

**MINUTES  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
JUNE 11, 2024**

Deputy Mayor Choi 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 3, 2024; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 3, 2024; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on January 3, 2024.

**Roll Call**

Answering present to the roll call were Committeeman Lois, Committeeman McHugh, Deputy Mayor Choi and Mayor Ewald. Committeewoman Rowland was absent.

Mayor Ewald participated via Zoom.

**Executive Session**

**RESOLUTION 2024-P-10  
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. Attorney-Client Privilege
  - c. Contract Negotiations
3. The matters to be discussed in closed session are to remain in the strictest of confidence by all Township Committee Members in furtherance of their fiduciary duties to the Township of Chatham.
4. 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.
5. The Committee will come back into Regular Session and may take further action.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Committeeman McHugh moved to adopt Resolution 2024-P-10 to enter Executive Session at 6:34 PM. Committeeman Lois seconded the motion.

Committeeman Lois said that item number 3 in the resolution should also include Township staff. Mr. LaConte suggested that the language indicate that confidentiality apply to all attendees, as sometimes advisory committee chairs are invited to attend executive sessions. Mrs. Cofoni noted that sometimes the staff and professionals need to disclose items discussed in executive sessions to effectuate the directives of the Township Committee, and said that would need to be accounted for in the language.

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

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

Deputy Mayor Choi led the Flag Salute.

**Hearing of Citizens**

The Clerk indicated that no written comments were received.

Deputy Mayor Choi opened the Hearing of Citizens.

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

**Resolutions**

**RESOLUTION 2024-132  
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM,  
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CAPITAL BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Chatham deems it necessary and desirable to revise the Funding Source and Debt Authorized to the existing Capital Projects not previously reflected in the 2024 Capital Budget of said municipality, and

**WHEREAS**, N.J. A.C. 5:30-4.4B provides that the Capital Budget of a governing body shall be amended to reflect any provisions, changes or inconsistencies with said Capital Budget,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the 2024 Capital Budget shall be amended to reflect the revised Funding Source and Debt Authorized as reflected in the attached 2024 Capital Budget Sheets not previously reflected for in the Capital Budget.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the attached form, as promulgated by the Local Finance Board shall represent the amended Capital Budget for the year 2024.

Mayor Ewald moved to adopt Resolution 2024-132. Committeeman McHugh seconded the motion.

Committeeman Lois expressed his continued opposition to having workshop meetings. He also expressed his opposition to authorizing debt for capital projects. Committeeman Lois further expressed support for authorizing debt for land purchases.

Committeeman McHugh said that nobody wants to incur a significant amount of debt. He also asked if Committeeman Lois is concerned about the amount of debt being authorized, what items should not be included in the authorization. Committeeman McHugh further noted that land acquisition cited previously by Committeeman Lois is land that will not appreciate in value nor will it generate any revenue for the Township. Deputy Mayor Choi noted that no debt was issued by the property acquisition bond ordinance. He also commented on the authorization of debt for fire and police vehicles, noting the importance of public safety. Deputy Mayor Choi also said that debt is not inherently nefarious as long as it is used judiciously. Mayor Ewald said that the bulk of the debt is for fire trucks and equipment.

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

**Introduction of Ordinances**

Ordinance 2024-14

**ORDINANCE 2024-14  
BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC  
IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT  
EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS  
EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, AND NEW FIRE  
TRUCKS AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND  
EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF**

**MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$4,830,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Chatham, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey (the "Township") is hereby authorized to make various public improvements and to acquire new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new communication and signal systems equipment, new information technology equipment, and new fire trucks and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for said Township, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements is not a current expense of said Township.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (3) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (4) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

**SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS**

- A. Making of a grant, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-311, to Nouvelle, LLC for the development and construction of group home affordable housing units at 482/490 River Road.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 426,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 20,300
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 405,700
Period of Usefulness	20 years

- B. Undertaking of improvements to various public buildings, including, but not limited, to the Municipal Building, Police Headquarters and DPW buildings. It is hereby determined and stated that said public buildings to be improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 180,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 103,810
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 76,190
Period of Usefulness	15 years

