Present: Mr. Bender, Mr. Schauer, Mr. Marino, Mr. Fratterelli, Mr. Rossi, Mr. Fiore, Mr. Spratt, Mrs. DiOrio, Mr. Keubler

Regret: Mr. Penna, Mr. Schwaiger, Councilman O'Reilly

Public Attendance: Mr. Ben Garback, Comptroller, Mr. Wayne Roorda, Ms. Calvello, Mr. Gene Thurston, Mr. William Dennys, Mr. Eric Fooder

Salute to the flag

Mrs. Rutter 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 2026/2027 which schedule was posted on the Authority Bulletin board and filed with the Township Clerk on February 20, 2026."

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Marino and seconded by Mr. Fratterelli to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 19, 2026. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote with Mr. Bender abstaining.

A motion was made by Mr. Marino and seconded by Mr. Fratterelli to adopt the minutes of the Closed Meeting of August 19, 2026. The motion passed on a roll call vote with Mr. Bender abstaining.

Public Portion

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

Mr. Gene Thurston from Maida Way addressed the board on the same problem about the smell. Mr. Thurston stated that he addressed this same issue last year and it was to be rectified. He was told that the MUA was going to investigate some new things that could be done to fix the smell. Nothing has been done and sometimes it's even worse. Mr. Thurston is concerned with the new homes going up, that the smell will become worse. Mr. Thurston asked how many pump stations Monroe Township has? Mr. Spratt replied 29. Mr. Thurston wanted to know if the one behind his house was open. Mr. Spratt said that was an equalization tank. Mr. Thurston said that first off, it should be closed because it is a health hazard and secondly, it's an open pit, anyone can go in there a fall in and thirdly it stinks. Mr. Thurston continued that he could not even open his windows. Mr. Schauer introduced Mr. Rossi as the new Executive Director. Mr. Rossi said Ive only been here for a little while, Ive picked up on some of the background but do not know all of it. Mr. Rossi wanted Mr. Thurston to understand that it was a wastewater treatment beforehand, and it was converted to an open top equalization basin. Mr. Rossi continued that he understands the idea of covering it but there's a lot of changes that happen in a collection system that can generate these odors. It is very biologically active, and things change, and as time changes the makeup of the wastewater also changes. The MUA has tried several things over the course of previous years. Mr. Rossi will not disagree with Mr. Thurston that it obviously still smells, and something needs to change. Mr. Thurston stated that it would only smell two days a week, now it's five days in a row and there is no reason for that. Mr. Thurston wants something done with the equalization tank. Mr. Rossi wants Mr. Thurston to know that right now the MUA is working with two separate contractors, coming from two separate angles, as a solution to fix this problem. One of the contactors just started testing on Monday and hope to have some results next week. Mr. Rossi has another contractor looking into a feasibility study for cover. Mr. Rossi wanted to be honest that the way it is designed might not be able to be covered properly and does not know how long it will take to get decisions. Mr. Rossi is hoping to get some good answers and options. Mr. Thurston stated he does not want to come back here next year with the same situation. Mr. Rossi would appreciate it if Mr. Thurston reached out if the odor is worse than normal or even if you don't notice anything. Mr. Thurston said the thing is, normally it's at night when everything is closed or on the weekend when no one is around. Mr. Schauer let him know that we have someone on call 24/7. Mr. Keubler said to Mr. Thurston that he has his number; you can call him directly. Mr. Schauer said yes, call anytime. This way everything is documented. Mr. Schauer also stated that it has been a problem for years and it was addressed

with bioxide. Mr. Thurston said that did work but it was temporary and the smell was back in a week. Mr. Marino asked if this had anything to do with Violet packing? Mr. Schauer stated that they do discharge into the equalization station. Mr. Marino asked if there was any way to increase the bioxide level? Mr. Keubler said that it was increased in the last couple of weeks. Mr. Keubler agrees that when Violet packing is cooking in the tanks, the smell is 10 times worse. Mr. Rossi said that we can tell when Violet Packing is discharging to the sewer, it changes the consistency. To correlate specifically to the odor problem is a little more difficult because there's other things that are going on. Mr. Rossi has seen more issues happen after rain events. The odor could be coming from different sources; it's just a little challenging to pin it down to just the tomato factory. Mr. Thurston wanted to address the additional 500 homes going up. Mr. Spratt answered that there will be only 104 houses. He continued that the larger contributing area is not off Winslow Road, even Holiday City goes there, Timber Lakes that goes there. Theres a 21-inch gravity sewer main going down the Pike. The more remote the system is, the longer it's in the system and more septic it becomes. It is not just the ones that are close by. Mr. Spratt let Mr. Thurston know it's not a simple solution and to know we are working on it. Nobody wants this, including everyone here. Mr. Spratt does not know if a roof would solve the problem, he thinks there's other means that are more likely to be successful. Mr. Spratt wanted to expand the purpose of the equalization tank is not just to take wastewater and pump it out. It is to do a steady rate so that the downstream system is not overtaxed. The purpose is to basically keep things happening at a steady rate rather than all a sudden having problems. Mr. Thurston thanked everyone for their time. Mr. Schauer thanked Mr. Thurston for coming out.

