

Village of Monroe Board of Trustees Meeting Tuesday, June 16, 2026

**VILLAGE OF MONROE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026
(www.villageofmonroe.org)**

The second of the bi-monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the Boardroom of the Village Hall, 7 Stage Road, Monroe, New York. Mayor Alex Melchiorre called the meeting to order and led in the pledge to the flag. Emergency exits were announced.

**Present: Mayor Melchiorre, Trustees Behringer, Karl, Mancuso and Peifer
Also present: Attorney Conway and Clerk Zahra**

WORKSHOP – HISTORIAN PAUL ELLIS GRAHAM REGARDING HISTORICAL PROGRAMMING AND AMERICA’S 250TH ANNIVERSARY:

Paul Ellis-Graham spoke to the Board- Congratulations to the new village mayor and trustees as a result of their recent election and hello again to those who were already on the board at that time.

Having served as both a U.S. History teacher at MWHS for 28 years and as a member and Past President of the Monroe Historical Society, I was asked by former village Mayor Neil Dwyer to become the new village historian in 2024-2025. At that time, the feeling was that Monroe's history needed to be both celebrated and enhanced with a focus on historic preservation and public programming in cooperation with the Monroe Historical Society. It was for that reason that I agreed to take the position.

As a teacher in the high school, I always took the time to include Monroe's history in my lesson plans whenever there was a connection to be made between national, state, and local events or trends so that local students understood the reasons for Monroe's settlement and growth.

As village historian, I see myself pursuing similar goals as those just stated. As village officials, how do you see my role? What expectations do you have for me and how do you envision the importance of Monroe's history for the future?

Given that this year is the 250th anniversary of American Independence, what displays, events, or talks would you like to see? (NOTE: I have or am in the process of preparing five talks on topics related to America's founding and early history. The first one featuring reflections on the Declaration of Independence is scheduled for July 11th).

On another note, the Monroe Historical Society is about to release its history of the Town of Monroe in book form. What should be the village's role be in light of this long-awaited publication?

Regarding material resources and physical space, what is your position on the use of the 1820's Mapes House (150 Franklin Ave.) currently owned by the village? At the time of my appointment, I was involved, along with the Monroe Historical Society, in the process of upgrading the interior and exterior area of this property for the storage of historical artifacts, creating public programming space, and office space for both myself and the President of the Monroe Historical Society. Is that "still on the plans" or are you considering other options? And if so, what might they be?

Finally, what is the budget available for resources used by the village historian for such things as supplies, storage boxes, an office computer and printer?

As your village historian, I remain ready and willing to keep the Village of Monroe's alive, especially during this time of exploding residential growth and expansion.

Trustee Mancuso would like to place greater emphasis on the little yellow historic house located at the corner of Stage Road and Route 17M. Mayor Melchiorre noted that the wall near the house had recently been repaired by the DPW.

Trustee Mancuso also offered the use of Village Hall for history presentations. Recording these presentations would allow them to be shared on the Village website and preserved for future viewing.

Trustee Behringer expressed interest in developing walking tours highlighting the history of the Village of Monroe. Mr. Graham noted that a self-guided tour pamphlet already exists and indicated he would be open to hosting guided tours as well.

Trustee Karl voiced his support for the historic home located at 150 Franklin Avenue. He has attended events there and reminded the Board that Well #4 is situated behind the house. He noted that the house serves as a protective buffer for the well site.

Paul Ellis-Graham stated that he would explore potential grant opportunities with Senator James Skoufis, who was formerly one of his students.

MINUTE APPROVAL: JUNE 2, 2026 BOARD MEETING:

On a motion by Trustee Mancuso, seconded by Trustee Karl the Minutes of the June 2, 2026 Board Meeting were approved.