- C. Undertaking of the study phase for the construction of a new Police Headquarters and Municipal Office Complex.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 75,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 3,575
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 71,425
Period of Usefulness	15 years

- D. Acquisition of new information technology equipment consisting of computer equipment and systems.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 15,000
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Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 715
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 14,285
Period of Usefulness	7 years

- E. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of self-contained breathing apparatus equipment and various items of firefighting, emergency and safety equipment for the use of the Volunteer Fire Departments.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 51,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,600
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 48,900
Period of Usefulness	5 years

- F. Acquisition of new communication and signal systems equipment and new additional or replacement equipment and machinery for the use of the Fire Department consisting of (i) radios and (ii) a turnout gear dryer.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 477,650
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 22,750
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 454,900
Period of Usefulness	10 years

- G. Acquisition of new fire trucks, including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of (i) a ladder truck and (ii) a rescue pumper fire engine.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$3,250,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 154,770
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$3,095,230
Period of Usefulness	20 years

- H. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, for the use of the Police Department consisting of (i) SUVs and (ii) shields.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 145,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 8,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 137,000
Period of Usefulness	5 years

- I. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of an alcotest machine for the use of the Police Department.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 25,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,200
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 23,800
Period of Usefulness	10 years

- J. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and a new automotive vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, for the use of the Department of Public Works consisting of (i) salt spreaders with tailgates, (ii) a truck body and (iii) a utility truck with plow.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 184,850
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 32,280
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 152,570
Period of Usefulness	5 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$4,830,000
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 350,000
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$4,480,000

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$75,000 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 6. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$350,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore

adopted for said Township, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$350,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 7. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$4,480,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 8. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$4,480,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 9. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Township and attested by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 10. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 17.59 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 11. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk of said Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$4,480,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 12. Any funds received from the County of Morris, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 13. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 14. The Township intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 of this bond ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Township hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 15. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Township, and the Township shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 16. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Committeeman McHugh moved to introduce Ordinance 2024-14. Mayor Ewald seconded the motion.

Mayor Ewald said that the vast majority of the items in this ordinance relate to public safety.

Committeeman Lois said that he would prefer to pay for public safety vehicles through the operating budget rather than through bonding. He also recommended that fire trucks should be bought on a staggered basis.

Mr. Shehady explained that this ordinance is an authorization for debt, and does not issue any debt directly. He also said that it has been previously explained that the purchase of fire trucks will be staggered. Mr. Shehady further explained the process by which the debt will actually be issued, and noted that funds need to be certified before purchases can be made. He also said that the Township may be able to receive additional funds through grants for the purchase of fire trucks.

Committeeman Lois commented on previous refinancing of debt that could have been paid off at the time.

Mayor Ewald said that she is tired of Committeeman Lois's political spin, and noted that the Township Committee is advised by the CFO, Auditor, Bond Counsel and Township Administrator. She also noted the qualifications of the Finance Committee.

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

Public Hearing on Ordinance 2024-14 will be scheduled for June 25, 2024.

## **Reports**

### **Police Department**

Mr. Shehady said that there are two resolutions planned for the next meeting related to Police Department personnel matters. He also said that Chief Miller is at the meeting to address complaints received about the intersections of River Road & Southern Boulevard and Noe Avenue & Shunpike Road.

Chief Miller said that the Traffic Safety Officer performed a study of the intersection of River Road & Southern Boulevard. Morris County has been contacted about making improvements to the intersection. The traffic light equipment is old enough that it will need to be replaced to make improvements. There is a proposal for a 70/30 cost sharing breakdown for the improvements. Mr. Shehady said that an interlocal agreement will be needed to formalize the cost sharing. Chief Miller said that the cost estimate received thus far is a general estimate, and is about \$87,000. He also said that the improvements would include either eliminating the left turn arrow, or having the left turn arrow eliminated. Mr. Shehady said that the light would also be brought up to current standards. He also said that the County would pay for the design portion, and the Township would pay a share of the construction costs. Mr. McHugh asked about the ADA ramp at the site.

