MINUTES TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING JUNE 24, 2025

Deputy Mayor Rowland called the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham to order at 7:02 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.

<u>Roll Call</u>

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-11

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, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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
- 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 2025-P-11 to enter Executive Session at 7:03 PM. Committeewoman Ewald 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 reminded residents that when the temperature goes over 90 degrees, seniors can go to Colony Pool for free. Deputy Mayor Rowland commented on various celebrations in the Township during June. She noted that on Juneteenth there was the dedication at Shepard Kollock Field in memory of a slave that had been owned by Shepard Kollock.

Reports

Committeeman Alperowitz reported that the Fire Department had a series of training events recently. The Chatham Emergency Squad had a ribbon cutting ceremony for their new facility. Committeeman Alperowitz commented on the work that the Jaycees do to help fund and support community organizations.

Committeeman McHugh reported that input is being solicited regarding stewardship plan for the Fenske Property. He further asked that people remain patient with the Library of the Chathams as they try to keep the building cool during the heat wave. The Library is hosting a blood drive on July 1st from 10:00 to 3:00. The summer reading program is underway.

Committeewoman Ewald reported that the Senior Center's fundraising event was very successful. She also congratulated Jim Connelly on his years of service as a Senior Center Trustee. Committeewoman Ewald further reported that Colony Pool has a great lineup of events this year. The Planning Board adopted the Housing Element & Fair Share Plan for the Fourth Round, and there is a resolution on this meeting's agenda to endorse the plan.

Hearing of Citizens

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

Public Hearing/Final Adoption of Ordinances

Ordinance 2025-12

ORDINANCE 2025-12

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE V, BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 2-25, LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, SUBSECTION 2-25.2, MEMBERSHIP; OFFICERS, AND SUBSECTION 2-25.3, DUTIES, OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham (the "**Township**") desires to amend the Township Code, Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Boards, Committees and Commissions, Section 2-25, Local Emergency Management Council, subsection 2-25.2, Membership; Officers, and subsection 2-25.3, Duties, to eliminate any references to the Emergency Management Coordinator for purposes of clarification.

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

Section 1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

Section 2. Township Code Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Boards, Committees and Commissions, Section 2-25, Local Emergency Management Council, subsection 2-25.2, Membership; Officers, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 2-25.2 Membership; Officers.

- a. The LEMC shall be comprised of the up to 15 members who, in accord with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-41 and as suggested by FEMA Comprehensive Preparedness Guide 101, shall be appointed by the Mayor, and who shall serve at the will and pleasure of the Mayor. The composition of the LEMC is recommended as set forth below:
 - (1) Mayor.
 - (2) Township Committee Member who is on Public Safety subcommittee.
 - (3) Township Administrator.
 - (4) Chief of Police.
 - (5) DPW Superintendent.
 - (6) Health Officer.
 - (7) OEM Coordinator.
 - (8) Chatham Township Fire Department Chief or Chiefs designee.
 - (9) Green Village Fire Department Chief or Chiefs designee.

- (10) Chatham Emergency Squad Captain or Captain designee.
- (11) Red Cross Administrator.
- (12) Religious institution representative number 1.
- (13) School District of the Chatham's Superintendent or designee.
- (14) Private sector representative number 1 (hospital or health care facilities)
- (15) Private sector representative number 2 (utility operators or Childcare facilities)

Section 3. Township Code Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Boards, Committees and Commissions, Section 2-25, Local Emergency Management Council, subsection 2-25.3, Duties, is hereby amended as follows:

§ 2-25.3 Duties.

- a. The LEMC is directed, within the limits of appropriations, to establish an adequate organization to assist in supervising and coordinating the emergency management activities of the Township.
- b. The LEMC shall assist the Township in establishing the various local volunteer agencies needed to meet the requirements of all local emergency management activities in accordance with rules and regulations established by the governor in pursuance of the provisions of this chapter. [N.J.S.A. App. A:9-41].
- c. The LEMC shall meet a minimum of two (2) times per year.
- d. The LEMC shall revise and update written emergency operations plans focused on all hazards, including homeland security, flooding, fire, loss of utilities and sanitary services, and shall confidentially share such plans as necessary with the various Township departments and personnel impacted by such plans.
- e. The LEMC shall, at least once per year, review previously prepared emergency response plans and update same as necessary in conformity with State statutes, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-42.1 through 43.4, Executive Orders issued by the Governor, any current or future NJOEM directives, or any applicable Federal statutes or regulations.
- f. The LEMC members shall participate in training and exercises as required by the Chairperson or NJOEM Director.
- g. In compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5, School Safety and Security Plans, the LEMC will meet with the Chief School Administrator of the School District of the Chathams in the development of the school districts' plans, procedures and mechanisms for school safety and security.
 - 1. The plans, procedures and mechanisms shall be consistent with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.1 and the format and content established by the Domestic Security Preparedness Task Force, pursuant to N.J.S.A. App. A:9-64 et seq., and the Commissioner of Education.
 - 2. The plans, procedures and mechanisms shall be reviewed annually and updated, as appropriate.
- h. The LEMC shall collaborate with state, county, municipal, other Emergency Management Council personnel and agencies that serve disability and access/functional needs.
- i. All members of the LEMC shall maintain confidentiality and adhere to all laws, regulations and executive orders governing the confidentiality of any and all emergency operations plans to the extent permitted by law, including but not limited to the common law, the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq., and Executive Order 21 (McGreevey 2002) and as amended by Order 26 (McGreevey 2002)."