Ayes: Trustees Behringer, Karl, Mancuso and Peifer
Nays: None

BID AWARD – 2025 CDBG ADA SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS:
(06-02-2026 Minutes)

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on May 28, 2026, for the 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) ADA Sidewalk Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the project consists of the installation of thirty-three (33) ADA-compliant curb ramps at various locations throughout the Village, including the removal of existing non-compliant curb ramps, pavement restoration, and crosswalk striping; and

WHEREAS, the Village has been awarded \$175,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding through the Orange County Office of Community Development for this project, with any costs exceeding the grant award to be the responsibility of the Village; and

WHEREAS, three (3) bids were received and opened as follows:

- A-Tech Concrete Co. – \$339,620.00
- Consorti Bros. – \$504,110.27
- Zaman Construction Co. – \$801,200.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby awards the contract for the 2025 CDBG ADA Sidewalk Improvements Project to A-Tech Concrete Co., as the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of Three Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$339,620.00); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all necessary contract documents and take such actions as may be necessary to effectuate this award.

On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Karl

Ayes: Trustees Behringer, Karl, Mancuso, and Peifer
Nays: None

BUDGET TRANSFERS / MODIFICATIONS:

Detailed documentation of the approved transfers and modifications is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Discussion: Mayor Melchiorre stated that he still has questions regarding the source of the funds and how they are being used. Trustee Mancuso confirmed with Treasurer Doherty that the transfers are year-end adjustments and will not impact the budget.

