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Present: Mr. Marino, Mr. Schauer, Mr. Schwaiger, Mr. Neri, Mrs. Mahoney, Mr. Cossabone, Mr. Fiore,

Mr. Spratt, Councilman O'Reilly

Regret: Mr. Simone

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. Marino 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 June 18, 2025. The motion passed on a roll call vote with Mr. Schwaiger abstaining.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 91-25 – Resolution of the Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority authorizing a reduction in Performance Guarantees and/or Cash Surety for Water Utilities, Sanitary Sewer in the Mews at St. Mary's Senior Housing project.

Water Distribution 75%

\$23,280.00 to \$5,820.00

Sanitary Sewer 75%

\$20,340.00 to \$5,085.00

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

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Schauer moved Resolution No. 89-25 - Resolution increasing the bid and quote threshold for contracts subject to public bidding under the Local Public Contracts law to \$53,000.00 and \$7,950.00. Mr. Marino seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 90-25 – Resolution approving a change in the certification of funds for construction materials in the amount of \$25,000.00. Mr. Schauer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Chairman

Mr. Neri stated it was quite a traumatic thing that happened last week with Nik Simone. I know you had someone come in and speak to the employees. Mrs. Mahoney stated I had Chaplain's from the Gloucester County Prosecutors office come in and they were wonderful. I found out yesterday that Mr. Fiore started that program. I do really appreciate the township personnel that got me in touch with them, which were Christine Scola and Michael Gabbianelli. Mr. Neri stated to keep an eye because this kind of stuff affects people at a later date.

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Liaison Report

Councilman O'Reilly stated I know the county sewer line on the bike trail is not the MMUA's responsibility but it's breaking every week now and I know it's been mentioned that the county is planning on doing an emergency section run. Do they communicate that to you so we can let the residents know? Mr. Cossabone responded, I do believe we put something up the last time they worked there.

Councilman O'Reilly questioned are they planning on teeing off, going down and reconnecting or are they going to go right down the bike path as the current line is right under the asphalt. Mr. Cossabone stated they were going to get two bids, one for lining it and one for installing a new one. Right now, on the emergency repair, it is going to be to install a new one next to it. They will be tying in and they might have to have one run up and above ground to kind of bypass the 1,500 feet of pipe they are going to replace.

Councilman O'Reilly stated I want to coordinate shutting down the trail entirely at Hunter Woods until the job is done.

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

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

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Fiore stated that Mr. Schatz sent a letter and agreed to take over the pump station. Mr. Spratt stated Mr. Schatz letter also stated they wanted to change the wording in the developer's agreement to refer to the homeowner's association. As far as I know that doesn't presently exist, so how do we work that? Mr. Fiore stated when it's created, it will be transferred to the association and hopefully the homeowner's association will notice when they do that because they don't want people to wake up one day and find out they're responsible for a pump station. It will probably be in some sort of notice when they sell the property.

Councilman O'Reilly questioned what happens if the homeowner's association crashes? Does that mean the MUA has no choice but to take ownership of that pump station? Mr. Fiore stated, perhaps but then the MUA can put a lien on those properties.

Mr. Schauer moved Resolution No. 76-25 - Resolution authorizing Closed Executive Session of the Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority to discuss matters falling under attorney-client privilege pursuant to N.J.S.A 10:4-12b(7). Mr. Marino seconded the motion which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mrs. Seeley read the Closed Session Opening Statement "The Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority shall hold a closed meeting from which the public shall be excluded on May 21, 2025, during the Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority meeting. The general nature of the subject to be discussed at said closed meeting shall be related to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(7), Attorney-Client Privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his/her ethical duties as a lawyer. The minutes of said closed meeting shall be made available for disclosure to the public consistent with N.J.S.A. 10:4-13, when the items which are subject of the closed session discussion are resolved and a reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

A motion was made by Mr. Marino and seconded by Mr. Schauer to come out of Closed Session.

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

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Respectfully submitted by:	- namboli
	Katie Seeley
Approved at the meeting on	August 20, 2025
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(Assistant Secretary