Section 4. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, division, clause or provisions so adjudicated and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 5. All Ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect according to law.

Deputy Mayor Rowland opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2025-12. Seeing no public comment, Deputy Mayor Rowland closed the Public Hearing.

Committeeman Alperowitz spoke in favor of the uprates to the LEMC.

Committeewoman Ewald moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-12. Committeeman Alperowitz seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance 2025-13

ORDINANCE 2025-13

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, AND NEW FIRE TRUCKS (SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING) 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 \$1,806,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT OR FULLY FUND AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, 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, and new fire trucks (supplemental funding) 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 Capital Improvement Fund moneys (either to make a down payment or to fully fund an appropriation) 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 (l) 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 appropriation from the Capital Improvement Fund hereinafter made to either fully fund an appropriation or to provide a down payment, 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. Undertaking of improvements to various roads and construction of sidewalks, as set forth on a list prepared or to be prepared by the Township Engineer and placed on file with the Township Clerk and hereby approved as if set forth herein in full. Depending upon the contract price and other exigent circumstances, and upon approval by the Township Committee, there may be additions to or deletions from the aforesaid list. It is hereby determined and stated that said roads being 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	\$ 512,000
Capital Improvement Fund Appropriated	\$ 512,000
Period of Usefulness	10 years

B. Undertaking of various improvements to public buildings and property. It is hereby determined and stated that the public buildings to be improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 330,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 15,720
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 314,280
Period of Usefulness	15 years

C. Supplemental funding for the acquisition of new fire trucks, including original apparatus and equipment. It is hereby determined and stated that the Township has heretofore appropriated the sum of \$3,250,000 for such improvement pursuant to Ord. No. 2024-14 adopted on June 25, 2024.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 500,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 23,810
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 476,190
Period of Usefulness	20 years

D. 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	\$ 69,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 3,300
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 65,700
Period of Usefulness	5 years

E. Acquisition of new communication and signal systems equipment and new additional or replacement equipment and machinery for the use of the Police Department consisting of (i) audio and video equipment and (ii) in-vehicle video recording system equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 115,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 5,480
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 109,520
Period of Usefulness	10 years

F. Acquisition of new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of SUVs for the use of the Police Department.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 125,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 6,630
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 118,370
Period of Usefulness	5 years

G. Acquisition of new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, for the use of the Department of Public Works ("DPW") consisting of (i) a cargo van and (ii) a pickup truck with plow.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 125,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 6,630
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 118,370
Period of Usefulness	5 years

H. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of trailers for the use of the DPW. Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 30,000

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 50,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,430
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 28,570
Period of Usefulness	15 years
Aggregate Appropriation and	
Estimated Cost	\$1,806,000

Aggregate Capital Improvement Fund	
Appropriated either as a Down Payment	
or to Fully Fund an Appropriation	\$ 575,000
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes	
Authorized	\$1,231,000

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$67,000 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 \$575,000, 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 \$575,000 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 \$1,231,000 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 \$1,231,000 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 the purposes to be financed with bonds or notes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 14.03 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 \$1,231,000 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 Section 4 of this bond ordinance (except for Section 4.A). 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 <u>ad valorem</u> 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.

Deputy Mayor Rowland opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2025-13. Seeing no public comment, Deputy Mayor Rowland closed the Public Hearing.

Committeeman Alperowitz moved to open consideration of Ordinance 2025-13. Committeewoman Ewald seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Committeewoman Ewald moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-13. Committeeman Alperowitz seconded the motion.

Mr. Shehady provided an overview of Ordinance 2025-13.

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

Ordinance 2025-14

ORDINANCE 2025-14 CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE SEWER UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$320,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP

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

Section 1. The Township of Chatham, in the County of Morris, New Jersey (the "Township") is hereby authorized to make various improvements in, by and for the Sewer Utility of the Township, including, but not limited to: (i) replacement or refurbishing of pumps at the Water Pollution Control Plant (the "Plant"); (ii) replacement of variable frequency drives at various locations; (iii) replacement of oxidation ditch motors at the Plant; (iv) asbestos removal at the Plant; (v) refurbishing of a compressor at the Plant; and (vi) replacement of comminution equipment at the Chatham Glen Pump Station. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. The sum of \$320,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the improvements authorized and described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be raised from the Sewer Utility Capital Improvement Fund of the Township. The sum of \$320,000 is hereby appropriated from the Sewer Utility Capital Improvement Fund of the Township to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 3. Said improvements are lawful capital improvements of the Township having a period of usefulness of at least five (5) years. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements, no part of the cost of which shall be assessed against property specially benefitted.

Section 4. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this capital 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 5. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

Committeeman Alperowitz moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-14. Committeewoman Ewald seconded the motion.

Deputy Mayor Rowland opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2025-14.

Seeing no public comment, Deputy Mayor Rowland closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Shehady said that Ordinance 2025-14 and 2025-15 are both for the Sewer Utility. They are separate ordinance because one involves borrowing of funds and the other does not. Mr. Shehady explained the iBank application process for sewer plant upgrades.