On a motion by Trustee Peifer, seconded by Trustee Mancuso

Ayes: Trustees Behringer, Mancuso, and Peifer

Nays: Mayor Melchiorre and Trustee Karl

From :	Description	To:	Description	Amount
A0.1210-1100	Mayor Personal Services	A0.1010-4310	Trustees Telephone	\$ 421.45
A0.1210-1100	Trustees Personal Services	A0.1210-4100	Mayor General Expense	\$ 2,150.41
A0.1110-1040	Court Clerk PS PT	A0.1110-4100	Court General Expense	\$ 807.74
A0.1110-1040	Court Clerk PS PT	A0.1110-4110	Court Office Supplies	\$ 533.48
A0.1110-1040	Court Clerk PS PT	A0.1110-1110	Court Clerk PS FT	\$ 1,425.43
A0.1110-1040	Court Clerk PS PT	A0.1110-4710	Court Postage	\$ 538.87
A0.1325-1050	Treasurer Sick	A0.1320-4500	Auditor Contractual	\$ 918.69
A0.1325-2200	Treasurer Office Equipment	A0.1320-4500	Auditor Contractual	\$ 460.07
A0.1325-4100	Treasurer General Exp	A0.1320-4500	Auditor Contractual	\$ 510.15
A0.1325-4500	Treasurer Cont	A0.1320-4500	Auditor Contractual	\$ 9,690.33
A0.1325-4530	Treas Equip Maint	A0.1320-4500	Auditor Contractual	\$ 5,782.00
A0.1325-4720	Treasurer Education	A0.1320-4500	Auditor Contractual	\$ 124.02
A0.1990-4900	Contingency	A0.1320-4500	Auditor Contractual	\$ 3,997.98
A0.1990-4900	Contingency	A0.1325-1005	Treasurer PS	\$ 13,572.08
A0.1990-4900	Contingency	A0.1325-1010	Treasurer Dep PS	\$ 9,433.97
A0.1990-4900	Contingency	A0.1325-4310	Treas Telephone	\$ 227.95
A0.1410-1010	Clerk Deputy PS	A0.1410-1005	Clerk Pers Services	\$ 1,652.57
A0.1410-1020	Clerk Longevity	A0.1410-1005	Clerk Pers Services	\$ 250.00
A0.1410-4060	Clerk Tax Bills	A0.1410-1005	Clerk Pers Services	\$ 241.75
A0.1410-4100	Clerk General Expense	A0.1410-1005	Clerk Pers Services	\$ 36.23
A0.1410-4120	Clerk Historian	A0.1410-1005	Clerk Pers Services	\$ 1,781.20
A0.1990-4900	Contingency	A0.1410-1040	Clerk Pers Services	\$ 10,081.56
A0.1990-4900	Contingency	A0.1410-1050	Clerk Sick	\$ 133.92
A0.1990-4900	Contingency	A0.1410-2200	Clerk Office Equip	\$ 780.25
A0.1990-4900	Contingency	A0.1410-4510	Clerk Advertising	\$ 737.74
A0.1420-4080	Publications	A0.1420-4500	Law Contractual	\$ 2,840.00
A0.1420-4510	Other Attorney	A0.1420-4500	Law Contractual	\$ 13,924.66
A0.1450-4100	Elections Gen Exp	A0.1440-4500	Law Contractual	\$ 185.54
A0.1450-4410	Municipal Dues	A0.1440-4500	Law Contractual	\$ 305.00
A0.1450-4000	MTA Payroll	A0.1440-4500	Law Contractual	\$ 1,612.30
A0.1450-4000	MTA Payroll	A0.1440-4500	Engineering Contractual	\$ 2,022.89
A0.1989-4500	Other Govt Sup Cont	A0.1440-4520	Engineering Contractual	\$ 6,890.27
A0.1989-4500	Other Govt Sup Cont	A0.1440-4520	Engineering Study Cont	\$ 1,479.73
A0.1990-4900	Contingency	A0.1440-4520	Engineering Study Cont	\$ 9,391.57
A0.1990-4900	Contingency	A0.1450-1100	Elections PT Svc	\$ 575.00
A0.1990-4900	Contingency	A0.1910-4400	Unallocated Ins	\$ 1,074.76
A0.1990-4900	Contingency	A0.1940-1000	Land Purchase	\$ 2,500.00
A0.1990-4900	Contingency	A0.1950-4420	R/E Taxes	\$ 10,184.23
A0.1990-4900	Contingency	1989-1010	Other Govt Supprt PS	\$ 2,481.50
A0.1620-4300	VH Gas & Electric	A0.1620-2200	VH Office Equip	\$ 4,623.17
A0.1620-4300	VH Gas & Electric	A0.1620-4100	VH General Exp	\$ 104.18
A0.1620-4520	VH Equip Maint	A0.1620-4100	VH General Exp	\$ 7,717.85
A0.1620-4520	VH Equip Maint	A0.1620-4110	VH-Office Supplies	\$ 58.14
A0.1620-4520	VH Equip Maint	A0.1620-4120	VH Prop Gen Exp	\$ 647.84
A0.1620-4520	VH Equip Maint	A0.1620-4310	VH Telephone	\$ 2,523.58
A0.1620-4520	VH Equip Maint	A0.1620-4320	VH Prop Gas & Elec	\$ 2,742.00
A0.1620-4520	VH Equip Maint	A0.1620-4500	VH Contractual	\$ 27,000.00