Chief Miller addressed the intersection of Nove Avenue and Shunpike Road. He said that there is not a pedestrian signal currently, and the crosswalk is not in compliance.

Deputy Mayor Choi asked if this intersection is a pedestrian concern. Chief Miller said that it was, and the County will be involved in the design work. Deputy Mayor Choi asked if there is any data to support the proposal. Chief Miller said that it is not an accident hot spot like by River & Southern. Deputy Mayor Choi said that he would like to be proactive in reviewing the Circulation Plan rather than being reactive when addressing traffic lights. He also said that being proactive will help the Township budget accordingly. Mr. Shehady said that there are additional costs due to the synchronization between the various traffic lights. Mayor Ewald said that she is on board with doing work at the intersection of Southern and River due to traffic flow and safety. Regarding the intersection of Noe and Shunpike, Mayor Ewald said she would like to see how it falls in terms of prioritization compared to other intersections. Committeeman Lois said that the

improvements at this intersection would not be a significant value relative to the cost. He also said that he thinks the intersection of Southern and Shunpike will wind up being more of a hot spot due to the development of affordable housing where Charlie Brown's used to be.

### Construction

Construction Official Jack Daniels was present to address the Township Committee. Mr. Shehady provided an overview of the various roles that Mr. Shehady fills in the Construction Department.

Mr. Daniels also provided an overview of his role handling the administrative aspects of UCC enforcement and performing building inspections. He noted that having an additional building inspector has helped him to catch up with plan reviews, and he still needs to catch up with zoning reviews. Mr. Daniels said that he has completed the courses for zoning certification. He also handles review of tree removal permit applications. Mr. Daniels also addressed the work performed by his staff, and noted that some matters to be addressed by Engineering go through his office. His staff also has to handle escrow accounts for some projects. The staff in the Construction Office also assists with applications for fire permits.

Mr. Daniels addressed the plan review process, and noted the circumstances in which a lot grading application would be needed. He noted that many applications are submitted that are incomplete, and he cannot act on them until they are complete. Mr. Daniels further noted that the fees ordinance is outdated and needs to be updated.

Mr. Daniels further addressed the lot coverage and stormwater aspects of plan review. He said that he wants to create a flow chart to help applicants better understand the application process. Mr. Daniels said that the Construction Department has handled a about the same volume of permit applications thus far this year, however revenues are down due to the type of work for which permits are being issued.

Mr. Daniels said that there has been an uptick in complaints from residents about neighboring properties. He discussed the process by which notices of violation are issued. He said that the Construction Department is seeking to hire an additional building inspector, which would allow him to spend more time in the office working on plan review.

Mr. Daniels said that the number of zoning inspections are up this year, noting that last year there were only 5 as of early June, and this year to date there are 86. He further noted that during zoning inspections, he has found many violations. Mr. Daniels further said that the file storage in the Construction Department has been cleaned up, and space is being better utilized. SDL tablets have been acquired for the subcode inspectors, and an unused office has been repurposed for plan review. Many old permits are also being closed out.

Mayor Ewald commented on better equipping the staff to address applications in a more timely manner. Mr. Daniels said that the biggest issue is getting him more time in the office to do his side of the review process. He also commented on the qualifications of the staff and their experience.

Deputy Mayor Choi asked about the checklist used to ensure that applications are complete. Mr. Daniels said that there is a checklist related to construction permits to make sure that everything is complete before the permit is issued, and to ensure that nothing gets missed. A checklist for zoning applications has not been created yet. Mr. Daniels also commented on the backlog of review, and said that this evening he go caught up with UCC plan review. He also said that zoning reviews are the next thing he intends to get caught up with.

