MINUTES
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2026

Mayor Rowland called the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham to order at 7:00 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 7, 2026; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 7, 2026; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on January 7, 2026.

Roll Call

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

Committeewoman Ewald arrived during Executive Session.

Executive Session

RESOLUTION 2026-P-14
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. Personnel
    b. Contract Negotiations

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.

Committeeman Alperowitz moved to adopt Resolution 2026-P-14 to enter Executive Session at 7:01 PM. Deputy Mayor McHugh seconded the motion.

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

The Township Committee returned to Public Session at 7:39 PM.

Mayor Rowland led the Flag Salute.

Hearing of Citizens

Mayor Rowland opened the Hearing of Citizens.

1. Chintan Chokshi, Sunset Drive, asked how much money the Township paid for a recent settlement agreement, and how much came from taxes. He also asked for the Committee's findings on the matter.

    Mayor Rowland said that the Township paid a $5,000 deductible. She said the Township Committee had previously decided to have the Joint Insurance Fund handle the matter,

and there was not anything for the Township Committee to vote on regarding the settlement itself. Mayor Rowland said that legal counsel had asked if the Township Committee if they had objected to the JIF settling the matter. She noted that the Township Committee is unable to discuss personnel matters in a public meeting. Mayor Rowland also said that an independent investigation found no evidence of any wrongdoing.

2. Moheth Mohan, Meyersville Road, asked about a survey conducted by members of the public regarding the Construction Department. He asked if the Township Committee will act on the complaints submitted in that survey.

   Mayor Rowland said that the citizen group sent their survey results to the Township. She noted that the 109 complaints in the survey are a small percentage of the number of permits issued in a year. Mayor Rowland also said that she often meets with residents to address specific issues. She further noted that the results of the survey cannot be verified without the raw data being available.

   Mr. Shehady said that when he receives complaints, they are taken very seriously and he typically sets up a meeting with the aggrieved resident. He then investigates the matter to see if there was any wrongdoing or anything to be improved upon. Mr. Shehady said that often developers and residents are unfamiliar with the requirements of the Uniform Construction Code. He said that typically it is best for specific complaints to be individually addressed rather than dealing with complaints in a general manner.

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

Mayor's Message

Mayor Rowland announced that the Planning Board is conducting a Master Plan Re-examination, and the topic will be discussed at the Board's meeting on November 9th. The Board is seeking input from the Environmental Commission, Recreation Committee and the Historical Society, and input from the public is welcome as well. Mayor Rowland said that it is a review of the existing Master Plan rather than the creation of a new one, and she noted that the current Master Plan is available on the Township website.

Mayor Rowland announced that the polling place for Districts 8 & 9 has moved from the River Road Firehouse to the Community Room at the Municipal Building. District 7 has also moved to the Community Room from the foyer outside the Courtroom.

Mayor Rowland said that a successful Community Dinner for Seniors was recently held at the Chatham Township Presbyterian Church, and was coordinated by the Township, the Borough, the Interfaith Council of the Chathams, the National Honor Society and the Senior Center. Additional events will be scheduled.

Mayor Rowland wished luck to high school seniors submitting applications for college admissions for the November 1st deadline.

Mayor Rowland further wished everyone a Happy Halloween.

Reports

Mayor Rowland reported that the Chatham Township Historical Society will host a presentation at the Chatham Library about famous people from New Jersey.

Committeeman Alperowitz reported that the Tri-Town Yard Sale was a success for the Environmental Commission. On November 14th, the Environmental Commission will be participating in a Community Cleanup Day at Castle Park. Committeeman Alperowitz said that the Chatham Township Fire Department's Community Appreciation Day was an amazing success.

Committeewoman Ewald commented on the Master Plan Re-examination, and said that it sets goals and priorities for the next ten years. She also said that the re-examination can affect zoning regulation updates and considers several planning aspects, and public input is encouraged. Committeewoman Ewald thanked those who supported the Senior Center's Shred Event. She

reported on upcoming events at the Senior Center. Committeewoman Ewald noted that the Senior Center has an open position for a part-time development and programs coordinator.

Committeeman Choi reported that the Mayor's Wellness Committee has a book club, and the Chatham Library has copies of the next book they have scheduled for reading.

Deputy Mayor McHugh reported that a mini-pumpkin painting session for grades K-3 will be held at the Library of the Chathams. A Halloween parade will be held on October 30th. Deputy Mayor McHugh said that a program will be held at the Library on November 5th called "A Foot in Morris," which is about a guide book on trails in Morris County. Deputy Mayor McHugh also reported that on November 2nd there will be an online program sponsored by AFSP for teens, parents and suicide prevention.

Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION 2026-164
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 $1,502,399.62 and the prior month's payroll of $560,213.29 Current Fund, $66,770.31 Sewer Utility, $208.83 Open Space and $21,956.64 Police Private Employment be paid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that taxes due to the School District of the Chathams, for the month of October 2026, in the amount of $4,030,077.00 be paid.

RESOLUTION 2026-165
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 meetings held on September 22, 2026 and October 13, 2026.

RESOLUTION 2026-166
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 TRANSPORTATION OF WET SEWAGE SLUDGE TO RUSSELL REID WASTE HAULING & DISPOSAL CO., INC. IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF $198,500.00 FOR THE INITIAL TERM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2026, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Chatham (the "Township") adopted Resolution No. 2026-131 authorizing the Township to publicly seek bids for the transportation of wet sewage sludge from the Township Water Pollution Control Plant to the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners for an initial contract period of December 1, 2026 through November 30, 2029, with two options to renew for December 1, 2029 through November 30, 2030 and December 1, 2030 through November 30, 2031 (the "Services"); and

WHEREAS, the Township received five (5) bids on October 8, 2026 from: (1) Russell Reid Waste Hauling & Disposal Co., Inc., located in Keasbey, New Jersey ("Russell Reid"), for the Services in the total annual amount for the initial three-year term of Two Hundred Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars ($208,900.00); (2) Spectraserv Inc., located in Kearny, New Jersey in the total annual amount for the initial three-year term of Two Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Dollars ($261,000.00); (3) Coppola Service, Inc. DBA NVIRO SERVE, located in Ringwood, New Jersey in the total annual amount for the initial three-year term of Two Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Dollars ($282,000.00); (4) Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc., located in Newtown, Pennsylvania in the total annual amount for the initial three-year term of Two Hundred Twelve Thousand One Hundred Eighty Dollars ($212,180.00); and (5) Wind River Environmental, LLC d/b/a EarthCare located in Vernon, New Jersey in the total annual amount for the initial three-year term of Two Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars ($210,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the WPC Foreman and Township Attorney recommend award of the contract for the Services to Russell Reid as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the total annual amount for the initial term of Two Hundred Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars ($208,900.00) and for an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars ($626,700.00) for the initial three-year term (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 Russell Reid.

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 Russell Reid located in Keasbey, New Jersey, in the amount of Six Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars ($626,700.00) for the initial three-year term. The Mayor, Township Administrator, Township Clerk and all other necessary Township personnel, are hereby directed and authorized to enter into a contract with Russell Reid for the Services, and to in all other ways carry out and effectuate the purposes thereof.
3. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

RESOLUTION 2026-167
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:

1B1B**NAME**	**Project**	**A/C NUMBER**	0B0B**AMOUNT**
Alexander Birdsall 12 Jay Road Chatham, NJ 07928	BOA-24-005 Re: 23 Cedar Lane	E7766645881	$300.00

RESOLUTION 2026-168
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham is a member of the Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, said renewed membership terminates as of December 31, 2026 unless earlier renewed by agreement between the Municipality and the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to renew said membership.

NOW THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham as follows:

1. The Township of Chatham agrees to renew its membership in the Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and to be subject to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, coverages, and operating procedures thereof as presently existing or as modified from time to time by lawful act of the Fund.

2. The Governing Body shall be and hereby are authorized to execute the agreement to renew membership annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund evidencing the Municipality's intention to renew its membership.

RESOLUTION 2026-169
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to obtain quotes or proposals from licensed professionals to provide the following services:

1. Township Attorney
2. Labor Attorney
3. Bond Counsel
4. Tax Appeal Attorney
5. Conflict Litigation Attorney
6. Affordable Housing Attorney

7. Municipal Prosecutor
8. Township Engineer
9. Township Planner
10. Affordable Housing Planner
11. Auditor
12. Financial Advisor
13. Real Estate Appraiser
14. Risk Management Consultant
15. Planning Board Attorney
16. Planning Board Planner
17. Planning Board Engineer
18. Zoning Board of Adjustment Attorney
19. Zoning Board of Adjustment Planner
20. Zoning Board of Adjustment Engineer
21. Zoning Board of Adjustment Acoustics Engineer
22. Zoning Board of Adjustment RF Engineer
23. Board of Health Attorney
24. Board of Health Engineer

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham authorizes the Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) and Alternate Purchasing Agent to prepare and advertise an RFQ for the aforementioned services.

RESOLUTION 2026-170
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING A SETTLEMENT OF THE TAX APPEAL OF FAIZULLAH & NAVEEN BHORA

WHEREAS, Faizullah & Naveen Bhora ("Taxpayers"), the owner of Block 102.04, Lot 51 on the Township of Chatham's Tax Assessment Maps, commonly known as 15 Scenery Hill Drive ("Property"), filed an appeal of their 2025 tax assessments in the Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket No.: 001498-2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey met and discussed the aforesaid tax appeals and the recommendations of its Township Tax Assessor Special Tax Appeal Attorneys; and.