A0.1620-4580	VH Equip Rental	A0.1620-4500	VH Contractual	\$ 301.04
A0.1620-4710	VH Postage	A0.1620-4500	VH Contractual	\$ 4,142.16
A0.9950-9300	VH Renov Reserve	A0.1620-4500	VH Contractual	\$ 30,030.42
A0.9950-9300	VH Renov Reserve	A0.1620-4520	VH Maintenance	\$ 3,682.63
A0.9950-9300	VH Renov Reserve	A0.1620-4810	VH Renovations	\$ 2,270.00
A0.3120-1005	Chief PS	A0.1320-1020	Lieutenant	\$ 5,622.94
A0.3120-1010	Sergeants PS	A0.1320-1020	Lieutenant	\$ 7,059.20
A0.3120-1100	P/T Svc	A0.1320-1020	Lieutenant	\$ 2,433.70
A0.3120-1100	P/T Svc	A0.3120-1030	Officers	\$ 15,242.85
A0.3120-1200	OT Lieutenant	A0.3120-1030	Officers	\$ 1,869.28
A0.3120-1210	OT Sergeants	A0.3120-1030	Officers	\$ 17,938.31
A0.3120-1230	OT Officers	A0.3120-1030	Officers	\$ 30,358.59
A0.3120-1290	Holiday Officers	A0.3120-1030	Officers	\$ 4,969.28
A0.3120-1350	Grants	A0.3120-1030	Officers	\$ 994.17
A0.3120-1510	Dispatch OT Holiday	A0.3120-1030	Officers	\$ 4,149.13
A0.3120-2300	Vehicles	A0.3120-1030	Officers	\$ 33,060.72
A0.3120-2600	React	A0.3120-1030	Officers	\$ 4,000.00
A0.3120-4120	Uniform Allowance	A0.3120-1030	Officers	\$ 12,411.57
A0.3120-4300	Gas and Electric	A0.3120-1030	Officers	\$ 2,536.14
A0.3120-4300	Gas and Electric	A0.3120-1050	Sick Non-Contractual	\$ 260.80
A0.3120-4300	Gas and Electric	A0.3120-7010	Longevity	\$ 1,681.77
A0.9950-9100	PD Bldg Reserve	A0.3120-7010	Longevity	\$ 3,563.23
A0.9950-9100	PD Bldg Reserve	A0.3120-1250	Holiday (Lieut)	\$ 478.72
A0.9950-9100	PD Bldg Reserve	A0.3120-1270	Holiday (Sergt)	\$ 588.88
A0.9950-9100	PD Bldg Reserve	A0.3120-1500	Dispatchers	\$ 10,369.17
A0.9950-9300	PD Auto Reserve	A0.3120-1500	Dispatchers	\$ 3,944.27
A0.9950-9300	PD Auto Reserve	A0.3120-1550	Dispatchers PT	\$ 3,285.66
A0.9950-9300	PD Auto Reserve	A0.3120-4100	General	\$ 198.37
A0.9950-9300	PD Auto Reserve	A0.3120-4350	Grant Expense	\$ 20,691.14
A0.9950-9300	PD Auto Reserve	A0.3120-4720	Education	\$ 1,128.71
A0.9950-9300	PD Auto Reserve	A0.3120-4400	Insurance	\$ 5,709.76
A0.9950-9300	PD Auto Reserve	A0.3120-4500	Contractual	\$ 5,042.09
A0.3320-2410	On-Street Pkg Meters	A0.3310-4100	Traffic-General	\$ 1,827.30
A0.1990-4900	Contingency	A0.3310-4100	Traffic-General	\$ 27,682.70
A0.1990-4900	Contingency	A0.3310-4300	Traffic-Con Electric	\$ 771.44
A0.1990-4900	Contingency	A0.3320-2400	On-Street Pkg Equip	\$ 10,151.06
A0.3620-1010	Bldg Insp PS	A0.3620-1700	BI Clerical	\$ 17,435.00
A0.3620-1500	BI PT Code Enforce	A0.3620-1100	Bldg Insp Asst PS	\$ 7,665.04
A0.3620-1500	BI PT Code Enforce	A0.3620-2300	BI Motor Veh	\$ 989.49
A0.3620-1750	BI PT Fire Insp	A0.3620-4100	BI Gen Expense	\$ 8,146.10
A0.3620-2200	BI Office Equip	A0.3620-4100	BI Gen Expense	\$ 1,692.32
A0.3620-4120	BI Uniform Exp	A0.3620-4100	BI Gen Expense	\$ 195.20
A0.5110-1040	St Maint Vacation	A0.3620-4100	BI Gen Expense	\$ 1,561.23
A0.5110-1040	St Maint Vacation	A0.3620-4150	BI Gas & Oil	\$ 649.87
A0.5110-1040	St Maint Vacation	A0.3620-4310	BI Telephone	\$ 2,306.50
A0.5110-4005	St Main Asphalt	A0.3620-4310	BI Telephone	\$ 1,380.76
A0.5110-4005	St Main Asphalt	A0.3620-4400	BI Insurance	\$ 1,105.93
A0.5110-4005	St Main Asphalt	A0.3620-4500	BI Legal	\$ 2,843.92
A0.5110-4005	St Main Asphalt	A0.3620-4520	BI Auto Maint	\$ 341.04
A0.5110-4005	St Main Asphalt	A0.3620-4530	BI Equip Maint	\$ 2,510.87
A0.5110-4005	St Main Asphalt	A0.3620-4720	BI Education	\$ 924.99
A0.5110-4005	St Main Asphalt	A0.8664-4010	Code Enforcement	\$ 7,093.81
A0.3989-1020	SRO PS	A0.3989-2500	SRO Equipment	\$ 14,428.80
A0.3989-1020	SRO PS	A0.3989-4120	SRO Insurance	\$ 609.60
A0.3989-1020	SRO PS	A0.3989-4720	SRO Education	\$ 3,354.72

