

ORDINANCE 2026-04

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham in the County of Morris finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2026 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that a 1.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$ 212,709.80 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, in the County of Morris, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2026 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Chatham shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$496,322.87, and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the Township of Chatham be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Introduced: February 24, 2026

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Adopted:

Attest:

BY: _____
Jennifer Rowland, Mayor

Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk

I, Gregory J. LaConte, Township Clerk of the Township of Chatham in the County of Morris, New Jersey, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true complete copy of an ordinance introduced by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham at a regular meeting held on February 24, 2026.

Date Issued: _____

Township Clerk

ORDINANCE 2026-08

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE PROVISIONS FOR THE FUNDING OF
OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham wishes to reduce the tax levy for the contribution to the Open Space Reserve as set forth at Chapter 2, Article VIII, Section 2-75, Open Space Trust Fund for the tax year 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Chatham, are amended to provide for modifications to Chapter II, Subsection 2-75.2, Funding of the Reserve for Open Space Acquisition, as follows:

1. 2-75.2 Funding of the Reserve for Open Space Acquisition.

The Reserve for Open Space Acquisition shall be funded through the dedication to the fund of an amount of one and a half (\$.015) cent per one hundred (\$100.00) dollars of assessed valuation for the tax levy for the year 2026. The Reserve shall also be permitted to accept donations and testamentary bequests. The funds accumulated within the Reserve may be utilized for the acquisition of land, easements, or development rights in land within the Township, including use for active and passive recreation, the development and maintenance of municipal properties to be used for active and passive recreation, or as a down payment for the issuance of bonds for the same purposes at the discretion of the Township Committee. Any and all interest accruing on said funds shall be placed into the Reserve for Open Space Acquisition. Unless the Township Committee takes further action, the annual tax levy for the Reserve for Open Space Acquisition shall return to two (\$.02) cents per hundred (\$100.00) dollars of assessed valuation commencing with the tax levy for the year 2027.

2. All other provisions of Chapter II, Article VIII, Section 2-75, shall remain unchanged.

3. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

Introduced:

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF
MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Adopted:

Attest:

BY: _____
Jennifer Rowland, Mayor

Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk

Resolution 2026-081
MUNICIPAL BUDGET NOTICE

Section 1.

Municipal Budget of the TOWNSHIP of CHATHAM, County of MORRIS for the Fiscal Year 2026

Be it Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2026;

Be it Further Resolved, that said Budget be published on the official website https://chathamtownship.org/resources/legal-notice/ on March 25th, 2026;

Also, if applicable, it will be advertised in the following on-line publication of _____ on _____, 2026.

The Governing Body of the TOWNSHIP of CHATHAM does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2026:

RECORDED VOTE
(Insert Last Name)

Ayes

Nays

Abstained

Absent

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the COMMITTEEPERSONS of the TOWNSHIP of CHATHAM, County of MORRIS, on March 24th, 2026.

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, on April 28th, 2026 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2026 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

RESOLUTION 2026-082

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REGARDING SELF-EXAMINATION OF 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the *Township of Chatham* has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local government Services, and the Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2026 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

Adopted: March 24, 2026

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM IN
THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

Attest:

By _____
Jennifer Rowland, Mayor

Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk

I, Gregory J. LaConte, Township Clerk of the Township of Chatham in the County of Morris, New Jersey, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham at a regular meeting held on March 24, 2026.

Date Issued: _____

Township Clerk

DRAFT

RESOLUTION 2026-083

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLLS, SCHOOL TAXES AND COUNTY TAXES

BE IT RESOLVED that bills in the total amount of \$768,915.62 and the prior month's payroll of \$638,774.46 Current Fund, \$70,760.96 Sewer Utility, \$7.21 Open Space and \$23,161.97 Police Private Employment be paid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that taxes due to the School District of the Chathams, for the month of March 2026, in the amount of \$3,843,178.00 be paid.