Mr. Alperowitz asked if the larger project will be affected by the smaller project, or if they are separate projects. Mr. Shehady said that they will not.

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

Ordinance 2025-15

ORDINANCE 2025-15

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND DESIGN PHASE FOR THE MAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT IN, BY AND FOR THE SEWER UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$250,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, 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 undertake the preliminary engineering and design phase for the making of various improvements to the Water Pollution Control Plant in, by and for the Sewer Utility of the Township. Said improvement shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. The sum of \$250,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvement described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized by this ordinance. No down payment is required for this bond ordinance pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c) and 40A:2-7(h). Said improvement shall be made as a general improvement and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of said Township, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of said Township pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$250,000, and (4) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$250,000, and (5) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$250,000 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, 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 4. It is hereby determined and stated that the Sewer Utility would have been selfliquidating, as defined in Section 47(a) of the Local Bond Law, during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, had there been included in the interest and debt redemption charges for such year an amount equal to interest for one year at the rate of four and one half percentum ($4\frac{1}{2}$ %) per annum on said bonds or notes, and the amount of the first installment of serial bonds legally issuable to finance such purpose plus an amount for charges as aforesaid with respect to all bonds and notes authorized but not issued for such Sewer Utility.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$250,000 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 6. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$250,000 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 7. 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 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of forty years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 9. 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 \$250,000, but said \$250,000 shall be deducted from gross debt pursuant to Section 44(c) of the Local Bond Law and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance is permitted by an exception to the debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law as provided in Sections 47(a) and 7(h) of the Local Bond Law.

Section 10. Any funds received from private parties, 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 purpose shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. 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 12. The Township intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvement described in Section 1 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 13. 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 <u>ad valorem</u> 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 limitations as to rate or amount.

Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Committeewoman Ewald moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-15. Committeeman Alperowitz seconded the motion.

Deputy Mayor Rowland opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2025-15. Seeing no public comment, Deputy Mayor Rowland closed the Public Hearing.

Committeeman Alperowitz noted that the sewer plant is critical infrastructure that needs updating.

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

Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION 2025-124

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 \$1,347,125.79 and the prior month's payroll of \$538,048.35 Current Fund, \$62,988.98 Sewer Utility, \$4,742.62 Open Space and \$20,849.10 Police Private Employment be paid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that taxes due to the School District of the Chathams, for the month of June 2025, in the amount of \$3,644,912.00 be paid.

RESOLUTION 2025-125 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 May 20, 2025 and June 3, 2025.

RESOLUTION 2025-126

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM APPROVING EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham acknowledges receipt of and approves Executive Session minutes of the Township Committee meetings held on June 3, 2025.

RESOLUTION 2025-127 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, AMENDING EMPLOYEE SALARIES FOR THE YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, the salaries of certain officers and the pay or compensation of certain positions and employees within the Township of Chatham that are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement are required to be set by resolution.

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

1. For the following enumerated officers, employees, or positions, employed prior to January 1, 2025, the Township shall pay the following respective salaries or compensation set forth below retroactive to January 1, 2025 until this resolution shall be amended or repealed, as to the respective officers, appointees to said offices, position or employment:

Full-Time & Part-Time Salaried Officials/Employees			
Governing Body			
Township Committee		\$1,200	
Administration			
Township Administrator	Ziad Andrew Shehady	\$213,000	
Administrative Assistant	Peter Travers	\$55,620	
Governmental Access TV Video Producer	Alexandra Gonzalez-Castillo	\$6,990	
Clerk			
Municipal Clerk & Registrar	Gregory LaConte	\$81,250	
Deputy Registrar	Peter Travers	\$1,545	
Treasury & Finance			
Chief Financial Officer & QPA	Debra King	\$169,375	
Tax Assessor	Glen Sherman	\$36,050	
Tax Collector	Kristin Walz	\$100,940	
Assistant Tax & Utility Collector	Brett Trout	\$44,970	
Assistant Tax Assessor	Brett Trout	\$44,970	
Assistant Treasurer	Edward Davenport	\$105,350	
Construction & Building			
Construction Official	John Daniels	\$105,905	
Sub-Code Official/Inspector (Building)	John Daniels	\$19,095	
Sub-Code Inspector (Building)	Robert Lubczenko	\$37,130	
Sub-Code Official/Inspector (Electrical)	Eric Delizio	\$29,325	
Sub-Code Inspector (Plumbing)	Angelo Curiazza	\$33,700	
Sub-Code Official/Inspector (Plumbing)	Ben Scotti	\$30,940	
Sub-Code Official/Inspector (Fire)	James Fonzino	\$43,290	
Technical Assistant &	Christine Morgan	\$67,000	
Administrative Assistant	_	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	