**REFUND REQUEST – BUILDING DEPARTMENT – NEBRASKY PLUMBING - 2
MARC TERRACE – SBL #217-3-1:**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby approves a refund in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) to Nebraska Plumbing for the building permit fee associated with the property located at 2 Marc Terrace, SBL #217-3-1, as the permit was obtained for plumbing work that was subsequently canceled by the property owner, to be allocated from budget line A.2555, Building Department Fees.

On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Karl

Ayes: Trustees Behringer, Karl, Mancuso, and Peifer

Nays: None

**AUTHORIZING THE OPENING OF THE 1976 BICENTENNIAL TIME CAPSULE
AND THE CONDUCT OF A PUBLIC CEREMONY IN CELEBRATION OF THE 250TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:**

WHEREAS, in 1976, in commemoration of the Bicentennial of the United States of America, a time capsule was buried at the Mayor's Monument within the Village of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Monroe desires to honor this historic milestone by opening the time capsule and sharing its contents with the public; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board further desires to provide an opportunity for residents, families, community organizations, and visitors to participate in a commemorative ceremony recognizing both the nation's 250th birthday and the history of the Village of Monroe;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Monroe hereby authorizes the opening of the 1976 Bicentennial Time Capsule located at the Mayor's Monument; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public ceremony commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America and the opening of the time capsule shall be held at the Mayor's Monument located at the corner of Route 17M and Lake Street on Saturday, July 4, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Village Board invite members of the public to participate in the ceremony.

On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Karl

Ayes: Trustees Behringer, Karl, Mancuso, and Peifer

Nays: None

**INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT – VILLAGE OF MONROE & VILLAGE OF
WASHINGTONVILLE – WEEDO BOAT:**

This has been tabled for further review.

**VILLAGE HALL SECOND-FLOOR AIR CONDITIONING UNIT EMERGENCY
REPLACEMENT:**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the emergency replacement of the second-floor air conditioning unit at Village Hall by Westar Tech Services Corp. in an amount of \$9,800.00, due to the failure of the existing unit and the need to maintain safe and functional operating conditions. The cost of this emergency replacement shall be allocated from Budget Line A.1620.4500, VH Maintenance.

On a motion by Trustee Peifer, seconded by Trustee Mancuso

Ayes: Trustees Behringer, Karl, Mancuso, and Peifer

Nays: None

DISCUSSION – SABRE JET AIRPLANE PARK – STRUCTURAL ENGINEER REVIEW:

The Village would like to relocate the Sabre Jet aircraft back to its original location on a concrete pad within the park. As part of this effort, the Village is interested in exploring whether the aircraft can be displayed in a more dynamic manner, creating the appearance that it is taking off or in motion.

To evaluate this concept, a structural engineer should be engaged to:

- Assess the current condition and structural integrity of the aircraft.
- Determine the feasibility of supporting the aircraft in an elevated or angled position that simulates flight.
- Design an appropriate foundation and support structure capable of safely carrying all loads, including wind, snow, and maintenance access requirements.
- Review long-term durability, maintenance, and public safety considerations.

Because the aircraft is associated with the National Museum of the United States Air Force, the Village would likely need the Museum's support and approval before undertaking any relocation, modification, or reinstallation of the aircraft. Coordination with the Museum should occur early in the planning process to confirm preservation requirements, and any applicable display standards.

Next Steps

1. Approval requirements with the Museum.
2. Engage a structural engineer to perform a feasibility assessment.
3. Develop conceptual display options and cost estimates.
4. Prepare foundation and support structure designs.
5. Coordinate permitting, installation, and long-term maintenance plans.

COURTESY CREDIT OR REFUND REQUEST – WATER DEPARTMENT – VILLAGE WATER CUSTOMER #3887C:

Village water customer account #3887C has submitted a request for a courtesy credit or refund related to a water leak at a rental property. As a result of the leak, the total water bill amounted to \$1,233.14, which has been paid in full.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby denies the request of Village water customer #3887C for a courtesy credit or refund.

Discussion: Mayor Melchiorre asked whether it is standard practice to deny adjustments or credits for water leaks. Trustee Karl and Trustee Mancuso responded that any water that passes through the meter is considered consumed and therefore must be billed to the customer.

On a motion by Trustee Karl, seconded by Trustee Behringer

Ayes: Trustees Behringer, Karl, and Mancuso

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Peifer

DISCUSSION – WATER RATES – CONSULTANT AL NATOLI:

Consultant Al Natoli joined the meeting by phone to discuss a proposed water rate increase to cover past expenditures and anticipated future expenses associated with the water

system. The Board reviewed current and projected costs and discussed the necessity of adjusting water rates accordingly.