Mr. Fooder wanted to address the board on two things, He wanted to start by listening to prior testimony that there seems to be an increase in flow during a rain event. Mr. Fooder asked the board, when was the last INI study? Mr. Rossi answered that he does not know that either and is looking into finding some records. Mr. Rossi continued that from what he has seen the system has a very low INI issue. They've had issues in areas that they seem to have picked up on quickly and addressed. Usually, it's a manhole that's too low. That is why it is a surprise that after a rain event there is an increase going on. Mr. Fooder said that the first thing that comes to his mind is sub pumps in houses that are going right into the collection system. He suggested that they can find that out by a smoke test or isolate an increase to a certain segment of the collection system. There are methods to use. Mr. Fooder second question is from the last meeting, he brought up the fact that he proposed to city council that for every development over 200,000 square feet commercial use, that the town is require the owner of the facility to drill into the PRM to get their processed water, Mr. Fooder is following up with the board to see if it was considered. Mr. Fiore stated that he was not given a report on that yet and is still reviewing that matter. Mr. Fooder would like to refresh everyone's memory, large commercial structures tend to use a lot of water. What he proposed to council and would like the MUA's buy in on is whoever has these facilities still is going to get potable water from the MUA. The only water that we would like them to drill for is processed control water. Cooling towers, that kind of thing. Mr. Fooder would like an ordinance saying that the first choice is to go to the DEP and tell them they want to drill into the PRM. DEP has the right to first refusal. If the DEP agrees then they must go. Mr. Fiore asked if there was any feedback from the town and what is their position? Mr. Fooder replied that basically the question to the MUA is, you are the water provider. If the town suddenly started telling people you must drill your own well, even though there's a municipal system, they wouldn't do that without the input of the MUA, that would not be proper. Mr. Fooder is seeking an opinion from the MUA and conceptually we won't object if you do this. Mr. Fratterelli says I do not think the MUA can supply that amount of water. So, if someone comes and wants to process so many gallons of water a day and can we supply it? Mr. Fooder said there's nothing to stop them from drilling into the Kirkwood and that's what got everyone up in arms. Even if the MUA says we have no objections, then we can move the ordinance forward. If the DEP refuses you've satisfied with the intent to work. But If the DEP says go ahead, we want to ensure that's what they do. We do not want anyone to take a shortcut. Mr. Fiore asked why we wouldn't get the DEP to sign off on it first? Mr. Fooder answered that it depends on what's the demand and where are you. There is a whole calculation involved with the DEP. Mr. Fiore asked Mr. Spratt if this would be something the DEP would consider permissible? Mr. Spratt replied that it doesn't sound like something they would consider at this point. Mr. Fiore says to Mr. Fooder he understands it's a very good purpose. He would not want Mr. Fooder to spend a lot of time on something the DEP is not going to envision to happen. Mr. Fiore understands from a public standpoint, from a health standpoint, it's a very good thing. But if the DEP is not going to sign off on it, then why would we go through the process? Mr. Spratt says there are multiple aquifers and the DEP decides whether you can draw from one or the other or anything. Mr. Spratt continued that this

entire community is within the two greatest water suppliers in New Jersey. Mr. Marino asked what is the problem of creating a policy? Mr. Roorda answered it would be a suggestion for applicants, where it will get dicey is when we get to the Form A review. We either have allocation or we don't. If they get to drill into the PRM and get processed water, that is a bonus. DEP makes that call. When we do a Form A we assume that we are going to supply it all. Mr. Spratt said Form A is a feasibility site. It's conceptual to approve something. They must have detailed plans that need to be reviewed by engineers and operations personnel of the authority. Mr. Marino agrees with the concept Mr. Fooder is talking about to limit by having them go down into the PRM. However, he does not believe that is our call at the end of the day. Mr. Spratt suggested it's more of a legal question. Mr. Fooder said the next step is to have a conversation with the DEP. Thank you very much. That is all I have.

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

Engineer's Report

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 127-26 Resolution approving Form B application for Best Auto Deals. Mr. Bender seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 129-26 – Resolution approving Form C application for Best Auto Sales. Mr. Bender seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Projects Report

The Sicklerville Road water main, the contractors essentially completed. All the work is done, and everything is tied in. It is just a matter of dressing up on the pavement on Radix. Gemini is doing the patchwork, and the county is coming in to do the paving of Sicklerville Rd. Mr. Fratterlli asked if there was anything temporary that could be done on that rut on Sicklerville and Radix. Mr. Roorda said that is what they are trying to get addressed and are working on it.

