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the WD No. 14

2025-#386

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Motion to Close the Continuation of the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the WD No. 14.

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

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Acceptance of Minutes

7.1. Acceptance of September 2, 2025, Minutes

2025-#387

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to accept the September 2, 2025, Minutes.

On a motion by Town Councilmember Houle, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello, the minutes were approved.

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember

Richardson
Nays: None
Abstain: None

7.2. Acceptance of September 8, 2025, Minutes

2025-#388

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Accept the September 8, 2025, Minutes.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Bingham, the minutes were approved.

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson
Nays: None
Abstain: None

Audit of Claims

8.1. General Fund Abstract

2025-#389

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe requests approval of Abstract #25-16 General Fund containing Check #37235 - 37337 totaling \$593,758.65.

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

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson
Nays: None
Abstain: None

8.2. Escrow Abstract

2025-#390

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe requests approval of Abstract #25-12 Escrow Fund containing Check #2238 - 2244 totaling \$30,434.09.

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

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember

Richardson
Nays: None
Abstain: None

Budget Transfer

9.1. Budget Transfer Abstract

2025-#391

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe approves Budget Transfer Abstract #2025-08 totaling \$23,500 for 2025 Expenditure Adjustments.

ABSTRACT OF BUDGET TRANSFERS

TOWN OF MONROE

DATE OF AUDIT: September 15, 2025

ABSTRACT 2025-08

2025 EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS

DATE GL NO. DESCRIPTION Account Trans In Trans Out9/15/2025 Highway Garage Water
A000-5132-4240-00 1,000.00

Highway Garage Engineering A000-5132-4020-00 1,000.00

General Repairs Gravel DB00-5110-4358-00 3,500.00

General Repairs Cement DB00-5110-4350-00 3,500.00

General Repairs Contractual DB00-5110-4500-00 13,000.00

General Repairs Road Oil DB00-5110-4354-00 13,000.00

Brush & Weeds Fuel DB00-5140-4304-00 6,000.00

Brush & Weeds Equipment Repairs DB00-5140-4308-00 2,000.00

General Repairs Fuel & Oil DB00-5110-4304-00 4,000.00

23,500.00 23,500.00

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Houle

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

9.2. Budget Transfer Abstract

2025-#392

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe approves Budget Transfer Abstract #2025-09 totaling \$48,000 for 2025 Expenditure Adjustments.

ABSTRACT OF BUDGET TRANSFERS

TOWN OF MONROE

DATE OF AUDIT: September 15, 2025

ABSTRACT 2025-09
2025 EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS

DATE	GL NO.	DESCRIPTION	Account	Trans In	Trans Out	9/15/2025	Engineering	Contractual
			SW00-8310-4020-00	8,500.00				
		Water Admin Meter Installation	SW00-8340-4500-00	3,500.00				
		Water Admin Tools	SW00-8310-4103-00	5,000.00				
		Water Admin IT Support	SW00-8310-4223-00	500.00				
		Water Admin Equipment	SW00-8310-2000-00	500.00				
		Water District #8 Miscellaneous	SW08-8340-4109-00	22,000.00				
		Water District #8 Maintenance	SW08-8340-4504-00	22,000.00				
		Water District #10 Engineering	SW10-8310-4020-00	2,000.00				
		Water District #10 Miscellaneous	SW10-8340-4109-00	2,000.00				
		Water District #14 Miscellaneous	SW14-8340-4109-00	15,000.00				
		Water District #14 Contingency	SW14-1990-0000-00	15,000.00				
				48,000.00	48,000.00			

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson
Nays: None
Abstain: None

Cash Transfers

10.1. Cash Transfer Abstract

2025-#393

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe made a Motion to approve Abstract #2025-07, in the amount of \$598,000 for cash transfers to/from investment funds.
CASH TRANSFERS TO/FROM INVESTMENT FUNDS

TOWN OF MONROE

DATE OF AUDIT: September 15, 2025

ABSTRACT #CASH 2025-07

DATE	GL NO.	DESCRIPTION	Account	Trans To	Trans From	9/15/2025	Consolidated Savings
		A000 Fund	A000-0201	300,000.00			
		NYCLASS Investment	A000 Fund A000-0240	300,000.00			
		Consolidated Savings	H033 Fund H033-0201	30,000.00			
		NYCLASS Investment	H033 Fund H033-0240	30,000.00			
		Consolidated Savings	SL00 Fund SL00-0201	8,000.00			
		NYCLASS Investment	SL00 Fund SL00-0240	8,000.00			
		Consolidated Savings	SR00 Fund SR00-0201	220,000.00			
		NYCLASS Investment	SR00 Fund SR00-0240	220,000.00			