WHEREAS, for the 2025 Tax Year, the Property was assessed at $2,553,900 (AV); based upon the Director's ratio of assessed to true value, this reflects a market value of $3,536,278 (72.22%) for the 2025 tax year; and

WHEREAS, the Director's ratio for the 2025 tax year 72.22%;

WHEREAS, the upper limit for the property tax assessment is $3,075,024 for the 2025 tax year;

WHEREAS, the Taxpayers purchased the Property on December 19, 2023 for $3,000,000;

WHEREAS, the Taxpayers have provided an appraisal report purporting to value the Property at $3,000,000, as of October 27, 2023;

WHEREAS, an acceptable settlement of the aforesaid tax appeal has been negotiated which reduces the total tax assessment levied upon the Property for 2025; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 total tax assessment, based upon said reduction, will be $2,503,900 instead of $2,553,900; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 total tax assessment has been set by the Tax Assessor at $2,150,000; and

WHEREAS, Taxpayers have agreed that any refunds due shall be without interest provided the tax refund is paid within sixty (60) days of the date of entry of the Tax Court Judgment; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee leaves the allocation between land and improvements of the aforesaid tax assessment reduction to the Township of Chatham's Tax Assessor's discretion with the direction that the same be set so as to be most beneficial to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid reduction has no general application to other properties within the Township of Chatham as a result of the aforesaid specific fact situation; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee makes this settlement with Taxpayers without prejudice to its dealing with any other Chatham Township's taxpayers' request for tax assessment reduction; and

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

1. The Township of Chatham's Tax Assessor is hereby directed to establish the allocation between land and improvements of a $2,503,900 total tax assessment for the 2025 Tax Year, for Block 102.04, Lot 51, which is most beneficial to the Township of Chatham and advise the Township Attorney of that allocation.
2. The Special Tax Appeal Attorney is authorized to execute a Stipulation of Settlement and/or Freeze Act Application relative to the tax appeal of Faizullah & Naveen Bhora ("Taxpayers") Docket No.: 001498-2025, which reduces the total tax assessment on Block 102.04, Lot 51 from $2,553,900 to a total tax assessment of $2,503,900 for the 2025; and which further provides that any refunds due shall be without interest provided the tax refund is paid within sixty (60) days of the date of entry of the Tax Court Judgment, payable to "Wolf Vespasiano LLC Attorney Trust Account and Bhora, Faizullah Naveen."

The settlement outlined above shall be without prejudice to the Township of Chatham's dealings with any other Township taxpayers' request for tax assessment reductions.

RESOLUTION 2026-171
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THEHILLSIDE AVENUE ROAD AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (2025 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID)

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2025, via the adoption of Resolution 2025-155, the Township Committee awarded the contract for the Hillside Avenue Road and Drainage Improvements (2025 Municipal Aid) to P.M. Construction Corp. in the total amount of $314,790.00 (the "Contract"), and;

WHEREAS, PM Construction Corp. was contracted to perform the Supplemental Bid Item 'A' under the same contract for $25,000.00 resulting in a total Contract amount of $339,790.00; and

WHEREAS, the as-built unit quantities completed and billed to date by P.M. Construction Corp. increased from the estimated quantities set forth in the Contract and therefore P.M. Construction Corp. requests an increase of $11,959.45, resulting in the increase in the total Contract amount of $351,749.45(the "**Change Order**"); and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to adopt this Resolution authorizing the Change Order for the Contract.

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 Change Order to the Contract in the amount of Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars Forty-Five Cents ($11,959.45) is hereby authorized resulting in the total Contract amount increasing to Three Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars Forty-Five Cents ($351,749.45). The Mayor of the Township, the Township Administrator, Township Engineer, and other necessary Township employees and consultants are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Change Order to the Contract and take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the Change Order.
3. If any part of this Resolution shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereby shall not affect the remaining parts of this Resolution.
4. A copy of this Resolution shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Township Clerk.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2026-172
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTING A CROSSING GUARD

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, New Jersey that Calcelia L. Bryson is hereby appointed to serve as a Crossing Guard for the Township of Chatham, effective November 1, 2026, at a rate of $26.75 per hour.

