

**Present:** Mr. Marino, Mr. Schauer, Mr. Simone, Mr. Neri, Mrs. Mahoney, Mr. Cossabone, Mr. Fiore, Mr. Spratt, Mr. Roorda, Councilman O'Reilly

**Regret:** Mr. Schwaiger

**Absent:** Mr. Ferguson

**Public in Attendance:** Mrs. Denise Nevico, Comptroller, Mrs. Beth DiOrio, QPA

**Salute to the flag**

Mrs. Seeley read the Opening Statement, "Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, I hereby announce that adequate notice of this meeting, as required by said act has been provided by adopting a schedule of regular meetings for the year 2025/2026 which schedule was posted on the Authority Bulletin board and filed with the Township Clerk on February 28, 2025."

**Public Portion**

A motion was made by Mr. Schauer and seconded by Mr. Marino to open the meeting to the public. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Schauer to close the meeting to the public. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Marino and seconded by Mr. Schauer to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 21, 2025. The motion passed on a roll call vote with Mr. Simone abstaining.

**Engineer's Report**

Mr. Schauer moved Resolution No. 87-25 – Resolution of the Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority authorizing a reduction in Performance Guarantees and/or Cash Surety for Water Utilities, Sanitary Sewer and Pump Station/Force Main in the Oak Manor project.

Water Distribution 75%	\$727,836.00 to \$181,959.00
Sanitary Sewer 75%	\$761,592.00 to \$190,398.00
Pump Station 50%	\$787,680.00 to \$393,840.00

Mr. Simone seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Neri asked Mr. Spratt for an update. Mr. Spratt stated the road is paved, all the water connections have been made, the large part of the pump station has been completed and the force main connection has been made. They are starting the foundation on their first model. Mr. Marino questioned if the pump station is going to service the existing neighborhood too? Mr. Spratt stated yes, when this one is operational. Mr. Marino questioned what that looks like as far as delays in service. Mr. Spratt stated it's supposed to be operational at the same time. The force main connection was done by wet tap. If it's going to be down, it will be for a short period of time.

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 88-25 - Resolution for Form C approval for sanitary sewer only in Sections 1 & 2 of the Morgan Landing project. Mr. Schauer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Schauer questioned if they came up with all the necessary plans to look at? Mr. Spratt replied they are dated this month and they are consistent with what the board approved. It will be the same place as it was always going to go.

**NJIB Project Report:**

Mr. Roorda updated the Board on the NJIB Project. We issued a notice to proceed with the Knights of Columbus tank. The start date is September 5<sup>th</sup>, with an end date of 150 days after that day. I have not heard back from the DEP so I presume we are good. Mrs. Mahoney hasn't heard back from them as well.

Mr. Schauer questioned what the logo would be. Mr. Roorda stated, we have not really talked about what the actual logo will be. As far as I know, it will be Monroe MUA on two sides.

**Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 86-25 - Resolution of the Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority authorizing membership in the GOVMVMT-Cooperative Purchasing Organization. Mr. Schauer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mrs. Mahoney stated, last week Mr. Cossabone and I had the pleasure of taking Council President Heverly and Councilman Rossi on a tour of our Plant, and Well #7. It's always a very interesting tour. It was an eye opener for them and I think they really enjoyed it.

Mrs. Mahoney stated I did update the board briefly on our meeting last week with the Board of Education we had at Town Hall. We did leave that meeting with the understanding that I would be back in touch with the Superintendent of schools tomorrow. One thing that we did agree on was how they were going to be calculating their numbers moving forward. I do have some information to submit to the superintendent tomorrow. I am going to give him a timeline for next week to respond. Based on his response, that will determine our path moving forward.

**Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Simone moved Resolution No. 78-25 – Resolution awarding Badger Meter the contract for Water Meters with cellular units for a one-year contract effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Mr. Schauer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Schauer moved Resolution No. 79-25 - Resolution awarding George S. Coyne Chemical the contract for Calcium Hypochlorite (Accu-Tabs) for the period covering July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, at \$363.1333 per pail. Mr. Simone seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Schauer moved Resolution No. 80-25 - Resolution awarding Evoqua Water Technologies the three-year contract for the period covering July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028, for bioxide.

\$3.55 per gallon – 1<sup>st</sup> year

\$3.63 per gallon – 2<sup>nd</sup> year

\$3.74 per gallon – 3<sup>rd</sup> year

Mr. Simone seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Schauer questioned where this is being used. Mr. Cossabone replied, everywhere since the odor complaints.