Committeeman Lois said that residents have contacted him about inspections being done for permits that are older, and asked how that has been prioritized. Mr. Daniels described the circumstances in which such inspections are performed. Mr. Lois said that he would tend to prioritize current inspections over dated inspections. He also asked about stormwater calculations for deck and generator zoning permit applications. Mr. Daniels clarified that the construction permit application cannot be received until the zoning application is approved, and part of the zoning application process is for lot coverage to be reviewed. He also elaborated on the lot area calculations that are performed, and sometimes homes are already exceeding the

allowable lot coverage which results in denial of applications for permits for generators or decks without Zoning Board approval. Committeeman Lois expressed the frustration that homeowners feel when they have to comply with the Municipal Land Use Law. Committeeman Lois asked about porous material for sidewalks and pavers. Mr. Daniels noted the legal definition for pervious and impervious coverage, and he further explained how calculations are conducted.

Mayor Ewald asked Mr. Daniels to let the Township Committee know if there are any ordinances that need to be updated to make things easier for residents. Mr. Daniels said that he will work with Mr. Ruschke to review the ordinances, and noted an example of a zoning regulation about accessory structures only being allowed to be 150 square feet. Deputy Mayor Choi noted that the tree permit needs updating.

#### Administration

Mr. Shehady reported that there will be a resolution on the next agenda to authorize a historical preservation easement at the Red Brick Schoolhouse. He also reported that a resolution will be on the agenda for support of a grant that was awarded to the Chatham Township Fire Department.

Mr. Shehady recommended that the Township Committee consider an ordinance to define rules and regulations for parks and fields. He asked the Committee to let him know if there is anything particular they would like to see included. Committeeman Lois said he would like to see a policy that addresses asset maximization and facility rentals. Mr. Shehady said that a reservation system can be handled administratively, and the Township Committee should focus on policies that require legislation such as fees for renting facilities.

#### Clerk

Mr. Shehady noted that there will be a resolution on the next agenda for renewal of liquor licenses. Committeeman Lois asked about the number of liquor licenses presently issued. Mr. LaConte said that there are two active distribution licenses, one active consumption license, an inactive consumption license, and the potential to issue a third consumption license. Mr. LaConte recommended that the third license not be auctioned until after the inactive license is sold, and he noted that the inactive license has reached its final renewal period.

#### Engineering

Mr. Shehady reported that there will be a resolution on the next agenda for a municipal aid grant, and a resolution for the road resurfacing project. There will also be a change order for Colony Tennis.

Mr. Shehady also said that there was a report included in the Agenda Packet about the WPC Treatment Plant capacity and infrastructure, which will inform a future about improvements to the plant.

#### Finance

Mr. Shehady reported that there will be two resolutions on the next agenda pertaining to the 2023 Audit. There will also be several budget amendment resolutions to receive and appropriate grants that were received following the adoption of the 2024 Budget.

#### Public Works

Mr. Shehady reported that there will be a resolution on the next agenda for a GovDeals auction, and a resolution to extend the contract for snow plowing services. He noted that the snow plowing contract is for backup services in case there is a snow event that exceeds the capacity of the Public Works Department.

#### Tax Collector

Mr. Shehady said that there will be a resolution for estimated tax bills on the next agenda, which is a standard practice.



## **Hearing of Citizens**

Deputy Mayor Choi opened the Hearing of Citizens.

1. Stewart Carr, Crestwood Drive, asked about the discussion on the highest and greatest use of fields, and inquired if the Township has made use of the Oak Knoll Field.

Mr. Shehady said that the Soccer Club has made use of the Oak Knoll Field. Deputy Mayor Choi said he has been informed by the Soccer Club that the use of the Oak Knoll Field has been good for the program. He said that the Soccer Club has reached out to Oak Knoll for continued use of the field. Committeeman Lois noted that there is a fee per use, and he recommended that money from the Recreation Trust be used to support sports clubs using Oak Knoll. Deputy Mayor Choi noted that part of the fee is to cover the cost of a security guard which is required by Oak Knolls' insurance company.

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

Committeeman McHugh moved to adjourn at 9:52 PM. Mayor Ewald seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Gregory J. LaConte  
Municipal Clerk