RESOLUTION 2026-173
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FEDERAL AID AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CHATHAM TOWNSHIP AND THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2016 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT – SHUNPIKE ROAD

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham (the "**Township**") intends to publicly seek bids and award a contract in connection with the installation of a sidewalk on Shunpike Road from Falmouth Road to Pine Street, New Jersey Department of Transportation (the "**NJDOT**") Job No. 6805303; and Federal Project No. TAP-0646 (301) (the "**2016 SRTS Project**"); and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has enacted various Transportation Authorization Bills to provide federal funding for transportation programs (the "**Federal-Aid Funds**"), which programs include, but are not limited to, the Safe Routes to School Program; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of New Jersey has enacted legislation by which certain Federal-Aid Funds may be made available for use on local transportation related projects of public entities qualified to act as subrecipient of such Federal-Aid Funds in accordance with the intent of federal law; and

WHEREAS, before Federal-Aid Funds will be made available for a specific program project, i.e., the 2016 SRTS Project, the Township and NJDOT are required to enter into an agreement to establish the terms and conditions applicable to the Township when receiving Federal-Aid Funds for the 2016 SRTS Project and the subsequent operation and maintenance of the completed 2016 SRTS Project; and

WHEREAS, NJDOT may award the Township funds to finance the 2016 SRTS Project (the "**Project Fund**") pursuant to the applicable federal and state law; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to authorize a contract with NJDOT to specify the conditions applicable to the financing of the costs of the 2016 SRTS Project out of the Project Fund and the obligations of the Township and NJDOT with respect to the 2016 SRTS Project (the "**Agreement**").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that authorization is given as follows:

1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated by reference as if set forth at length herein.
2. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement, in substantially the form on file with the Clerk, together with such additions, deletions and modifications as deemed necessary by the Mayor upon consultation with the Township Administrator, Township Engineer, and Township Attorney. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the signature of the Mayor on the Agreement and to deliver same to NJDOT.
3. The Mayor, Chief Financial Officer, Township Engineer, and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all action and execute and deliver any and all documents, certificates, agreements or instruments necessary to effectuate the transactions contemplated by this Resolution and the Agreement.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2026-174
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR THE 2016 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON A PORTION OF SHUNPIKE ROAD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham (the "**Township**") was awarded a 2016 Safe Routes to School Grant to provide for the construction of sidewalks on Shunpike Road from Falmouth Road to Pine Street, Federal Project No. TAP-0646(301), State Job No. 6805303 (the "**Contract**"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq. (the "**LPCL**"), the Township desires to solicit bids for the Contract; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the cost of the Contract will exceed the bid threshold, which requires the Township to conduct public bidding in accordance with the LPCL.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham as follows
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1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Township Committee hereby further authorizes the Municipal Clerk, once the bid specifications have been prepared, to solicit bids pursuant to the LPCL for the Contract.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Deputy Mayor McHugh moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Committeeman Choi seconded the motion.

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

Committeewoman Ewald asked about combining two Safe Routes to School projects. Mr. Shehady said that there are still issues on the State's end with the 2018 project.

Non-Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION 2026-175
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLCATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE LAFAYETTE AVENUE AND SHUNPIKE ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham supports and encourages safe pedestrian routes for students within the Township.

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham proposes sidewalk construction on Lafayette Avenue (from Inwood Road to Shunpike Road) and on Shunpike Road (from Noe Avenue to Ferndale Road). The Township also proposes additional safety upgrades including, but not limited to, crosswalks, pedestrian signage and signals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Township of Chatham.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Township of Chatham and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

RESOLUTION 2026-176
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION OF THE CONTINUAL OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM FOR THE USEFUL LIFE OF THE PROJECT AFTER THE CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED FOR THE LAFAYETTE AVENUE AND SHUNPIKE ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PROPOSED IN THE 2027 NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Township Committee of the Township of Chatham formally certifies the continual ownership and maintenance by the Township of Chatham for the useful life of the project after the construction is completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application, which includes the aforementioned maintenance agreement, to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Township of Chatham.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Township of Chatham and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Mr. Shehady said that the 2026 SRTS Grants were discussed at the recent workshop meeting. Subsequently two projects were presented to the DOT, and the recommendation was made to combine the two projects into one. The two resolutions on this meeting's agenda are to apply for the grant, and to confirm continuing ownership and maintenance of the sidewalk if the grant is received. The scope of the project was discussed. Committeeman Choi asked if the scope could extend to Castle Park. Mr. Shehady said that this proposal is likely the phasing in of a sidewalk. Committeeman Alperowitz said that the focus is to get children to school, and the proposed project would get access to the schools from the Ferndale neighborhood.

Committeewoman Ewald moved to adopt Resolution 2026-175 and Resolution 2026-176. Committeeman Choi seconded the motion.

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

Hearing of Citizens

Mayor Rowland opened the Hearing of Citizens.

1. Jessica Romeo, Pin Street, provided additional information on the Castle Park Cleanup project. There will also be work on a reforestation project to support a local Girl Scout in earning her Gold Award.

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

Committeewoman Ewald moved to adjourn at 8:08 PM. Committeeman Alperowitz seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Gregory J. LaConte
Municipal Clerk