Consultant Al Natoli presented a summary of proposed rate increases to fund increased operations and maintenance costs, as well as debt service for four capital improvement bonds of \$2.5 million each. He provided financing scenarios based on:

- Four \$2.5 million bonds at 4.25% interest for 20 years, both with and without a service charge.
- Four \$2.5 million bonds at 5.00% interest for 30 years, both with and without a service charge.

The summary compared the resulting rate impacts under each financing option.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULING – PROPOSED INCREASED WATER RATES:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorized a Public Hearing to be scheduled on Monday, July 29, 2026 at 7:00 PM to invite public comment on a proposed increase to the Village water rates.

On a motion by Trustee Karl, seconded by Trustee Mancuso

Ayes: Trustees Behringer, Karl, Mancuso, and Peifer

Nays: None

MAYOR & TRUSTEE'S REPORT:

Trustee Behringer reminded everyone of the upcoming community events, including the Movies on the Lawn series. The first movie, *Night at the Museum*, will be shown on June 26. On June 27, the library's "Dig into the Past" Summer Reading Program will begin. Residents are encouraged to support our library and take advantage of all the programs and resources it has to offer.

Trustee Peifer attended the Farmers Market over the past two weekends and noted that many vendors had sold out of their products, reflecting strong community support and attendance. The Bike Rodeo, hosted by the Monroe Police Department and held adjacent to the market, took place at the same time and provided a fun experience for local families. Children enjoyed the event, and pizza was provided for participants. She also attended the meeting for the 25-year commemoration of 9/11, and planning for the committee event is underway.

Trustee Mancuso reported that Cheese Festival vendor applications are expected to be available within 7–10 days. Marketing for the event will begin soon.

Trustee Karl reminded the public about the Fireworks and Drone Show scheduled for July 3. The event will feature food and merchandise vendors, as well as a performance by the Mighty Spectrum Band. The Department of Public Works (DPW) will set up bleachers for public viewing.

Trustee Karl reported that all vendor spaces have been sold out, including 11 spots along Lake Street between the ponds and 4 spots near Airplane Park. He has been working with Peter Dawson on the event soundtrack and has scheduled a Zoom meeting with Starflight Drone Shows on Thursday to discuss logistics for the drone show. He expressed hope for favorable weather conditions on the day of the event.

Trustee Karl also raised concerns regarding the use of e-bikes and scooters around the ponds and on village sidewalks. He noted the potential safety hazards posed to pedestrians, particularly children, and stated that someone could be seriously injured if the issue is not addressed. Questions were raised regarding the installation of additional signage and the possibility of enacting a local law to regulate their use. Village Attorney Conway will review applicable local and municipal codes and report back on potential options.

In addition, Trustee Karl discussed the condition of Horseshoe Falls, owned by the Town of Monroe. He noted that the railings and stone pillars have continued to deteriorate and referenced a letter that had previously been sent to the Town in September 2025 regarding these concerns. He requested that the matter be brought to the Town's attention again and that follow-up communication be considered.

Mayor Melchiorre commented that public safety remains a top priority and will be meeting with residents Thursday evening to discuss concerns regarding children playing unattended in Village streets. He also reminded residents and organizations of the Village's event permit and noise ordinance requirements, emphasizing that permits are required for parades, processions, and similar activities on public streets, and that excessive amplified noise is prohibited under Village Code regulations. The Mayor noted that improvements at the Orange Turnpike traffic intersection are underway and thanked residents for their patience and cooperation during construction. He further announced that traffic improvements on Spring Street and Mapes Place will begin shortly and expressed appreciation for the community's continued support. Mayor Melchiorre also extended special recognition to the Monroe Police Department for hosting a successful bicycle rodeo during the Farmers Market. He expressed gratitude to Trustee Karl for his hard work and dedication in preparing for the upcoming Independence Day celebration.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: # PRESENT 8 TIME: 7:30 PM

No public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Peifer, and carried, following a 5-minute recess, the Board convened in Executive Session at 8:15 PM for discussion of litigation and personnel.

OPEN SESSION:

On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Peifer and carried, the Open Meeting resumed at 9:54 PM.