Adopted: March 24, 2026

Attest:

Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM IN
THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

By: _____
Jennifer Rowland, Mayor

DRAFT

RESOLUTION 2026-084

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
CHATHAM APPROVING MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham acknowledges receipt of and approves the minutes of the Township Committee meeting held on February 24, 2026 and March 10, 2026.

Adopted: March 24, 2026

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM IN
THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

Attest:

By _____
Jennifer Rowland, Mayor

Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk

DRAFT

RESOLUTION 2026-085

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REFUNDING TAX AND SEWER LIEN

WHEREAS, due to payment by property owner of the lien amount, a redemption of the tax and sewer lien is appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has recommended the refund of redemption monies as well as the Premium to the Outside Lien Holder;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that the following refund be made as indicated:

| Property | Cert # | Lien Holder | Total |
|--|---------------|--|--|
| Block 64.04, Lot 6.09 5g Heritage Drive Kelly Y Au | 24-00003 | PRO CAP 8 LLC PO Box 774 Fort Washington, PA 19034 | Premium: \$00.00 Principal: \$1,262.66 Interest: \$25.76 <hr/> Payout: \$1,288.42 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is authorized to prepare and sign a Discharge of Certificate 24-00003.

Adopted: March 24, 2026

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM IN
THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

Attest:

Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk

By _____
Jennifer Rowland, Mayor

RESOLUTION 2026-086

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris has determined that certain appropriations, in the 2025 municipal reserve budget, are not sufficient to meet anticipated expenses; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A: 4-58 authorizes the transfer from appropriations where excess exists to other appropriations that are anticipated to be insufficient.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris that the following transfers are hereby affected:

Current Fund

| <u>Appropriation</u> | <u>To</u> | <u>From</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Engineering Services Other Expenses | \$5,000.00 | |
| Utilities - Gasoline Other Expenses | | \$5,000.00 |
| Totals | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |

Adopted: March 24, 2026

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM IN
THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

Attest:

Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk

By: _____
Jennifer Rowland, Mayor

RESOLUTION 2026-087

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING DEVELOPER ESCROW ACCOUNT AND/OR PERFORMANCE BOND BALANCES

WHEREAS, developers are required to deposit monies with the Township for the purposes of offsetting Township professional costs to review plans or to inspect approved development and for the purpose of ensuring the satisfactory completion of public or private improvements; and

WHEREAS, these deposited monies, following all necessary withdrawals to cover Township expenses or costs, may be released upon satisfactory completion of work, receipt of review board decisions, or completion of guaranteed work, upon passage of a Township resolution authorizing such release.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that the following guarantee amount or account balances, with interest adjustments as prescribed by state and local laws, may be released to the depositor of record:

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>Project</u> | <u>A/C NUMBER</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Ronald Gunn 41 Fairview Avenue Madison, NJ 07940 | Plan:11-32-2,6,8-32 | E7761692677 | \$94.55 |
| Todd Fairbairn 232 Lafayette Ave Chatham, NJ 07928 | BOA-20-013 | E77651729680 | \$476.13 |
| Todd Fairbairn 232 Lafayette Ave Chatham, NJ 07928 | BOA-19-83-15 | E7765172497 | \$240.00 |
| Brad Wayman 4 Robert Drive Chatham, NJ 07928 | BOA-25-022 | E7766970486 | \$277.38 |

Adopted: March 24, 2026

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM IN
THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

Attest:

By _____
Jennifer Rowland, Mayor

Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk

RESOLUTION 2026-088

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM APPROVING FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIPS

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham has designated the Green Village Volunteer Fire Department and the Chatham Township Volunteer Fire Department as the official fire companies for the Township; and

WHEREAS, members of both departments are eligible for membership in N.J. State Firemen’s Association as provided by applicable law; and

WHEREAS, in order to become members of the association, the Township is required to certify that each applicant is an active member of the respective Fire Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the following named individual has been admitted to active membership in the respective department as approved by the Township Committee.