Mr.Roorda continued regarding Corkery, we have at least seven or eight bidders who picked up the specs. He had received some questions. He had done some clarification on affirmative action requirements, as opposed to project specifics and technical. The bid opening is scheduled for next Wednesday. Mr. Roorda is requesting a special meeting to award a contract, this way we don't have to wait till October meeting. Mr. Schaurer responded he does not see a problem with that. And questioned a start date for the tank painting. Mr. Roorda answered if they get good bids and we get an award, then I can get the contracts out to the contractors. That will get the process started. Mr. Roorda will schedule a pre-con as soon as possible. He will also have to get the DEP involved because it is I Bank funded. The DEP also must concur with the award. Mr. Roorda does not think there will be a problem with that. Mr. Roorda explained that when he writes up the recommendation letter, he will state that based upon a positive review from the solicitors and as well as I Bank for concurrence of award. The board agreed that Thursday, September 24th worked for a special meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 120-26 – Resolution of the Monroe Municipal Authority requesting board approval to go out for bid for Well #5 and Well #8 (2) Vessel Carbon Media Replacement. Mr. Fratterelli seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 121-26 – Resolution of the Monroe Municipal Utilities Authorities amending section 15.6(h) of the Rates, Rules, Regulations applicable to technical standards-water to permit the exclusive use of Meuller Fire Hydrants. Mr. Bender seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Schauer asked if that was legal. Mr. Fiore was curious about that as well, is it because it's proprietary, like a type of hydrant? Mr. Rossi answered it's the manufacturer and we would like to standardize it. Mr. Fiore asked if we are standardizing the whole system? As you replace them? Mr. Spratt answered a couple of years ago when we updated the rules and regs we specified. Mr.

Schauer asked if the MUA still requires developers to use American Made products? Mr. Sprat replied Yes.

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 122-26 –Resolution of the Monroe Utilities Authority to award a Non-Fair and Open contract to Joseph Fazio, Inc. for the purchase of operational supplies in the amount not to exceed $50,000.00. Mr. Bender seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Bender moved Resolution No. 123-26 – Resolution approving the purchase of water testing materials and equipment from Hach using New Jersey State Contract #T0983 in the amount of $25,000.00 through August 31,2027. Mr. Marino seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Bender moved Resolution No. 124-26 – Resolution approving the purchase of rock salt from Morton Salt Inc. using New Jersey State Contract #20-FLEET-01519 for the period covering September 16,2026, to June 30,2027, in the amount of $5,000.00. Mr. Marino seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 125-26 – Resolution awarding Caterina Supply Inc. the contract for construction materials for the period covering September 16,2026 to September 16,2027, in the amount of $375,000.00. Mr. Bender seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Marino asked if this was part of our budget or is this in addition to? Mr. Garback answered it was part of our budget.

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 126-26 – Tax Sale- October 14,2026. Mr. Bender seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Superintendent's Report

Chairman

Mr. Schauer has a couple of things; I would like to remind the board members that anytime you're unable to attend a meeting please reach out to Mr. Rossi. Mr. Schauer would like to create a new committee. He has spoken to Mr. Fiore about this already. It will be a vehicle equipment committee. This will be to review the specs. There will be two board members on this committee. Mr. Fiore said the committee would act like an advisor. Mr. Schauer said that he will appoint himself and Mr. Fratterelli. This will be to review specs. Mr. Fiore said that it will need the creation of committee first. Mr. Marino says you can't create it without a vote. Mr. Schauer asked for a motion to create a committee for vehicles. Mr. Bender said yes and Mr. Marino said second. Mr. Marino questions the need for it; is there another committee this could fall into? Mr. Schauer said not really. We have construction, personnel and finance. Mr. Schauer asks if there are any reports on the personal committee? Mr. Marino replied that they had not met yet. We were letting everything get settled here. Mr. Fratterelli had a question about the construction meeting they had the other day with Smithfield. Mr. Spratt answered that there is another option that they are investigating with the work on the Glassboro side. As far as the water goes down Glassboro-Cross Keys Rd, we did receive an updated engineer's report. Mr. Spratt is confident that we can accomplish what we need with a 12-inch main along that road rather than a 16. I haven't spoken to the developer yet but that should alleviate their concern about the increase in price.

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

Solicitor Report

A motion was made by Mr. Marino to go into 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. Bender seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

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

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

Respectfully submitted by: Jennifer Rutter
Jennifer Rutter

Approved at the meeting on October 21, 2026

Attest by Amy Cossi