Land Use		
Zoning Officer J	John Daniels	\$4,245
Board Manager k	Kali Tsimboukis	\$49,720
	lames Rothenberger	\$15,385
Police		
Chief of Police 7	Fom Miller	\$199,980
Administrative Assistant S	Susan Marotta	\$54,915
Administrative Assistant S	Scott Baumann	\$60,370
Public Works		
	Richard Young	\$147,520
Assistant Public Works Manager I	Donald Kidd	\$139,325
Wastewater Treatment Facility Manager N	Michael Hajjar	\$131,130
Administrative Assistant C	Christie Tragno	\$61,770
Stipend & Part-Time, Non-Salaried Positions		
Emergency Management Coordinator 7	Fom Miller	\$6,000
Deputy F	Richard Young	\$4,000
Emergency Management Coordinator		
Board of Health Secretary C	Gregory LaConte	\$11,080
Planning Board Secretary C	Gregory LaConte	\$250 per meeting
	Gregory LaConte	\$250 per meeting

- 2. The Township retains the right to pay compensation at amounts of less than those listed herein for officials and employees duly hired to replace vacant offices and positions during the term of this resolution.
- 3. All resolutions, or provisions thereof inconsistent with this resolution are hereby repealed and the compensation herein established supersedes all previous compensation established by said ordinance/resolutions.
- 4. If any part of this resolution shall be invalid, such part shall be deemed severable and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this resolution.

RESOLUTION 2025-128

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham is the owner of certain surplus property which is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee are desirous of selling said surplus property in an "as is" condition without express or implied warranties.

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

- (1) The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted through GovDeals pursuant to State Contract A-83453/T2581 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals is available online at govdeals.com.
- (2) The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is govdeals.com.
- (3) The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9.
- (4) A list of the surplus property to be sold is as follows:

ITEM

8 hanging garage style heaters 2003 GMC 1GTHK24U93E318924

- (5) The surplus property as identified shall be sold in an "as-is" condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said surplus property.
- (6) The Township of Chatham reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

RESOLUTION 2025-130

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REFUNDING COLONY SWIM LESSON FEE

WHEREAS, fees were paid for Colony Pool Swim Lessons; and

WHEREAS, requests were made for a refund of the fee, as the registrants are unable to participate in the program; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Colony Pool Manager that a refund be granted. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that the following refunds be made from Account R-98-55-005-020:

AMOUNT

NAME & ADDRESS

Lauren Guida 38 Stonewyck Drive Chatham, NJ 07928

\$ 180.00

Lea Raquel Turcios 717 Fairmount Ave Chatham, NJ 07928

\$90.00

RESOLUTION 2025-131

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF THE 2025 ROAD RESURFACING CONTRACT TO TILCON NEW YORK, INC.

WHEREAS, Tilcon New York, Inc. with offices located at 9 Entin Road, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054 ("Tilcon") was awarded the 2025 Contract #6: Road Resurfacing for District #1 under the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (the "MCCPC"); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham (the "Township") is a member of the MCCPC and located in District No. 1; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to resurface Dellwood Avenue, Old Farm Road, Overlook Road, and Britten Road, for a total amount not to exceed Two Hundred One Thousand Twenty-Five Dollars (\$201,025.00) (the "2025 Road Resurfacing Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to award a contract to Tilcon for the 2025 Road Resurfacing Project in accordance with MCCPC Contract #6.

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

- 1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
- 2. The Township Committee hereby authorizes the award of the 2025 Road Resurfacing Project to Tilcon in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred One Thousand Twenty-Five Dollars (\$201,025.00) in accordance with MCCPC Contract #6.
- 3. This award is contingent upon and effective upon the adoption of Ordinance 2025-13, amending the Capital Budget, and N.J.S.A 40:49-9, which requires a 20-day waiting period following the adoption and notice of final adoption.
- 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2025-132

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF C HATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF THE 2025 TRAFFIC STRIPING CONTRACT TO DAN SWAYZE & SON, INC.

WHEREAS, Dan Swayze & Son, Inc. with offices located at 2351 Waldheim Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076 ("Swayze") was awarded the 2025 Contract #36: Traffic Stripping for District #1 under the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (the "MCCPC"); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham (the "Township") is a member of the MCCPC and located in District No. 1; and

WHEREAS, the Township will require restriping following the proposed resurfacing of Old Farm Road, Overlook Road, and Britten Road, for a total amount not to exceed Four Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$495.00) (the "2025 Traffic Restriping Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to award a contract to Swayze for the 2025 Traffic Restriping Project in accordance with MCCPC Contract #36.

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

- 1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
- 2. The Township Committee hereby authorizes the award of the 2025 Traffic Restriping Contract to Swayze in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$495.00) in accordance with the MCCPC Contract #36.
- 3. This award is contingent upon and effective upon the adoption of Ordinance 2025-13, amending the Capital Budget, and N.J.S.A 40:49-9, which requires a 20-day waiting period following the adoption and notice of final adoption.
- 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2025-133

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF THE 2025 CATCH BASIN & MANHOLE CASTINGS CONTRACT TO CAMPBELL FOUNDRY COMPANY

WHEREAS, Campbell Foundry Company, with offices located at 800 Bergen Street, Harrison, New Jersey 07029 ("Campbell") was awarded the 2025 Contract #14: Catch Basin & Manhole Castings for District #1 under the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (the "MCCPC"); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham (the "Township") is a member of the MCCPC and located in District No. 1; and

WHEREAS, the Township may require upgraded catch basin curb pieces and bicycle safe grates in connection with the 2025 road resurfacing project, for a total amount not to exceed Four Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$497.00) (the "2025 Catch Basin Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to award a contract to Campbell for the 2025 Catch Basin Project in accordance with MCCPC Contract #14.