RATIFICATION OF CHIEF'S CONTRACT – JUNE 1, 2026 – MAY 31, 2029:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby ratify an agreement with Police Chief Guzman effective June 16, 2026 for the contract dated June 1, 2026 to May 31, 2029.

On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Peifer

Ayes: Trustees Behringer, Mancuso, and Peifer

Nays: Trustee Karl

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Peifer and carried, no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 PM.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

On a motion by Trustee Karl seconded by Trustee Behringer, with all in favor, the department monthly reports were accepted and filed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Zahra

Village Clerk

**MAY 2026 VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT SUBMITTED BY KIMBERLY ZAHRA,
VILLAGE CLERK:**

1. Minutes prepared, processed associated correspondence and Legal Notices completed for the May 5th and May 19th Board of Trustee meetings.
2. Permits issued: Handicap Parking: 14 Garage Sale: 4 Solicitor/Peddling: 0
Road Opening: 0 Blasting Permit: 0 Liquor License: 0 Towing Permits: 0
3. Processed 3 Event Application.
4. Public Hearings Held: 1 Due Process Hearing: 0
5. Bi-Weekly payroll worksheets completed and submitted.
6. Bi-Weekly payroll worksheets for Highway and Water Departments completed and submitted.
7. Collected May water rents.
8. Required paperwork filed with O.C. Department of Human Resources.
9. Processed FOIL requests.
10. Provided Notary Services.
11. Oversee updates and maintenance, of Village Website, Social-Media and Constant Contact.
12. Daily retrieval of messages left during the day and after hours. Forwarded messages and responded as required.
13. Vouchers completed as required. Transmittal of money collected completed and bank deposits done.
14. Scan and email pertinent information to Board and Attorney.
15. Scan documents into DOCUWARE.
16. Maintain Village of Monroe calendar.
17. Closed out mailing machine for month 05/29/2026
18. Three (3) Chemical Bid Openings – May 19, 2026
19. Bid Opening – 2025 CDBG ADA Sidewalk Curb Ramp Project – May 28, 2026
20. Prepared 2026/2027 Village Tax Bills

MAY 2026 JUSTICE COURT REPORT:

Total Fines: \$33,522.00 Total Surcharges: \$9,535.00 Total Parking: \$2,865.00
Total Civil Fees: \$2,690.00 Bail Poundage Collected: \$0.00
Total Bail Forfeited: \$0.00
Total for May: \$48,612.00

Vehicle & Traffic Tickets: 369 Disposed: 338
Criminal Cases: 73 Disposed: 81 Civil Cases: 2 Disposed: 2
Paid Parking Tickets: 39 Dismissed Traffic Tickets: 25

**MAY 2026 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT SUBMITTED BY DARWIN GUZMAN,
CHIEF:**

CALLS FOR SERVICE

TOTAL INCIDENTS – 1,255
ARRESTS – 58

TRAFFIC REPORT

TRAFFIC TICKETS – 342
PARKING TICKETS – 57
GAS – \$4,479.88 / 1,247 GALLONS
MVA'S – 23

TRAINING

SGT. BERKE & K9 KEEN – K9 TRAINING
ROONEY & K9 ROSCOE – K9 PATROL SCHOOL
SGT. BEACH & SGT. ROMER – TRU TRAINING
LINDELL – PATROL BICYCLE SCHOOL

MAY 2026 FILTRATION PLANT REPORT SUBMITTED BY WILL OSTROWSKI, WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR:

Production: Lake Mombasha:	33,155,078	32,686,197 Gallons LY 2025
Well #4:	5,540,604	4,541,055 Gallons LY 2025

Consumption: 38,695,682 Gallons / 37,227,252 Gallons LY 2025

Water Samples / Testing: Passed

Rainfall: 2.70"

Reservoir: Full

Miscellaneous:

2 Reservoir Inspections

Final Water Reads

Mark Outs

4 Water Meters Changed

245 North Main St Service Line Leak Repair

Seasonal Clean Ups at all Water Department Buildings

Lagoon Pumping / Cleaning Completed for Both Sides

Hydrant Flushing Completed for Entire Distribution System

Located and Painted all Valves in Round Lake Park for Tar and Chip Project

Chemical Bid Opening for all Chemicals used at Water Filtration Plant

Weekly Mowing of all Water Department Buildings

MAY 2026 DPW SUBMITTED BY ALDO CHIAPPETTA, WORKING LEADER:

