

**MINUTES  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 25, 2024**

Mayor Ewald called the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham to order at 7:31 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, Committeewoman Rowland, Deputy Mayor Choi and Mayor Ewald.

Mayor Ewald led the Flag Salute.

**Citizen Award**

Mayor Ewald presented a Citizen Award to Jessica Romeo. Mayor Ewald noted the work that Mrs. Romeo does for the community, including her work on the Environmental Commission and with local Girl Scout troops. Mayor Ewald also noted the MLK Luminary Project which Mrs. Romeo initiated. Mrs. Romeo was presented with a framed certificate and a lapel pin.

Mayor Ewald opened the floor for members of the public to speak regarding Mrs. Romeo's contributions to the community.

1. Kathy Abbott, Wynwood Road, said that she has been friends with Mrs. Romeo for a long time, and they met at the Farmer's Market when Mrs. Romeo was running a business there. Mrs. Abbott also commented on Mrs. Romeo's gardening skills and social justice efforts.
2. Jessica Romeo, Pine Street, said she is glad that her children are able to see that community service makes an impact.

Mayor Ewald noted that Mrs. Romeo contributes produce from the Community Garden to the local food pantry.

3. Maureen Kelly, Mountain Avenue, said that Mrs. Romeo put out a cooler at the Community Garden so that people can donate excess produce for the food pantry. She thanked the Mayor for recognizing Mrs. Romeo.
4. Lisa McHugh, Ormont Road, said that Mrs. Romeo leads by example.

Committeewoman Rowland said that she and Mrs. Romeo had daughters in the same Girl Scout Troop, and she commented on Mrs. Romeo's leadership of the troop.

Committeeman McHugh commented on Mrs. Romeo's participation on the Environmental Commission and in the community, and said she is someone who gets things done.

**Mayor's Message**

Mayor Ewald announced that the Township is now the legal owner of the Fenske Property. Mayor Ewald noted the intention for the property to be preserved, and a portion may be used for recreation purposes. She thanked those who participated in the work done for Township's acquisition of the property. Mayor Ewald further thanked the Fenske Family, and commented on the legacy of Helen Fenske and her work for the preservation of the Great Swamp. Mayor Ewald further commented on the multi-purpose bond ordinance on this meeting's agenda for adoption, noting that it will fund acquisition of two fire trucks, fire safety equipment and police vehicles. She further noted that while the ordinance authorizes debt, any debt will not be incurred until necessary. Mayor Ewald further commented on the introduction of an ordinance for a historic

preservation easement for the Red Brick Schoolhouse, and thanked Pat and Martha Wells for their work in securing the grant for restoration of the building. Mayor Ewald commented on Resolution 2024-154 which reappoints TD Bank as the Township's depository, which helps to maximize the Township's returns and expands the services received. Mayor Ewald provided an update in the ADA sidewalk improvements on Fairmount Avenue.

### **Environmental Commission Annual Report**

Environmental Commission Chairwoman Jessica Romeo provided highlights of the 2023 activities. She thanked the Public Works Department for their assistance. She also commented on grants that have been received. Mrs. Romeo also commented on climate change.

Mayor Ewald thanked the Environmental Commission for the work they perform.

### **Township Committee Reports**

Committeeman Lois reported that NJ American Water made lateral improvements last year on Southern Boulevard last year, and the asphalt patching on the sidewalks has been corrected. PSE&G has announced lower rates. JCP&L still wants to present the Energize NJ Improvements plan to the Township Committee. Committeeman Lois further reported that the Colony Swim Team had their first swim meet. He said that he does not have updated registration information for the current season.

