A.) **OPENING CEREMONIES**

CALL TO ORDER

The Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at 7 p.m. by Cncl. Pres., Carolann Fox in the Courtroom of the Municipal Complex, located at 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey.

This meeting was advertised pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 thru 10:4-21). Adequate notice was placed in the official publications for the Township of Monroe (i.e.: South Jersey Times, Courier Post and The Sentinel of Gloucester County). A copy of that notice is posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex and on the Monroe Township website.

Cncl. Pres., Carolann Fox stated, the Clerk has placed a sign-in sheet in the rear of the meeting room. If anyone would like to address Council, please sign-in and raise your hand and you will be asked to come forward to the microphone. Kindly state your name and address for the record.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag. Cncl. Heverly offered the Invocation.

At this time, Cncl. Pres., Carolann Fox asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence in honor of former Mayor Richard DiLucia, who had recently passed away.

ROLL CALL

Cncl. Denise Adams	Present	
Cncl. Ronald Garbowski	Present	
Cncl. Donald Heverly	Present	
Cncl. Steven McKinney		Excused
Cncl. Patrick O'Reilly		Excused
Cncl. Vice-Pres. Chelsea Valcourt	Present	
Cncl. Pres. Carolann Fox	Present	
Mayor Gregory A. Wolfe	Present	
Deputy Mayor, Joseph Kurz	Present	
Solicitor, Sandra Graise	Present	
Business Administrator, James V. DeHart, III	Present	
Dir. of Code Enforcement, William Sebastian	Present	
Dir. of Community Affairs, Donna Park		Excused
Dir. of Community Development, Joseph Marino		Excused
Dir. of Parks & Recreation, Brian Cope	Present	
Dir. of Public Safety, Jon Rumpf	Present	
Dir. of Public Works, Marvin Dilks		Excused
Dir. of Real Estate, Jennifer Pesotski		Excused
Chief Financial Officer, Lorraine Boyer	Present	
Police Chief Craig Monahan	Present	
Municipal Clerk, Aileen Chiselko	Present	

B.) PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

• Monroe Township Police Promotions – Swearing-in Ceremony

Chief Craig Monahan opened the swearing-in-ceremony by calling for the presentation of the Colors by the Monroe Township FOP 125 Honor Guard. Chief Monahan thanked the Mayor, Council, Administration and the Director of Public Safety, Mr. Rumpf for their continued support of the amazing Police Department. He expressed his gratitude to Mayor

B.) PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS (cont'd)

Wolfe for allowing this evening's promotion and for the recent new hires due to the retirements. He congratulated Lieutenant Dave Hoffman and Lieutenant Tom Bonsal on their recent retirements after twenty-five (25) years of dedicated service to Monroe Township. Their retirements have made way for upward movement for the next group of outstanding officers to be promoted this evening. He thanked the men and women of the Police Department for their adaptiveness and their continued dedication to their fellow officers and the residents of Monroe Township. He thanked the family and friends of the Officers being promoted this evening, noting they are the reason that the Officers are successful in their mission. Chief Monahan congratulated the Officers and wished them the best of luck in their new leadership roles.

Chief Monahan called forward Sergeant Matthew Buerklin. Sergeant Matthew Buerlkin is being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Mayor Wolfe administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Buerklin, while his wife held the Bible and his family looked on.

Chief Monahan called forward Sergeant Eric Dare. Sergeant Dare is being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Mayor Wolfe administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Dare, while retired Officer Anthony Vezza held the Bible and his friends and co-workers looked on.

Chief Monahan called forward Sergeant William Yorio. Sergeant Yorio is being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Mayor Wolfe administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Yorio, while his wife held the Bible and his family looked on.

Chief Monahan called forward Detective Bruce Maute. Detective Maute is being promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Mayor Wolfe administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Maute, while his girlfriend, Karen Swilley held the Bible and his family looked on.