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

- 1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
- 2. The Township Committee hereby authorizes the award of the 2025 Catch Basin Contract to Campbell in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$497.00) in accordance with the MCCPC Contract #14.
- 3. This award is contingent upon and effective upon the adoption of Ordinance 2025-13, amending the Capital Budget, and N.J.S.A 40:49-9, which requires a 20-day waiting period following the adoption and notice of final adoption.
- 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2025-134

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF A PUBLIC WORKS SERVICEMAN

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham desires to fill a vacancy in the position of Public Works Serviceman; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham has advertised the vacancy and received resumes that have been reviewed by the Superintendent of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Works has recommended that it would be in the best interests of the Township to appoint Thomas Garrigan as Public Works Serviceman; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator appoints Thomas Garrigan as full-time Public Works Serviceman, Step 14.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that they do hereby ratify and confirm the Township Administrator's appointment of Thomas Garrigan as full-time Public Works Serviceman effective July 1, 2025 at a starting annual salary of \$45,678.00 (Step 14), pending satisfactory completion of a criminal background investigation, physical examination and drug screen, and subject to satisfactory completion of a probationary period of 180 days.

RESOLUTION 2025-135

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF A PUBLIC WORKS SERVICEMAN

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham desires to fill a vacancy in the position of Public Works Serviceman; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham has advertised the vacancy and received resumes that have been reviewed by the Superintendent of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Works has recommended that it would be in the best interests of the Township to appoint Diego Maldonado as Public Works Serviceman; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator appoints Diego Maldonado as full-time Public Works Serviceman, Step 14.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that they do hereby ratify and confirm the Township Administrator's appointment of Diego Maldonado as full-time Public Works Serviceman effective July 1, 2025 at a starting annual salary of \$45,678.00 (Step 14), pending satisfactory completion of a criminal background investigation, physical examination and drug screen, and subject to satisfactory completion of a probationary period of 180 days.

RESOLUTION 2025-136

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that the following board and committee appointments be made:

Zoning Board of Adjustment <u>Term Expires</u>

1. Connie Max (Alt. 2)

December 31, 2025

RESOLUTION 2025-137

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE 2025 BUDGET.

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have become available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham has received \$28,490.19 from the State of New Jersey Clean Communities Account Fund and wishes to amend its 2025 Budget to include these funds as a revenue,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$28,490.19 which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues – Section F: Special Items of General revenue – Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

Clean Communities Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$28,490.19 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

Clean Communities Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION 2025-138

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:

NAME	Project	<u>A/C NUMBER</u>	AMOUNT
The Washington Humane Society 71 Oglethorpe St. NW Washington, DC 20011	BOA-18-142-4.01 Re: 575 Woodland Ave	E7764942958	\$107.00
Steven Simonfay 335 Main St Madison, NJ 07940	RO-22-056 Re: 8 Brentwood Road	5-01-55-005-003	\$2,325.00
David Kelly 37 Rose Terrace Chatham, NJ 07928	BOA 24-004 Re: 2 Overlook Road	E7766645849	\$49.25

RESOLUTION 2025-139

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REFUNDING OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

WHEREAS, an overpayment of taxes has been made for the following property; andWHEREAS, the Tax Collector has recommended the refund of such overpayment,NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township ofChatham that the following refunds be made:

Property	Refund Reason	Payee	Total
Block 48.04, Lot 2 16 Glenmere Drive	Double Payment Title Company & Mortgage Company	Simplicity Title LLC 60 Grove Street Somerville NJ 08876	\$5,908.82
Block 62.09, Lot 6 647 Fairmount Avenue	Double Payment Title Company & Mortgage Company	A Absolute Escrow Settlement 55 Essex Street Millburn, NJ 07041	\$2,687.14
Block 106, Lot 8 39 School Avenue	Double Payment Title Company & Mortgage Company	A Absolute Escrow Settlement 55 Essex Street Millburn, NJ 07041	\$5,748.71

RESOLUTION 2025-140

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 THOMAS & DAPHNE MARCHETTI

WHEREAS, Thomas & Daphne Marchetti ("Taxpayers"), the owner of Block 117, Lot 19 on the Township of Chatham's Tax Assessment Maps, commonly known as 36 Sandy Hill Road ("Property"), filed appeals of their 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 tax assessments in the Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket Nos.: 003003-2021; 001943-2022; 000607-2023; 001301-2024; 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 2021 through 2024 Tax Years, the Property was assessed at \$2,166,300 (AV); based upon the Director's ratio of assessed to true value, this reflects market values as follows: \$2,444,758 for the 2021 tax year (88.61%);\$2,467,593 for the 2022 tax year (87.79%); \$2,661,956 for the 2023 tax year (81.38%); and \$2,847,397 (76.08%) ; and

WHEREAS, the Taxpayers have provided an appraisal report for the 2021 tax year, purporting to value the property at \$1,800,000 as of October 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Director's ratios for the 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 tax years were 88.61%, 87.79%, 81.38%, and 76.08%, respectively;