- Repaired drainage basins along Village roads.
- Conducted routine maintenance on Village equipment.
- Inspected, checked, and cleaned drainage basins.
- Collected litter and debris throughout Crane Park.
- Maintained the Lake View property.
- Performed street sweeping operations throughout the Village.
- Worked on the MS4 Annual Report requirements.
- Assisted with preparation for the Monroe Clean Sweep event.
- Maintained all Village-owned properties.
- Replaced garbage cans in park areas.
- Cleaned and mulched landscaping at the Police Station.
- Removed a tree stump on Amy Todd Road.
- Completed roadway blacktop patching repairs.
- Reinstalled park benches along Millpond Parkway.
- Installed a new fence along the Peter Bush easement.
- Performed roadside mowing throughout the Village.
- Installed a new electrical line and lighting at the waterfall area.
- Cleaned and prepared all flower beds for seasonal flowers and mulch.
- Planted and maintained decorative light pole flower baskets.
- Inspected and checked all playground equipment at Airplane Park.
- Assisted with the installation of a new large generator at the DPW facility.
- Addressed a drainage issue on Briarwood Drive.
- Continued litter collection along Village streets and public areas.

MAY 2026 BUILDING / CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT SUBMITTED BY BRYAN BERBERENA, ASSISITANT BUILDING INSPECTOR:

Applications received:	56
Building Permits Issued:	25
Title Searches Completed:	9
Building Permit Inspections performed:	50
C.O's Issued:	11
Complaint Inspection	36
Violations Found	53
Rental Inspection	28
Fire Inspection	11

Building Permit Fees:	\$11,936.25
Title Search Fees	\$2,550.00
Fire Inspections	\$400.00
Rental Permit	<u>\$4,350.00</u>
Total Fees Collected (Building Dept.)	\$19,236.25

MAY 2026 TREASURER'S REPORT SUBMITTED BY DONNA COMBEE, DEPUTY TREASURER:

Treasurer's Report Village of Monroe MAY
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Real Property Taxes	\$	188,678
Police Services	\$	29,529
Public Safety Services	\$	49,969
Building Permits	\$	15,306
Fines and Forfeited Bail	\$	22,887
Gifts and Donations	\$	11,131
Metered Water Sales	\$	280,446
Miscellaneous Water Fund Revenues	\$	434,141

SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY (EXPENDITURES)

PD.PS Chief	\$	8,894
PD.PS Sergeants	\$	26,255
PD.PS Lieutenant	\$	7,623
PD.Officers	\$	78,041
PD.OT Officers	\$	6,093
PD.Dispatchers	\$	7,813
PD.Uniform Allowance	\$	19,594
PD.Contractual	\$	5,182
SRO.PS	\$	8,000
Street Maint PS	\$	31,657
Street Maint Building Maint	\$	5,571
Street Maint Equip Maint	\$	5,489
Street Lighting Street	\$	24,929
Parks Personal Services	\$	14,513
Parks Crane Pk Improvement	\$	13,698
Zoning PT Svc	\$	9,110
Planning Board PT Svc	\$	24,844
Planning Board Engineer Contractual	\$	6,989
Serial Bonds Downtown Imp	\$	7,150
Purification PS	\$	13,424
Purification Contractul	\$	14,803
Distribution Electricity	\$	5,710
Disgtribbuton Contractual	\$	46,959
Bonds in the Water System	\$	32,794

Health Insurance		
General Fund	\$	204,433
Water Fund	\$	16,439
	\$	220,871
Workers Comp		
General Fund	\$	2,396
Water Fund	\$	2,831
	\$	5,227
Liability Insurance		
General Fund	\$	41,426
Water Fund	\$	11,643
	\$	53,068

STATUS OF FY2026 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNTS

General Fund Appropriation -budgeted \$160,000
Water Fund Appropriation -budgeted \$51,500

COMMENTS:

We have completed 12 months of the fiscal year and expenses should be at 100%. The General fund has expended 94.7% and the Water fund has expended 76.44% inclusive of any budget adjustments made by the board.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Doherty
Treasurer