Consolidated Savings SW00 Fund SW00-0201 20,000.00
NYCLASS Investment SW00 Fund SW00-0240 20,000.00
Consolidated Savings SW08 Fund SW08-0201 20,000.00
NYCLASS Investment SW08 Fund SW08-0240 20,000.00
598,000.00 598,000.00

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

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

New Business

11.1. Tom Lawrence, Conservation Commission Appointment

2025-#394

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to appoint Tom Lawrence to the Town of Monroe Conservation Commission Slot #6, term to expire 12-31-2025.

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

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

11.2. Part-time Seasonal Laborer

2025-#395

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Resolution approving Ivan Dam for the position of Part-time Seasonal Laborer at an hourly rate of \$20, pending pre-approval from Orange County Department of Human Resources. Seasonal period not to exceed 9 months from the determined start date. (Start date; as soon as he is approved).

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Houle

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

11.3. Employee Handbook Update

2025-#396

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe approves the Employee Handbook update to Section 601-Attendance regarding Unpaid Absences: Full-time employees eligible for paid time off must first use their earned paid time off days. Should an employee deplete their eligible paid time off days prior to the end of the year, unpaid time off may be approved at the discretion of the employee's Department Head with approval from the Town Supervisor.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle

Nays: Town Councilmember Richardson

Abstain: None

11.4. BSA Troop 440 Request for Use of Berry Road Park

2025-#397

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion approving BSA Troop 440's request for the use of Berry Park Road Park beginning on October 4, 2025, at 9 a.m. and ending on October 5, 2025, at 10 a.m. for Boy Scout activities, sports games and camping. Troop 440 has provided the required Certificate of Insurance. (Fee Waived)

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

11.5. Agreement for Engineering Services, East Mombasha Culvert Replacement, Design, Bidding and Construction Phase Services

2025-#398

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Agreement for Engineering Services, East Mombasha Culvert Replacement, Design, Bidding and Construction Phase Services with MHE Engineering approved in a final form by Town Counsel.

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

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town

Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

11.6. Retainer Agreement for Legal Services, Town of Monroe Planning Board

2025-#399

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Retainer Agreement for Legal Services, from Ashley Torre Law LLC out of Slate Hill, NY, for the Town of Monroe Planning Board.

In consideration of the legal services to be provided, the Town agrees to pay the billing rate of \$250.00 per hour. All hourly time will be billed in 1/10th hour increments. In addition, the Town will be charged for photocopying at \$.25 per page for small copying projects, and at the actual cost for all large copying efforts that require outside copier facilities. All other disbursements (mailing costs, filing fees, etc.), if any, will also be charged to you at the actual cost thereof. No retainer fee will be held by Ashley N. Torre Law, PLLC for this representation. All billing will be submitted on a monthly basis, with payment due upon receipt thereof. In accordance with Court Rules, this engagement letter also advises you that, when applicable, you may have a right to arbitrate any attorney fee dispute in accordance with 22 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 137.

On a motion by Town Councilmember Houle, seconded by Town Councilmember Richardson

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

2025-#399A

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion authorizing the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Ashley Torre PLLC subject to her approval to serve as Conflict Counsel.

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

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

11.7. 2026 JCAP Grant Application

2025-#400

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Town of Monroe authorizes the Monroe Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2025-26 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00.

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

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

11.8. Village of Monroe Tax Exemption Request, Items 3 and 4, Town Highway Budget

2025-#401

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Table the Matter RE the petition submitted by the Village of Monroe Mayor and Board of Trustees on behalf of the property owners of the Village of Monroe requesting the Town Board of the Town of Monroe consider exempting Village residents from taxation related to Items 3 and 4 of the Town Highway Budget.