Chief Monahan called forward Detective Kristyn Morris. Detective Morris is being promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Mayor Wolfe administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Morris, while her husband held the Bible and her family looked on.

Chief Monahan called for the Colors to be retired and a short recess took place to allow time for everyone in attendance to congratulate the newly promoted Officers.

• TRICO Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Membership Renewal – Paul Forlenza

Paul Miola, Southern NJ MEL Marketing Representative, TRICO JIF, provided a presentation of the "TRICO JIF 2024 Renewal". Monroe Township has been a funded member of TRICO JIF for 31 years and its three-year membership with TRICO JIF is up for renewal effective January 1, 2024.

C.) <u>MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION</u>

Cncl. Pres. Fox advised that Resolution R:219-2023 will be removed from this evening's Agenda and it will be revisited at another time.

Cncl. Pres. Fox spoke in reference to Resolutions R:151-2023 and R:215-2023 - Request for Proposals to Provide Professional Legal Services for the Handling of Foreclosures on Behalf of the Township of Monroe for the Year 2023. Solicitor Graise advised that due to the change in law and increased service fees, the Township needs to re-advertise for 2023 Professional Services to provide professional legal fees for the handling of foreclosures, noting that the new advertisement will be presented later this week.

D.) QUESTIONS REGARDING RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED – None

E.) **QUESTIONS REGARDING ORDINANCES SCHEDULED** – None

F.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Council Meeting of June 26, 2023 and the Council Meeting of July 24, 2023. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Heverly and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance, except for Cncl. Garbowski and Cncl. Heverly, who Abstained from voting on the Council Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2023.

G.) CORRESPONDENCE – None

H.) **RESOLUTIONS**

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to open the public portion for Resolutions scheduled. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance. With no one wishing to speak, Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to close the public portion for Resolutions scheduled. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Heverly and unanimously approved by all members in attendance.

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to bracket for approval, by Consent Agenda, Resolutions R:201-2023 through R:218-2023 and Resolutions R:220-2023 through R:223-2023. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS R:201-2023 THROUGH R:218-2023 AND RESOLUTIONS R:220-2023 THROUGH R:223-2023

R:201-2023 Resolution Authorizing Closed Executive Session of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe to Discuss Matters Falling Under Pending/Anticipated Litigation Subject to Attorney-Client Privilege Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(7)

R:202-2023 Resolution Approving the Bill List and Paid List for the Council Meeting of August 28, 2023

R:203-2023 Resolution Adjusting Township of Monroe Tax Records

R:204-2023 Resolution of the Township of Monroe Designating Deputy Clerk Jennifer Harbison as the Deputy Records Custodian within the Township Until November 1, 2023

R:205-2023 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Authorizing a Lien Be Placed on Various Properties for Failure to Comply with Chapter 295 of the Code of the Township of Monroe

R:206-2023 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe in Support of the Location and Operation of a Class 5 Cannabis Retail Facility by The May Queen NJ, LLC

R:207-2023 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Authorizing Participation in the New Jersey Department of Agriculture Survey of LDD (Gypsy Moth) Egg Masses

R:208-2023 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe to Affirm the Township of Monroe's Civil Rights Policy with Respect to All Officials, Appointees, Employees, Prospective Employees, Volunteers, Independent Contractors, and Members of the Public that Come into Contact with Municipal Employees, Officials and Volunteers

R:209-2023 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Amending Resolution R:192-2023 Authorizing the Acceptance of a Performance Guarantee for Malaga Road Tract (a/k/a Malaga Meadows), Section 3, Subdivision #1828 (Block 2702, Lots 11, 15, 17, 40 and 41)

H.) RESOLUTIONS (cont'd)

