

RESOLUTION R:229-2024

**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 previously 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 was advertised in the authorized newspapers for the Township of Monroe, with said public auction having taken place at the Monroe Township Municipal Complex, 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey, on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, no bids were received during the public auction held on July 24, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe deems it necessary to hold a new public auction for the lease of said municipal property.

RESOLUTION R:229-2024

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, that a new auction is hereby scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Monroe Township Municipal Complex, 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey, 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.

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 August 28, 2024.

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

CNCL. PRES. CHELSEA VALCOURT

ATTEST:

**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 28th day of August 2024 in the Municipal Complex located at 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

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