On a motion by Town Councilmember Houle, seconded by Town Supervisor Cardone

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

11.9. RFP for Septage Cleaning and Hauling Services, Moodna

2025-#402

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Resolution authorizing the Town of Monroe to issue a request for proposals regarding Septage Cleaning and Hauling Services for 2026 for the Moodna Basin Joint Operations Commission.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN OF MONROE TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS REGARDING SEPTAGE CLEANING AND HAULING SERVICES FOR 2026 FOR THE MOODNA BASIN JOINT OPERATIONS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, consistent with the NYS General Municipal Law § 103, the Town of Monroe ("Town") desires to receive proposals for the Moodna Basin Joint Operations Commission for septage cleaning and hauling services for the year 2026; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals ("RFP") has been prepared by the Town's legal counsel for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to advertise and publish the RFP to seek a responsible bidder to perform such work.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. The above “WHEREAS” clauses are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The Town Board hereby authorizes the issuance of the RFP as presented to the Town Board in a final form approved by Town legal counsel.

Section 3. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to facilitate the issuance of the RFP presented to the Town Board and to set appropriate dates for issuance and responses to such RFP.

Section 4. Any Town official, employee or consultant, as directed by the Town Supervisor, is hereby authorized and directed to take any necessary and appropriate actions to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

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

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Anthony Cardone, Supervisor	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Mary Bingham, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Sal Scancarello, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Dorey Houle, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Maureen Richardson, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

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

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

11.10. Return of ZBA Escrow

2025-#403

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to approve the return of Escrow to Kevin Donoghue in the amount of \$896.20. Appeared before the ZBA. (ZO97-2025 Project was approved).

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Old Business

12.1. Amendment to Owner-Engineer Agreement, Monroe Water District #2: Process Piping Replacement

2025-#404

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Amendment to Owner-Engineer Agreement, Monroe WD #2: Process Piping Replacement. Effective Date of August 4, 2025.

Description of Modifications: The Engineer shall provide bid-level plans, specifications and bidding phase services in accordance with Appendix 3 and the Municipal Standard Fee Schedule.

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

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

12.2. Short Term Rental Application, 10 Twin Lakes Rd. (SBL #19-1-1.3)

2025-#405

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made the following Resolution

by Supervisor Cardone and seconded by Councilman Scancarello:

RESOLUTION APPROVING SHORT-TERM RENTAL AT 10 TWIN LAKES ROAD APPLICANT: 10 TWIN LAKES LLC (JACOB ZICHERMAN) WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Monroe, New York ("Town Board") received an application on or about December 8, 2025, from Jacob Zicherman ("Applicant") on behalf of 10 Twin Lakes LLC ("Owner") for approval of a Short-Term Rental at 10 Twin Lakes Road ("Application") in the Town of Monroe ("Town"); and WHEREAS, the Town Building Inspector provided a report dated March 7, 2025, and July 31, 2025, regarding the Application and determined that the property was in substantial compliance with the Residential and Fire Code of New York State based on an inspection of the premises on March 7, 2025, July 16, 2025, and July 30, 2025; and WHEREAS, while the application was pending before the Town Board, certain deficiencies were identified concerning the mailing of notices, information on the owner in the application, and other minor deficiencies; and WHEREAS, the Applicant submitted subsequent documents to address the deficiencies; and WHEREAS, the Applicant sent notices with proof of mailing on August 13, 2025; and WHEREAS, no objections were received regarding the Application; and WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to approve the Application for a Short-Term Rental at 10 Twin Lakes Road. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that: Section 1. The above "WHEREAS" clauses are incorporated herein as if set forth in full. Section 2. Pursuant to Town Code § 40-8(F), the Town Board hereby determines that:

Adequate parking facilities are provided to meet the parking requirement of four off-street parking spaces which are provided in a manner that does not impact the residential character of the neighborhood.

No new construction or expansion is proposed relating to the Short-Term Rental.

The structure and lot are conforming to the requirements of Chapter 40 of the Town Code and that the lot and structure are not considered existing nonconforming uses or buildings. Adjoining residences and their yards are generally afforded a reasonable degree of privacy from view by occupants of the proposed vacation residence or partial vacation residence by the imposition of landscaping and privacy fencing.