Mr. Neri questioned if two years from now those numbers drop, will they adjust the price or are we locked in at these prices. Mrs. Diorio stated, if it goes down, we will get the decrease.

Mr. Simone moved Resolution No. 81-25 – Resolution awarding Caterina Supply a two-year contract for fire hydrants in the amount of \$160,000.00 per year for the period covering July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027. Mr. Schauer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Simone questioned if we are replacing a lot of fire hydrants. Mr. Cossabone said we are replacing them as needed and this also includes the new hydrants for the asbestos removal and all the watermain we do install. Mr. Simone questioned if our new spec includes a back flow preventor built into the fire hydrant. Mr. Cossabone replied no our does not.

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 82-25 – Resolution awarding Caterina Supply a two-year contract for delivery of 3' to 12' gate valves in the amount of \$44,000.00 per year for the period covering July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027. Mr. Simone seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 83-25 – Resolution awarding 7Oil Company, Inc. the contract for the supply and delivery of heating oil for the period covering July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, at \$0.40 delivery price and reseller price of \$1.895 per gallon totaling \$2.295. Mr. Schauer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 84-25 – Resolution awarding 7Oil Company, Inc. the contract for the supply and delivery of ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel for the period covering July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, at \$0.40 delivery price, tax per gallon \$0.7681 and reseller rack price of \$2.0139 per gallon totaling \$3.812. Mr. Schauer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 85-25 – Resolution approving Napa Auto Parts as a supplier for Fleet Parts through Sourcewell Contract #100124-GPC for the period covering June 19, 2025, through January 10, 2029, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 per year. Mr. Schauer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

#### Chairman

Mr. Neri asked Councilman O'Reilly with the summer months coming and everyone taking vacations, if he could go back to Council and see if they could have a discussion with our alternate seat being kind of vacant in hopes they can fill it.

#### Old/New Business

Mr. Schauer questioned the meters we are using now; do we still drive around town to get the readings or are these different? Mr. Cossabone replied we still drive around town for about 40 meters that are left on radio read. Mr. Schauer questioned if the old badger meters can be retrofitted or does the whole meter need to be changed out? Mr. Cossabone replied we replace the entire meter. Mr. Schauer stated, so we have changed out just about every meter in the system? Mr. Cossabone replied since 2016 almost 11,000. Mr. Schauer questioned what are we doing with the bodies of the meters after we replace them? Mr. Cossabone stated they are in a massive pile. Mr. Schauer asked if we plan on recycling them anytime soon. Mr. Cossabone said we probably will. We are almost completely done changing out all the meters. We just ordered new meters for all the schools as the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month we have to sign in to each school to get a manual reading. Mr. Schauer questioned what the battery life on the new devices is. Mr. Cossabone replied 20 years.

Mr. Marino stated Mrs. Mahoney touched a little on the Board of Education and maybe we should go into closed session I don't want to say anything here. Mr. Fiore stated, if you are going to discuss the details you should. Mr. Marino stated, it's basically the email that Mrs. Mahoney had sent us on what their position was with some of the balance. I don't know that we should get into it here but if this is the purview of you as the administration to handle this without the board than that's fine but if its going to lead to future litigation based on that decision that we are going to be asked to approve monies overtime with the attorney, than I think its twofold and we are somewhat involved if we have to approve the legal expense if it goes that direction. Mr. Fiore stated with the uncertainty of what you are asking, I think you should go into closed session. Mr. Marino questioned if Mrs. Mahoney is meeting with them tomorrow. Mrs. Mahoney stated I am not meeting with them tomorrow. We can certainly go into closed session or you may want to wait based on my information that I am sending to Superintendent McBride which may change that position, in hopefully a positive way. Mr. Marino stated I don't know what you are going to send him, my only concern is if we are going to be here for many months, years in litigation if that action causes a reaction for us to go into more litigation, that is my concern. Mr. Fiore stated, if it's necessary you could always call a special meeting. Mrs. Mahoney stated my letter to him is not going to cause special action. It will either be they will like what I send him or they will not and I will report to the board. At that point our board and authority will at least know what the path is and make decisions accordingly. Mr. Marino stated, I am willing to wait.

#### Liaison Report

Councilman O'Reilly had nothing to report.

**Solicitor's Report**

Mr. Fiore had nothing to report.

A motion was made by Mr. Schauer and seconded by Mr. Marino to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Schauer for approval of the Bills. The motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Schauer and seconded by Mr. Simone to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Katie Seeley  
Katie Seeley

Approved at the meeting on July 16, 2025

Attest by Merdy Mahony  
Assistant Secretary