- **R:210-2023** Resolution of the Township of Monroe Releasing the Landscape Maintenance Guaranty Posted in the Amount of \$1,282.50 for "Autumn Lake Winery", Site Plan #SP-469, Block 9801, Lot 7.07 (Landscape Buffer)
- R:211-2023 Resolution of the Township of Monroe Releasing the Maintenance Guaranty Posted in the Amount of \$196,863.98 for "Monroe Pointe" (f/k/a Spring Ridge), Subdivision #1734-1, Block 3704, Lots 2, 3 & 7
- R:212-2023 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Acceptance of a Performance Guarantee, in the Form of a Cash Bond, in the Amount of \$10,602.00 for Community Health Care, Inc., Site Plan #SP-518 (Block 1701, Lot 14)
- R:213-2023 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Acceptance of a Landscape Buffer Performance Guarantee, in the Form of a Cash Bond, in the Amount of \$1,140.00 for Community Health Care, Inc., Site Plan #SP-518 (Block 1701, Lot 14)
- R:214-2023 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Acceptance of a Safety & Stabilization Bond, in the Form of a Cash Bond, in the Amount of \$5,000.00 for Community Health Care, Inc., Site Plan #SP-518 (Block 1701, Lot 14)
- R:215-2023 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Request for Proposals (RFP) to Seek Professional Legal Services for the Handling of Foreclosures on Behalf of the Township of Monroe for the Year 2023
- **R:216-2023** Resolution of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Termination of the Power Purchase Agreement Between the Township of Monroe and Monroe-Sicklerville Road LF Solar, LLC Relating to the Landfill Solar Redevelopment Project
- R:217-2023 Resolution of the Township of Monroe Authorizing and Approving the Assignment and Transfer of the Redevelopment Agreement to Equals Energy One, LLC and the Consent of the Assignment of the Lease Agreement to NJR Clean Energy Ventures III Corporation Monroe-Sicklerville Road LF Solar, LLC Relating to the Landfill Solar Redevelopment Project
- **R:218-2023** Resolution of the Township of Monroe Authorizing and Approving the Execution of the Termination of Memorandum of Lease, the Revised Memorandum of Lease, the Estoppel Certification and Accepting Additional Reimbursement for the Township Landfill Closure Expenses Relating to the Landfill Solar Redevelopment Project
- R:220-2023 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Execution of a Commodity Resale Agreement with the County of Gloucester
- R:221-2023 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract Renewing Membership in the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
- R:222-2023 Resolution Authorizing the Township of Monroe to Enter into a Contract with the Special Labor Counsel for the Township of Monroe for the Year 2023
- **R:223-2023** Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Proposal from Colliers Engineering & Design to Provide Professional Services for the Preparation of Amendments to the Monroe Township Chapter 175, Land Management Code and Zoning Map
- **Cncl. Heverly** made a motion to approve, by Consent Agenda, Resolutions R:201-2023 through R:218-2023 and Resolutions R:220-2023 through R:223-2023. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

I.) ORDINANCES

Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt made a motion to open the meeting to the public for the Ordinances listed on the agenda for Second Reading. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance. With no one wishing to speak on the Ordinances for Second Reading, Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Adams and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:28-2023 An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Providing for the Implementation of the "Five Year Tax Exemption and Abatement Law" Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 Et Seq. and Approving Property Tax Agreement Between the Township of Monroe and Charles Street Developers, LLC, 2612 Highland Road, Block 9008, Lot 1

Second Reading: The above Ordinance was published in an official publication for the Township of Monroe. This portion was opened to the public.

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Ordinance O:28-2023 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 0:28-2023 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING –

5 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, Heverly, Valcourt), 2 ABSENT (McKinney, O'Reilly)

Tally: 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent. Ordinance O:28-2023 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

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

Second Reading: The above Ordinance was published in an official publication for the Township of Monroe. This portion was opened to the public.

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Ordinance O:29-2023 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Adams** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 0:29-2023 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING –

5 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, Heverly, Valcourt), 2 ABSENT (McKinney, O'Reilly)

Tally: 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent. Ordinance O:29-2023 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:30-2023 An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe to Amend Chapter 74 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, Entitled "Fees"

Second Reading: The above Ordinance was published in an official publication for the Township of Monroe. This portion was opened to the public.