WHEREAS, an acceptable settlement of the aforesaid tax appeal has been negotiated which reduces the total tax assessment levied upon the Property for 2021 through 2024; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 through 2023 total tax assessments, based upon said reduction, will be \$2,100,000 instead of \$2,166,300; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 total tax assessments, based upon said reduction, will be \$2,000,000 instead of \$2,166,300; and

WHEREAS, Taxpayers have agreed that any refunds due shall be without interest provided the tax refund is paid within 90 (ninety) 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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee have reviewed a copy of the proposed Stipulation of Settlement, which is annexed hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

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 \$2,100,000 total tax assessment for the 2021 through 2023 Tax Years and \$2,000,000 total tax assessment for the 2024 Tax Year, for Block 117, Lot 19, 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 relative to the tax appeal of Marchetti, Thomas & Daphne ("Taxpayers") Docket Nos.: 003003-2021; 001943-2022; 000607-2023; 001301-2024, which reduces the total tax assessment on Block 117, Lot 19 from \$2,166,300 to a total tax assessment of \$2,100,000 for the 2021 through 2023 Tax Years and to \$2,000,000 for the 2024 Tax Year; and which further provides that any refunds due shall be without interest provided the tax refund is paid within 90 days of the date of entry of the Tax Court Judgment.
- 3. 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 2025-141

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 CHRISTINE A & DANIEL M NILAND

WHEREAS, Christine A & Daniel M Niland ("Taxpayers"), the owners of Block 48.07, Lot 1 on the Township of Chatham's Tax Assessment Maps, commonly known as 69 Westminster Road ("Property"), filed appeals of its 2021, 2022, and 2023 tax assessments in the Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket Nos.: 003005-2021; 001946-2022; & 000610-2023; 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, the Property was assessed at \$1,300,000 for each year under appeal; and

WHEREAS, an acceptable settlement of the aforesaid tax appeal has been negotiated which reduces the total tax assessment levied upon the Property for 2021 only and withdraws the 2022 and 2023 tax year appeals; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 total tax assessment, based upon said reduction, will be \$1,275,000 instead of \$1,300,000 for the Property; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 and 2023 tax appeals will be withdrawn; and

WHEREAS, Taxpayers have agreed that any refunds due shall be without interest provided the tax refund is paid within 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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee have reviewed a copy of the proposed Stipulation of Settlement, which is annexed hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

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:

- The Township of Chatham's Tax Assessor is hereby directed to establish the allocation between land and improvements of a \$1,275,000 total tax assessment for the 2021 Tax Year, for Block 48.07, Lot 1, 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 relative to the tax appeal of Christine A & Daniel M Niland ("Taxpayers") Docket Nos.: 003005-2021; 001946-2022; 000610-2023, which reduces the total tax assessment on Block 48.07, Lot 1 from \$1,300,000 to a total tax assessment of \$1,275,000 for the 2021 Tax Year and withdraws the 2022 and 2023 Tax Year appeals; and which further provides that any refunds due shall be without interest provided the tax refund is paid within 60 days of the date of entry of the Tax Court Judgment.
- 3. 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 2025-142 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM AUTHORIZING ESTIMATED TAX BILLING

WHEREAS, the 2025 tax levy has not been certified at this time and said levy will not be certified in time for tax bills to be mailed in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, there will be insufficient cash flow to support municipal operations in late July, August and September unless third quarter tax revenue is received on time; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer have reviewed and computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3.

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

- 1. The Tax Collector of the Township of Chatham is authorized and directed to prepare, and issue estimated tax bills for the third installment of 2025 taxes in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2 et seq.
- 2. The estimated tax levy to be used for the preparation of the estimated tax bills shall be \$70,551,024.28 which is 102.5 percent of the tax levy of 2024. The estimated tax rate for 2025 is 2.020.
- 3. The Tax Collector shall take whatever action as permitted and required by Chapter 72 Public Laws 1994 and N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2 and 54:4-66.3.

RESOLUTION 2025-143

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, REGARDING THE RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025

WHEREAS, an application for the renewal of an Alcoholic Beverage License in the Township of Chatham for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 has been made by Jay Krishna LLC, Chattam Wine & Liquor LLC and Fairmount Country Club

WHEREAS, the applicants have complied with all the requirements of "An Act for the Manufacture, Distribution and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages", known as the "Alcoholic Beverage Act and Amendments and Supplements thereto", as well as the Ordinance of the Township of Chatham entitled "An Ordinance to Regulate the Sale and Distribution of Alcoholic Beverages", as amended, including the submission of the appropriate license fees, and no objections to the renewal of said licenses have been received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Clerk be and hereby is authorized to deliver the plenary retail distribution license as issued by the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, as follows:

To Jay Krishna LLC, trading as the Hickory Wine Cellar, for premises situated at 641 Shunpike Road, Chatham, New Jersey (Lic. No. 1405-44-003-009).

To Chattam Wine & Liquor LLC., trading as Buy Rite Liquor, for premises situated at 650 Shunpike Road, Unit 1A Chatham, New Jersey (Lic. No. 1405-44-004-007).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk be and hereby is authorized and directed to issue and deliver a plenary retail consumption license for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, as follows:

To Fairmount Country Club, Inc., a private club for members only, for premises situated at 400 Southern Boulevard, Chatham Township, New Jersey (License # 1405-33-001-002).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution certified by the Township Clerk be forwarded to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the State Department of Taxation and Finance, Newark, New Jersey, for their information and guidance.

