

**RESOLUTION R:184-2024**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
ESTABLISHING A DATE AND TIME FOR A PUBLIC AUCTION FOR THE LEASE  
OF MONROE TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTIES FOR FARMING PURPOSES FOR  
THE YEARS 2025 TO 2027**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe is the current owner of parcels of land identified as Block 12401, Lot 21.01 (Fera property) and Block 9402, Lot 2 (Kiryk property) that were previously utilized as farmland; and

**WHEREAS**, the unused portions of said properties are not needed for public use by the Township of Monroe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe has determined at this point in time that it would be in the best interest of all of the residents to maintain said properties as farmland until they may be utilized for a public purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14*, a municipality is permitted to lease any real property which would not otherwise be used for public purpose to private parties; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that the unused portions of the above said properties may be utilized for farming purposes for the years 2025 to 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, any farmer who leases the land shall, for the period constituting the growing season, cultivate the farm in a timely, thorough and farmer-like manner using modern agricultural methods; and

**WHEREAS**, the farmer will keep the farm neat and in an orderly condition; and

**WHEREAS**, the farmer who accepts the bid shall also carry a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 in general commercial liability insurance which will name the Township of Monroe as an additional insured and will enter into a written farm lease with the Township and will comply with all State and Federal laws and regulations respecting farming operations; and

**WHEREAS**, all agreements will include an option to terminate by Monroe Township upon 6 months' notice for any reason; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that the Township of Monroe will accept public bidding at an auction for the purpose of farming said parcels for the years 2025 to 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of a public auction shall be advertised in the authorized newspapers for the Township of Monroe with said public auction to take place at the Monroe Township Municipal Complex, 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe hereby authorizes the advertising of the auction for the lease of the said parcels for farming purposes for the years 2025 to 2027.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that notice of said auction shall be published in an authorized newspaper at least once a week during two consecutive weeks prior to the auction.

**ADOPTED** at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe on June 26, 2024.

**TOWNSHIP OF MONROE**

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**CNCL. PRES. CHELSEA VALCOURT**

**ATTEST:**

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

**CERTIFICATION OF CLERK**

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024 in the Municipal Complex located at 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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