The number of permitted short-term rentals surrounding the proposed property are not excessive in number so as to result in adverse character impacts to principal residences in the neighborhood. Section 3. The Town Board hereby approves the Short-Term Rental Application for 10 Twin Lakes Road, subject to the following conditions:

Continued compliance with the provisions of the Town Code, Chapter 40 and NYS Residential and Fire Code with respect to the rental location; and

Continued maintenance of the existing screening of the property and parking area; and

The approval of this Application ("Permit") shall expire three (3) years from the date of this resolution pursuant to Town Code § 40-9; and

That, if the Applicant intends to renew the Permit after the three (3) year period, the Applicant submits a renewal application at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the Permit; and

The Permit may not be transferred, except as indicated in Town Code § 40-16; and

Applicant must report any proposed change in circumstances to the Building Department that would alter the analysis of the factors set forth in Town Code § 40-8(F) relevant to the

approval of the Short-Term Rental Permit, except that the Applicant shall not be required to report any change in the number of short-term rentals surrounding the property (Town Code § 40-8(F)(5)). Section 4. The Town Supervisor, and any other officer or employee as directed by the Town Supervisor, is hereby authorized to take any and all necessary actions to carry out the provisions of this Resolution. Section 5. This Resolution shall be effective immediately. The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Anthony Cardone, Supervisor	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Dorey Houle, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Mary Bingham, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Sal Scancarello, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Maureen Richardson, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

12.3. Resolution Accepting Irrevocable Offer of Dedication

2025-#406

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

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING IRREVOCABLE OFFER OF DEDICATION

WHEREAS, The Orchards, LLC, a New York limited liability company, made and delivered to the Town of Monroe an irrevocable Offer of Dedication dated September 17, 2003, relating to certain roadways, infrastructure improvements, a potential well lot, and a water utility easement within the Orchard Hill Farms Subdivision – Section II, as more particularly described in Schedule “A” attached to said Offer of Dedication; and

WHEREAS, said Offer of Dedication was recorded in the Orange County Clerk's Office on May 23, 2008, in Book 12671 at Page 1523 (File No. 20080053723); and

WHEREAS, the offer of dedication included a parcel currently known as Town tax parcel Section 24, Block 2, Lot 46 to be dedicated to the Town as a future well site; and

WHEREAS, the dedication of the roads identified in such Offer of Dedication referred to as Loop Road "A", Road "B" and Road "C" were previously accepted by the Town as reflected in a deed from Orchard LLC to the Town of Monroe and recorded in the Orange County Clerk's Office on November 20, 2009, at Book 12928, Page 445 (Instrument No. 2009113498); and

WHEREAS, such accepted roads are now known as Talbot Road, Lewis Court and Cluster Court, respectfully; and

WHEREAS, the parcel known as Parcel "A" on the Orchard Hill Farms subdivision map had been irrevocably offered, but had not been previously accepted by the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the Town to accept said irrevocable Offer of Dedication and to authorize all actions necessary to effectuate such acceptance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Monroe, Orange County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The above "WHEREAS" clauses are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The Town Board hereby accepts the irrevocable Offer of Dedication from The Orchards, LLC, as set forth in the instrument dated September 17, 2003, with respect to the Parcel "A" future well site consisting of approximately 5.45 acres within the Orchard Hill Farms Subdivision – Section II, as more fully described in Schedule "A" to said Offer of Dedication and also known as Town tax parcel Section 24, Block 2, Lot 46.

Section 3. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents, accept delivery of the instruments of conveyance, and to take any and all actions necessary or convenient to carry out the intent of this Resolution, including causing the recording of all accepted instruments in the Orange County Clerk's Office.

Section 4. The dedicated property shall be and hereby is accepted for general municipal purposes, subject to any lawful restrictions of record.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

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

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Anthony Cardone, Supervisor	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Dorey Houle, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Mary Bingham, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Sal Scancarello, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Maureen Richardson, Councilperson	[X]	[]	[]	[]

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

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

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

12.4. Approve Payment to Fire District/Commission for Parade

2025-#407

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to give \$1,000 to the Fire District/Commission for their parade. (extra money in Celebrations Line)

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

12.5. Set Public Hearing to Discuss Law Enforcement Services for the Town of Monroe

2025-#408

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to set a Public Hearing to Discuss Law Enforcement Services for the Town of Monroe on October 6, 2025, at 7:00 PM or soon there-after.

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

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Public Comment

13.1. Rules for Public Comment

13.2. Public Comment

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

Adjournment

14.1. Adjournment of Meeting

2025-#409

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe adjourns the meeting of September 15, 2025, at 8:26 PM.

On a motion by Town Supervisor Cardone, seconded by Town Councilmember Scancarello

Ayes: Town Supervisor Cardone, Town Councilmember Bingham, Town Councilmember Scancarello, Town Councilmember Houle, Town Councilmember Richardson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

