



TOWN OF MONROE

TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Session # 2022-11

Regular Meeting - Monday, April 25, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairperson Jonathan Formichella
Councilmember Jessica Katuska
Councilmember Dee Dee Martin
Councilmember Jason Maur (**remotely**)
Councilmember Sean O'Rourke
Councilmember Kevin Reid (**remotely**)
Councilmember Terry Rooney
Councilmember Dona-Lyn Wales

ABSENT: Vice-Chairperson Enid Lipeles

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Kenneth M. Kellogg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jonathan Formichella led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jonathan Formichella stated that this meeting will be conducted in part via electronic equipment pursuant to Connecticut Law, Public Act 21-2.

All participants may attend in-person or remotely as follows:

Via computer, tablet or smartphone at this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87901807253?pwd=bEpmRGcrODI5RGxBN3AyUEFBUXRtQT09>

Via phone at: 1-929-205-6099, Meeting ID: 879 0180 7253, Passcode: 679118

This meeting will be recorded and made available on the Town's website pursuant to state law.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A.** Approval of the minutes and voting record of the Town Council Regular Meeting held on April 11, 2022 (Session 2022-10).
- B.** Acceptance of donations received for the following programs:
 - **EMS:** \$355.00
 - **EWML:** \$1,100.36, In-Kind donation of 24 books, 14 puzzles, café supplies

- **Parks & Recreation:** \$850.00
- **Police Department:** \$15.00

COMMUNICATIONS

- A.** Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated April 21, 2022 regarding donations for various departments and programs.
- B.** Letter of Opinion from the Town Attorney to the First Selectman dated April 21, 2022 regarding Motorola Solutions, Inc. Services Agreement.
- C.** Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated April 21, 2022 regarding Motorola Solutions, Inc. Services Agreement.
- D.** Memo from EMS Building Committee Member, John Ostaszewski to the First Selectman, Board of Finance and Town Council dated April 20, 2022 regarding the EMS Building Committee March 2022 Report.

ACTION ITEMS

Town Council Committee on Finance, Education, Health & Public Safety Matters

No update.

Town Council Committee on Planning & Zoning, Public Works and Park & Recreation Matters

Arbor Day- 4/29/22- planting tree at Wolfe Park at 9:30am

Town Council Committee on Legislative & Administrative Matters

The one resolution discussed was forwarded to Town Council.

Strategic Planning Committee

No update.

EMS Building Committee

Currently blasting. Overall, project is going well.

Open Space

No update.

First Selectman's Update

FY23 FINAL PROPOSED BUDGET SUBMITTED TO ANNUAL BUDGET REFERENDUM

- The final proposed Annual Town Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 has been submitted to the Annual Budget Referendum on May 3, 2023.
- In making their final adjustments to the budget, the Board of Finance allocated additional funding, through appropriation of unassigned fund balance, to allow for contingency due to the uncertainty of costs of fuel and healthcare insurance. The Board of Finance made additional adjustments at my request, pursuant to recent resolutions adopted by Town Council (e.g., new vendor contract with Cintas, changes to certain job descriptions.)

- Since the Board of Finance vote, we have been given final healthcare premium rates for FY23, which are 101/2% higher than FY22.

- The proposed FY23 budget's impact to property taxes is a projected mill rate increase of 1.38%.

STATE DOT TO UPGRADE SIGNAGE AT MONROE INTERSECTIONS

- The Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) is working on developing plans to add additional signage and enhanced

road markings on over 280 state intersections throughout the state. In Monroe, there are five intersections that will be eligible

for the improvements, which include installation of larger stop signs, additional signage on the opposite side of the intersection,

advance warning signs, and higher visibility road markings.

- The project is currently at the very initial stages; the DOT anticipates construction in 2023.

- The intersections in Monroe that will be considered are:

- o Route 25 (Main St) at Hillcrest Ave

- o Route 34 (Roosevelt Drive) at Route 111 (Monroe Turnpike)

- o Route 110 (Shelton Rd) at Moose Hill Rd

- o Route 110 (Shelton Rd) at Wheeler Rd

- o Route 111 (Monroe Turnpike) at Wheeler Rd

LIBRARY RECEIVES GRANT FOR STUDY POD

- The Town applied for, and was awarded, a grant through the American Rescue Plan Act to Connecticut Public Libraries Program,

funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The \$17,342 grant was utilized to purchase seven laptops, two water

bottle filling stations, and a Nook Study Pod. The study pod is a partially-enclosed and mobile two-person booth with outlets that

can be used for quiet study.

- A Grand Opening for the study pod will held at the library on Friday, April 29, 2022 at 11:00 am.

ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING

- As you know, Monroe is proud to be recognized as a "Tree City USA Community" by the Arbor Day Foundation. The Town will

celebrate with the planting of a tree at Wolfe Park on Friday, April 29, 2022 at 9:30 am near the Pond View picnic area.

NATIONAL DRUG "TAKE BACK" DAY

- Once again, the Monroe Police Department will be participating in our annual event to safely dispose of expired and/or unwanted

medications. Officers will be staffing a drive-through drop off at the Town Hall / Police Department parking lot on Saturday, April

30th, from 10 am – 2 pm. Both prescription and over-the-counter medications, vitamins, and nutritional supplements may be

disposed at no charge. The service is anonymous and no questions will be asked. Please note that NO sharps such as needles,

lancets (finger stick devices), autoinjectors, etc.) Any liquid medications must be securely sealed.

APPOINTMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution #22-52: To consider and act upon a resolution regarding Motorola Solutions, Inc. Services Agreement.

Motion by J. Maur to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Kenneth M. Kellogg, First Selectman of the Town of Monroe, is authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Town of Monroe, the Services Agreement, Maintenance Support and SUA II Purchase Agreement, and Exhibits, as well as any associated documents by and between Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the maintenance and support of the Town’s public safety communications system.

Second: D. L. Wales

Discussion: The warranty/service agreements cost approximately \$32,000 annually. Motorola advised that it was making significant changes to its servicing agreements and bundling certain upgrades into the annual fee. The five-year proposal carries an annual cost of \$124,236 in year 1, rising to \$135,886 by year 5. However, this plan incorporates certain discounts and also removes the need for bonding. Councilmember Jason Maur stated that this agreement was discussed in L&A and that going with Motorola will save the Town about \$1 million.

Motion passed 8-0

Voting Yes: Formichella, Katuska, Martin, Maur, O’Rourke, Reid, Rooney, Wales

Voting No: None

Absent: Lipeles

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Formichella adjourned the meeting at 7:21p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cat Senenko
Recording Secretary