

ORDINANCE O:29-2023

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 6001, LOT 19 FROM THE
GLOUCESTER COUNTY 4H ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey (“Township”) previously acquired title to Block 6001, Lot 19 (“Property”) pursuant to a tax sale foreclosure proceeding In Rem by Final Judgment (In Rem) in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, dated January 3, 1996 and recorded May 5, 1997 in Deed Book 2760, Page 77; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2010, a deed was entered conveying the Property from the Township to the Gloucester County 4H Association and/ or under the umbrella organization, Rutgers Cooperative Research & Extension (“Association”) for \$1.00, for the Property to be used for recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Association can no longer maintain the Property and desires to return it to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township and its Council believes it for the best interest of its citizens and residents to purchase the Property back for \$1.00, and has determined it to be in the best interest of the public to acquire the Property for public use; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5 provides authority for municipalities to acquire real property for public use, by purchase or otherwise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that the Code of the Township of Monroe as follows:

SECTION I. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5, the Township is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Gloucester County 4-H Association for the purchase of the Property for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration, if any.

SECTION II. The Mayor, Township Clerk, and other appropriate officials of the Township are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purchase of the Property.

SECTION III. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION IV. All prior Ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

CNCL. PRES., CAROLANN FOX

ATTEST:

**Twp. Clerk, Aileen Chiselko, RMC
or Deputy Clerk, Jennifer Harbison, RMC**

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CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe held on the 24th day of July, 2023, and will be considered for final passage and adoption at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe to be held on 28th day of August, 2023 at the Municipal Building, 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey 08094, at which time any person interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard.

**Twp. Clerk, Aileen Chiselko, RMC
or Deputy Clerk, Jennifer Harbison, RMC**

ROLL CALL VOTE

1st Reading

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Cncl. Adams				
Cncl. Garbowski				
Cncl. Heverly				
Cncl. McKinney				
Cncl. O'Reilly				
Cncl. Valcourt				
Cncl. Pres. Fox				
Tally:				

2nd Reading

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Cncl. Adams				
Cncl. Garbowski				
Cncl. Heverly				
Cncl. McKinney				
Cncl. O'Reilly				
Cncl. Valcourt				
Cncl. Pres. Fox				
Tally:				

The foregoing ordinance was hereby approved by the Mayor of the Township of Monroe on this _____ day of _____, 2023.

MAYOR GREGORY A. WOLFE