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Ordinance O:30-2023 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 0:30-2023 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING –

5 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, Heverly, Valcourt), 2 ABSENT (McKinney, O'Reilly)

I.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

Tally: 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent. Ordinance O:30-2023 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:31-2023 An Ordinance of the Township Council of Monroe Granting an Access Easement to Kellie A. Ayres and Authorizing Execution of Access Easement Agreement

First Reading: A copy of this Ordinance was posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex. Additional copies were made available to the public.

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Ordinance O:31-2023 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

J.) <u>NEW BUSINESS</u> – None

K.) <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u> – None

L.) <u>REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS</u>

Mayor Wolfe attended the ribbon cutting ceremony on July 31st at Little Lou's Pizzeria. He wished Gary Lincoln and his team very much success. On August 1st, he attended the National Night Out event where law enforcement and our community coae together to make the community a little better than it is the day before. He thanked Police Chief Monahan and his staff, as well as the Municipal Alliance Commission, who schedule the event every year. On August 2nd, he held a Master Plan Meeting and has scheduled a meeting with the Pinelands Commission in hopes to finalize the Master Plan. On August 17th, he had the privilege of reading a story during story time to some of the children at the Monroe Township Public Library. The Mayor noted that the Library is a hidden gem in the Township and encouraged everyone to visit. On August 22nd, he held a meeting regarding the Williamstown Square Development Area, which is located on the Black Horse Pike across from the CVS. He explained, this project has been stagnant for quite a few years, noting it was a very productive meeting, with follow-up meetings scheduled. On August 24th, he along with the Business Administrator, Jim DeHart and the Recycling Coordinator, Deb Bender attended a meeting at OMNI Recycling, where he learned that approximately 38% of the town's recyclables are contaminated, which then get rejected, costing the taxpayers thousands of dollars. He reported that the Township will be moving forward with a new program, which will be placed on the Township's website and social media pages, called "Trash Talk Tuesdays", to attempt to educate the residents about the recycling dos and don'ts in hopes to try and help reduce the recycling costs. On August 25th, he along with Cncl. Pres. Fox and Cncl. Heverly were the honorary captains at the Williamstown High School Braves opening day football game. The Mayor wished the team and their coaching staff much success and as always, "Go Braves". Mayor Wolfe reported that he conducted four (4) weddings during the month of August. He congratulated all of the Police Officers and their families who were promoted earlier this evening. Mayor Wolfe expressed his condolences to the family and friends of former Mayor Richard DiLucia, noting Mayor DiLucia served the Monroe Township community proudly for fourteen (14) years, with ten (10) years on Council and four (4) years serving as Mayor. Mayor Wolfe thanked the Chief of Police and his men and women for their cooperation as they served as escorts from the funeral home to the burial site and escorted the family back to the Township. He also thanked all of the supervisors within the Township, as they were tasked with ensuring that all of the employees were given the time to attend former Mayor DiLucia's funeral services, while also keeping the Township up and running.

Deputy Mayor Kurz attended National Night Out on August 1st. On August 10th, he attended the Planning Board in place of the Mayor, who was unable to attend. Mr. Kurz congratulated the Police Officers who were promoted this evening.

L.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS (cont'd)

Business Administrator, Mr. DeHart reported, the new phone system installation at the municipal building has been completed, noting the new system allows there to be one phone platform across the township, whether someone is at the Cecil Fire Department or the substation, it is all one phone system. He spoke in reference to the JIF Report, noting that he is in the process of scheduling some of the classes that were referenced for the employees. Mr. DeHart thanked the Williamstown Fire Co. and the Cecil Fire Co., as they had applied jointly along with several other Fire Departments in the area for a grant to purchase new air packs, noting they will be receiving approximately \$350,000.00 to purchase the new air packs.