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u> |
|---------------|--|
| James T. Rath | Chatham Township Volunteer Fire Department |

Adopted: March 24, 2026

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM IN
THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

Attest:

Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk

By: _____
Jennifer Rowland, Mayor

RESOLUTION 2026-089

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING THE BID AND AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO ESTERNAY PARK TO DENBAR CONSTRUCTION IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$92,410.00 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2025, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Chatham (the “Township”) adopted Resolution No. 2025-182 authorizing the Township to solicit bids to make improvements to Esternay Field, located at 815 Fairmount Avenue, Chatham, New Jersey 07928, to accommodate individuals with disabilities under The Americans with Disabilities Act (the “Services”); and

WHEREAS, the Township received four (4) bids on February 26, 2026 from: (1) Denbar Construction, located in Kenilworth, New Jersey (“Denbar”), for the Services in the amount of Ninety-Two Thousand Four Hundred Ten Dollars (\$92,410.00); (2) Halecon, Inc., located in Bridgewater, New Jersey in the amount of Ninety-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars (\$97,435.00); (3) Soares Brothers Construction, located in Elizabeth, New Jersey in the total amount of One Hundred Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$100,950.00); and (4) Berto Construction, located in Rahway, New Jersey in the total amount of One Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Sixty Seven Dollars (\$158,067.00); and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer and Township Attorney recommend award of the contract for the Services to Denbar as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the total amount of Ninety-Two Thousand Four Hundred Ten Dollars (\$92,410.00) (the “Contract Amount”); and

WHEREAS, the Township Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for the Contract Amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to adopt this Resolution authorizing the award of the contract for the Services to Denbar.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length.
2. The contract for the Services is hereby awarded to Denbar located in Kenilworth, New Jersey, in the amount of Ninety-Two Thousand Four Hundred Ten Dollars (\$92,410.00). The Mayor, Township Administrator, Township Clerk and all other necessary Township

personnel, are hereby directed and authorized to enter into a contract with Denbar for the Services, and to in all other ways carry out and effectuate the purposes thereof.

3. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Adopted: March 24, 2026

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM IN
THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

Attest:

Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk

By: _____
Jennifer Rowland, Mayor

CERTIFICATION OF THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I hereby certify that as of March 24, 2026, sufficient funds are or will be available upon the adoption of the budget for year 2026 to carry out the purpose of this Resolution.

Debra A. King
Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION 2026-090

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING THE BID AND AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR AN OPERATOR FOR THE COLONY POOL CONCESSION STAND FOR THE 2026 POOL SEASON TO CORPORATE CAFÉ LLC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2026, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Chatham (the “**Township**”) adopted Resolution No. 2026-058 authorizing the Township to solicit bids for an operator for the concession stand at Colony Pool located at 55 School Avenue, Chatham, New Jersey 07928 for the 2026 pool season (the “**Services**”); and

WHEREAS, the Township received one (1) bid on March 18, 2026 from Corporate Café LLC, located at 105 Eisenhower Parkway, Roseland, New Jersey 07068 (“**Corporate Café**”) in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00); and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has reviewed Corporate Café’s bid and recommends award of the contract for the Services to Corporate Café as the only responsive and responsible bidder in the total amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) (hereinafter referred to as the “**Contract Amount**”); and

WHEREAS, the Township Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for the Contract Amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to adopt this Resolution authorizing the award of the contract for the Services to Corporate Café.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length.
2. The contract for the Services is hereby awarded to Corporate Café in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250). The Mayor, Township Administrator, Township Clerk and all other necessary Township personnel, are hereby directed and authorized to enter into a contract with Corporate Café for the Services, and to in all other ways carry out and effectuate the purposes thereof.
3. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Adopted: March 24, 2026

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM IN
THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

Attest:

Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk

By: _____
Jennifer Rowland, Mayor