RESOLUTION 2025-144

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, REGARDING THE RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025

WHEREAS, an application for the renewal of an Alcoholic Beverage License in the Township of Chatham for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 has been made by CB Chatham LLC; and

WHEREAS, the license held by CB Chatham LLC is an inactive license, otherwise known as a "pocket license;" and

WHEREAS, the license went inactive on March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, pocket licenses are eligible for two renewal periods; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2024 the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control issued Administrative Order (AO) 2024-03 granting blanket 12.39 relief for the 2024-2025 license term for all eligible inactive license holders; and

WHEREAS, the applicants have complied with all the requirements of "An Act for the Manufacture, Distribution and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages", known as the "Alcoholic Beverage Act and Amendments and Supplements thereto", as well as the Ordinance of the Township of Chatham entitled "An Ordinance to Regulate the Sale and Distribution of Alcoholic Beverages", as amended, including the submission of the appropriate license fees, and no objections to the renewal of said licenses have been received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Clerk be and hereby is authorized to renew the plenary retail consumption license as issued by the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, as follows:

To CB Chatham LLC, for a pocket plenary retail consumption license (Lic. No. 1405-33-002-009).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution certified by the Township Clerk be forwarded to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the State Department of Taxation and Finance, Newark, New Jersey, for their information and guidance.

RESOLUTION 2025-145

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE RESTORATION BOND FOR REPLACEMENT TREES AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 92, LOT 8 ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, in or around May 2021, in connection with the redevelopment of property designated on the Official Tax Maps of the Township of Chatham (the "Township") as Block 92, Lot 8, more commonly known as 37 Rose Terrace (the "**Property**"), Avanro Group, LLC ("Avanro") was required to post a restoration bond in the total amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000), plus interest (the "**Restoration Bond**") as a result of offsite tree removal and clearing violations committed by Avanro in connection with lot grading application no. SG21-028R1; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer issued a memorandum dated June 17, 2025 wherein he determined that the replacement trees required in connection with the Restoration Bond are in good health and proper understory has been re-established and therefore the Restoration Bond should be released to Avanro; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township desires to adopt this Resolution authorizing the release of the Restoration Bond to Avanro.

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

- 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
- 2. The Township hereby authorizes the release of the Restoration Bond to Avanro.

- 3. The Mayor, Township Administrator, Township Engineer, and the Township Chief Financial Officer are authorized to effectuate the release of the Restoration Bond, including the execution of any form necessary for the release of the Restoration Bond in accordance with this Resolution.
- 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2025-146

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CONFIRIMING THE SETTLEMENT PAYMENT OF ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500) TO ROTIMI OWOH, ESQ. (O.B.O. AFRICAN AMERICAN DATA & RESEARCH INSTITUTE) IN CONNECTION WITH GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL COMPLAINT NO. 2022-141

WHEREAS, on or about April 18, 2022, Rotimi Owoh, Esq. (O.B.O. African American Data & Research Institute) (the "Requestor") filed a Denial of Access Complaint against the Township of Chatham Police Department, with the Government Records Council (the "GRC"), bearing case number *GRC Complaint No. 2022-141* (the "Action"); and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2025, the GRC entered a Final Decision of the Government Records Council and issued the Findings and Recommendations of the Executive Director in the Action (the "Final Decision"); and

WHEREAS, the GRC's Final Decision required the Township of Chatham Police Department to pay the Requestor's attorney's fees incurred in connection with the Action; and

WHEREAS, the Requestor and Township of Chatham (the "**Township**") negotiated and agreed to a total amount of attorney's fees of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) (the "**Settlement Payment**"); and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to adopt this Resolution to confirm authorization of the Settlement Payment.

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

- 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth at length.
- 2. The Township hereby confirm the authorization of the Settlement Payment.
- 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Committeeman Alperowitz moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Committeewoman Ewald seconded the motion.

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

Non-Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION 2025-129

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENDORSING THE TOWNSHIP'S FOURTH ROUND HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Supreme Court declared that the discriminatory use of zoning powers was illegal and provided, as a matter of constitutional law, that each developing municipality "must, by its land use regulations, make realistically possible the opportunity for an appropriate variety and choice of housing for all categories of people who may desire to live there, of course including those of low and moderate income," In Re Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97 by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, 221 N.J. 1, 6 (2015) ("Mount Laurel IV"), citing S. Burlington County. NAACP v. Township of Mount Laurel ("Mount Laurel I"), 67 N.J. 151, 179, 187, appeal dismissed and cert. denied, 423 U.S. 808, 96 S. Ct. 18, 46 L. Ed. 2d 28 (1975), and that this constitutional obligation requires that towns must provide "a realistic opportunity for the construction of [their] fair share of the present and prospective regional need for low and moderate income housing," Id., citing S. Burlington County NAACP v. Township of Mount Laurel ("Mount Laurel II"), 92 N.J. 158, 205 (1983), (together with Mount Laurel I, the "Mount Laurel Doctrine"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to <u>Mount Laurel IV</u>, the Township of Chatham (the "Township") filed a declaratory judgment action on July 6, 2015, entitled "In the Matter of the Application of the Township of Chatham" Docket No. MRS-L-1659-15, seeking a judicial declaration that its Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("Third Round HEFSP") satisfied the "fair share" of the regional need for very low - low- and moderate-income housing, pursuant to the Mount Laurel Doctrine; and