Director of Code Enforcement, Mr. Sebastian reported, for the month of July, the Construction Department has performed 232 building inspections, 47 fire inspections, 163 electrical inspections, 135 plumbing inspections, and 52 mechanical inspections, for a total of 629 inspections. The Housing Department has performed 176 inspections, the yearly apartment complex inspections have been completed, and the Zoning Department had 147 applications reviewed, for a grand total of 952 inspections for the month of July and year to date, through July a grand total of 9,804 inspections.

Director of Parks & Recreation, Mr. Cope advised that Community Affairs will host their Candy Bar Bingo on September 8th beginning at 6:30pm at the Pfeiffer Community Center.

Director of Public Safety, Mr. Rumpf congratulated all of the Police Officers who were promoted earlier this evening. Mr. Rumpf reported that the Police Department handled 4,655 calls for service for the month of July, with a grand total of 35,261 calls year to date, noting that this time last year, there were 20,000 calls for service. Williamstown Fire Department reported 72 calls for service in July along with 4 attended training drills, with a grand total of 413 calls for service year-to-date. He congratulated the two (2) members who recently passed the Firefighter 1 Certification Course.

Cncl. Adams congratulated the Police Officers and their families on their promotions and for their service. She thanked the Police Department and the Municipal Alliance Commission for a successful National Night Out on August 1st. Cncl. Adams invited everyone to attend the annual Craft Fair on September 16th beginning at 11:00am, noting there will also be live music throughout the event.

Cncl. Garbowski expressed his condolences to the family and friends of Former Mayor Richard DiLucia. Former Mayor DiLucia was a friend and mentor and his time as Mayor and on Council was a new beginning for Monroe Township. Former Mayor DiLucia held the line on taxes, opened the town to new businesses and set the standard for the town's future and he will be truly missed. Cncl. Garbowski congratulated all of the Police Officers on their promotions.

Cncl. Heverly congratulated the Police Officers on their promotions. He noted, he received a phone call from Cncl. Frank Rollo in Clayton whose father had passed away and the Monroe Police Department provided an escort from Our Lady of Peace Parish to the Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, noting the officers handled the escort with the utmost dignity and class. He thanked Chief Monahan and the Police Department on behalf of Cncl. Rollo. Cncl. Heverly expressed his condolences for the family of Former Mayor Richard DiLucia.

Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt expressed her condolences to the family of Former Mayor Richard DiLucia. She congratulated the newly promoted officers. Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt wished everyone an enjoyable and safe Labor Day weekend and wished the students a successful, safe and educational new school year.

Cncl. Pres. Fox attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on July 31st at Little Lou's Pizza. She will be attending next week's Senior Commission meeting and will provide any updates at the next scheduled Council Meeting. She attended the Williamstown High School season opening football game on August 25th. She congratulated the Police Officers on their promotions this evening. Cncl. Pres. Fox expressed her condolences to the family of Former Mayor Richard DiLucia. She wished everyone a Happy Labor Day.

M.) **GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt made a motion to open the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance. With no one wishing to speak, Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to close the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Adams and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

At this time, Cncl. Pres. Fox advised that Council will be going into Closed Executive Session to discuss Resolution R:201-2023, relating to pending/anticipated litigation.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Cncl. Heverly made a motion to open the public portion for Resolution R:224-2023. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Adams and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance. With no one wishing to speak, Cncl. Heverly made a motion to close the public portion for Resolution R:224-2023. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt and unanimously approved by all members in attendance.

R:224-2023 Resolution of the Township of Monroe Authorizing Special Consideration with the Monroe Township Police Department and Detective Bruce Maute

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:224-2023. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

N.) **ADJOURNMENT**

Council Meeting of August 28, 2023. The moti unanimously approved by all members of Council i	•
Respectfully submitted, Lilean Christleo Ailcen Chiselko Municipal Clerk	Presiding Officer
These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the notes taken, of the Council Meeting of August 28 proceedings. The official recording may be hear proper notification, pursuant to the Open Public Re	3, 2023, and serve only as a synopsis of the d in the Office of the Township Clerk upon
Approved as submitted	Date