

**MINUTES  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
OCTOBER 14, 2025**

Deputy Mayor Rowland called the Workshop Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham to order at 6:33 P.M.

**Adequate Notice** of this meeting of the Township Committee was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Notice was given to both *The Chatham Courier* and the *Morris County Daily Record* on January 8, 2025; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 8, 2025; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on January 8, 2025.

**Roll Call**

Answering present to the roll call were Committeeman Alperowitz, Committeewoman Ewald, Committeeman McHugh and Deputy Mayor Rowland.

Mayor Choi was absent.

**Executive Session**

**RESOLUTION 2025-P-18  
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM IN  
THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING CONFERENCE OF  
THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 of the Open Public Meetings Act permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

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

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
  - a. Contract Negotiations
  - b. Personnel
  - c. Property Acquisition
3. It is anticipated that the minutes on the subject matter of the Executive Session will be made public upon conclusion of the matter under discussion; and in any event, when appropriate pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-7 and 4-13.
4. The Committee will come back into Regular Session and may take further action.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Committeewoman Ewald moved to adopt Resolution 2025-P-18 to enter Executive Session at 6:34 PM. Committeeman McHugh seconded the motion.

**Roll call:** Committeeman Alperowitz, Aye; Committeewoman Ewald, Aye; Committeeman McHugh, Aye; Deputy Mayor Rowland, Aye; Mayor Choi, Absent.

The Township Committee returned to Public Session at 7:32 PM.

Deputy Mayor Rowland led the Flag Salute.

**Deputy Mayor's Message**

Deputy Mayor Rowland thanked the Chatham Township Volunteer Fire Department for their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Deputy Mayor Rowland also spoke in honor of Tommy Gorman, a Chatham High School Senior, who passed away in September.

## **Hearing of Citizens**

Deputy Mayor Rowland opened the Hearing of Citizens.

Seeing no further public comment, Deputy Mayor Rowland closed the Hearing of Citizens.

## **Resolutions**

### **Resolution 2025-178**

#### **RESOLUTION 2025-188**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A RE-BID FOR SNOW PLOWING SERVICES FOR A PERIOD UP TO THREE YEARS COMMENCING WITH THE 2025 SNOW SEASON IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Chatham (the “Township”) adopted Resolution No. 2025-103 on April 22, 2025, authorizing the Township to publicly seek bids for snow plowing services for a period up to three years, commencing with the 2025 snow season (the “Services”); and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq. (the “LCPL”), bid specifications were prepared and the Township Clerk caused notice to be published on September 11, 2025 in the Chatham Courier seeking submission of bids for the Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township did not receive any bids for the Services on or before the bid opening date of October 2, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to authorize re-bidding for the Services in accordance the LCPL.

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

1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length.
2. The Township Committee hereby authorizes the Township’s Qualified Purchasing Agent and the Municipal Clerk, under the direction of the Township Administrator and in consultation with the Township Attorney, to re-bid the Services pursuant to the LPCL.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Shehady provided background on Resolution 2025-188. He said that no bids were received for the recent bud opening, and a resolution is needed to authorize a rebid. Mr. Shehady noted that the rebid will be advertised in additional newspapers.

Committeewoman Ewald moved to adopt Resolution 2025-188. Committeeman McHugh seconded the motion.

**Roll call:** Committeeman Alperowitz, Aye; Committeewoman Ewald, Aye; Committeeman McHugh, Aye; Deputy Mayor Rowland, Aye; Mayor Choi, Aye.

## **Reports**

### **Administration**

Mr. Shehady said that there will be a resolution at the next meeting to authorize purchase of playground equipment for Nash Field. Committeewoman Ewald asked about funding. Mr. Shehady said it will be funded by a grant and from Open Space funds.

Mr. Shehady reported that a resolution will be on the next agenda to authorize RFQ’s for professional service contracts for 2026. These RFQ’s will be under the Fair & Open Process.

Mr. Shehady further reported that updates to the Personnel Handbook will be ready for approval by resolution at the next meeting. Updates are made every two years to remain compliant with the Joint Insurance requirements. Updates will help the Township remain compliant with State and Federal law.

Mr. Shehady said that Colony Survey results will be ready for a future meeting.

Mr. Shehady also reported on the Best Practices Inventory survey. He said that the Township is well above the requirement for 100% State Aid. Mr. Shehady further noted that the Township will need to address State requirements for lead inspections in homes built before a certain time period.

#### Clerk

Mr. Shehady reported that quotes have been sought for renewal of animal control services, as the current contract expires at the end of 2025.

Mr. LaConte reported that due to an upcoming construction project at Corpus Christi Church, the polling districts that normally vote there have been relocated to Long Hill Chapel for the 2025 General Election. Measures to be taken to inform affected voters were reported.

#### Construction

Mr. Shehady said that there are not any action items at this time. Committeewoman Ewald noted that revenues are ahead of where they were at this time last year.

#### Engineering

Mr. Shehady reported that the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance needs to be amended, as the State informed the Township that an additional section needs to be included.

#### Finance

Mr. Shehady commented that expenditures and revenues are in good shape. Mr. Shehady reported on the BAN Sale, and a memo from the CFO was circulated. He said that an official statement was not prepared, as the cost of doing so would have exceeded the amount of money saved through the benefit of marketing the BAN Sale.

#### Police

Mr. Shehady reported that a resolution will be on the next agenda to authorize purchase of cameras and networking equipment for the fiber loop. He said this needs to be done by the end of the year before the grant expires.

#### Public Works

Mr. Shehady reported on two resolutions related to vertical turbines at the Water Pollution Control plant. Mr. McHugh asked why two are being rebuilt and one is being replaced. Mr. Shehady said he believes the one being replaced is too old to repair.

#### **Hearing of Citizens**

Deputy Mayor Rowland opened the Hearing of Citizens.  
Seeing no public comment, Deputy Mayor Rowland closed the Hearing of Citizens.

Committeeman McHugh moved to adjourn at 7:56 PM. Committeeman Alperowitz seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Gregory J. LaConte  
Municipal Clerk