WHEREAS, thereafter the Township entered into an amended settlement agreement with Fair Share Housing Center ("**FSHC**") on July 23, 2020 (incorporating prior Settlements between FSHC and the Township, dated December 13, 2018 and January 10, 2019); and

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2021, the Court entered a Final Judgment of Compliance and Repose, granting the Township immunity from Builder's Remedy lawsuits until July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed P.L.2024, c.2. ("A4") into law, amending the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:27D-301 to -329 (the "Act") and establishing a new framework for determining and enforcing municipalities' affordable housing obligations under the Mount Laurel doctrine for the years 2025 – 2035 (the "Fourth Round"); and

WHEREAS, A4 required the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (the "DCA") to produce non-binding estimates of need for present and prospective need for low- and moderate- income housing in each municipality for the Fourth Round on or before October 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2024, in furtherance of such requirement, the DCA issued a report entitled "Affordable Housing Obligations for 2025-2035 (Fourth Round) Methodology and Background" (the "DCA Report") which report established the final calculation and obligations for each municipality in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the DCA Report calculated the Township's Fourth Round obligation as follows: a Present Need or Rehabilitation Obligation of 30 and a Prospective Need or New Construction Obligation of 156; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2025, the Township Committee adopted Resolution 2025-062 (the "**Binding Resolution**"), accepting the "present need" but seeking a downward deviation from the "prospective need" obligation as set forth in the DCA Report to a "prospective need" of 141 units based on the Township's planners' recommendation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Administrative Directive #14-24, dated December 13, 2024 (the "**Directive**"), implementing the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (the "**Program**") on January 30, 2025, the Township filed a declaratory judgment action in the Superior Court of Morris County, bearing Docket No. MRS-L-275-25 (the "**Declaratory Judgment Action**"); and

WHEREAS, the filing of the Declaratory Judgment Action, in accordance with the Act and the Directive, gave the Township continued immunity from Builder's Remedy lawsuits, which continues to be in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Builders Association filed a challenge to the Declaratory Judgment Action as an interested party, disputing the Township's calculation of its prospective need; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2025, the Honorable Janine M. Allen, J.S.C., the designated Mount Laurel Judge for the Morris Vicinage, entered an order setting the Township's Present Need Obligation as 30 and the Prospective Need Obligation as 141, as set forth in the Binding Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Township engaged Kendra Lelie, PP/AICP, LLA of Kyle + McManus Associates (the "**Township Planner**") to prepare a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan for the Fourth Round (the "**Fourth Round HEFSP**") consistent with the obligation set forth in the Binding Resolution; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Act and the Binding Resolution, the Township Planner has prepared the Fourth Round HEFSP, dated June 16, 2025, attached hereto, which addresses the Township's Present Need and Prospective Need Obligations for the Fourth Round; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40:55D-28, the Township of Chatham Planning Board is charged with the preparation and adoption of the Township's Master Plan, which includes the HEFSP; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2025, after providing notice in accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law, specifically <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40:55D-13, the Township of Chatham Planning Board held a public hearing to review the Fourth Round HEFSP prepared by the Township Planner; and

WHEREAS, after review and consideration of the Fourth Round HEFSP and presentation by the Township Planner, the Planning Board determined it was consistent with the goals and objectives of the Township's current Master Plan, and adopted the same; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Directive, a resolution of the governing body must be adopted endorsing the Fourth Round HEFSP, no later than June 30, 2025, in order to seek a Final Judgment of Compliance and Repose; and

WHEREAS, after review and consideration of the Fourth Round HEFSP, the Township finds it is in the best interest of the Township to endorse the Fourth Round HEFSP, as adopted by the Township's Planning Board.

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The Township Committee endorses the Fourth Round HEFSP as prepared by the Township Planner and adopted by the Planning Board.

Section 3. The Township Committee authorizes its professionals to file a copy of this Resolution, as well as a copy of the endorsed Fourth Round HEFSP with the Program.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Committeeman Alperowitz moved to adopt Resolution 2025-129. Committeewoman Ewald seconded the motion.

Committeeman Alperowitz commented on the vast amount of work that was done behind the scenes to develop the Fair Share Plan.

Committeewoman Ewald provided an overview of the RDP and the overlay zone for unmet need.

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

Hearing of Citizens

Deputy Mayor Rowland opened the Hearing of Citizens.

1. Michael Kelly, Mountain Ave, congratulated those who worked on the Fair Share Plan. Mr. Kelly said that there could have been more information made public at an earlier time. He further thanked Committeeman Alperowitz for requesting a separate vote on the resolution to endorse the Fair Share Plan.

Committeewoman Ewald said that there were several public presentations during the development of the Fair Share Plan.

Committeeman Alperowitz said that the Township Committee endeavors to improve communications and said there is always room for improvement. He thanked Mr. Kelly for his comments.

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

Committeewoman Ewald moved to adjourn at 8:09 PM. Committeeman Alperowitz seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Gregory J. LaConte Municipal Clerk