Committeeman McHugh congratulated everyone involved with the Township's purchase of the Fenske Property. He reported that there will be volunteer opportunities related to the Hillside Trail. Committeeman McHugh also thanked DPW for the signage as people enter the Township, and he said that there will be signage for the Hillside Trail. Committeeman McHugh thanked the Jaycees for the grant to assist with the Corn Crib restoration. He further reported that there will be volunteer opportunities to help the Environmental Commission with the Shunpike Restoration Project. Committeeman McHugh further reported that the Adopt a Drain program is underway, and he encouraged participation. Committeeman McHugh noted that the rear entrance to the Library of the Chathams is now open. The Summer Reading Program has started, and the theme is "Adventures Begin at the Library." A new Assistant Director has been hired at the Library.

Deputy Mayor Choi reported on the success of Chatham Recreation programs. He noted that there is a vacancy on the Joint Recreation Advisory Committee. Deputy Mayor Choi noted that there are discussions about lighting Lum Field. Regarding the Board of Education, Deputy Mayor Choi reported that the security vestibules are being constructed. The School District is considering pushing back the start time for Chatham Middle School. The 2024-2025 School Calendar has been adopted. The School District is participating in a class action lawsuit against social media companies regarding the link between social media and mental health issues among teens. Deputy Mayor Choi said there is not any update on the possibility of Harding students attending Chatham High School. Deputy Mayor Choi also reported on a TEDx program at Chatham High School.

### **Hearing of Citizens**

Mayor Ewald opened the Hearing of Citizens.

1. Mike Martin, Geoffrey Court, was present to follow up on the request he presented at the last meeting for the installation of a bocci court. He said he submitted an itemized budget to the Township Engineer and Administrator, and he hopes to hear from them about a potential timeline.
2. Ben Bernich, Johnson Drive, said that he is hoping to see the bocci court project done sooner rather than later, as the timeframe is important to his progress toward the rank of Eagle Scout.

Mayor Ewald asked if Mr. Bernich has a proposed timeline. Mr. Bernich said he is hoping to see the project completed over the summer before school starts. He also said he hopes to see it started no later than August and completed by November. Mayor Ewald asked how many scout hours would be involved. Mr. Bernich said he anticipates no more than 30 hours.

Mr. Shehady said he will be reviewing the proposal with the DPW Director during their next monthly meeting.

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

**Public Hearing/Final Adoption of Ordinances**

Ordinance 2024-09

**ORDINANCE 2024-09**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 4, GENERAL LICENSING, SECTION 4-1, LICENSING OF PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS AND CANVASSERS, SUBSECTION 4-1.3(b), TERM OF LICENSE; FEE, AND SECTION 4-1.9(b), TERM AND FEE FOR SOLICITOR’S PERMIT**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham (the “**Township**”) desires to amend the Revised General Ordinances of the Township (the “**Township Code**”), Chapter 4, General Licensing, Section 4-1, Licensing of Peddlers, Solicitors and Canvassers, subsection 4-1.3(b), Term of License; Fee, to increase the license fee from Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) to One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to amend the Township Code, Chapter 4, General Licensing, Section 4-1, Licensing of Peddlers, Solicitors and Canvassers, subsection 4-1.9(b), Term and Fee for Solicitor’s Permit, to increase the permit fee from Five Dollars (\$5.00) to One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to increase the fees to be consistent with similar fees in neighboring municipalities, to account for inflation, and to cover the Township’s costs associated with processing the permits.

**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.** The Township Code Chapter 4, General Licensing, Section 4-1, Licensing of Peddlers, Solicitors and Canvassers, subsection 4-1.3(b), Term of License; Fee, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 4-1.3 Term of License; Fee**

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- b. Every applicant for a peddler's license shall submit to the Township Clerk prior to the issuance of the license a fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) payable to the Township. The amount of this fee shall not vary by reason of the date of the issuance of the license.

**Section 3.** The Township Code Chapter 4, General Licensing, Section 4-1, Licensing of Peddlers, Solicitors and Canvassers, subsection 4-1.9(b), Term and Fee for Solicitor’s Permit, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 4-1.9 Term and Fee for Solicitor’s Permit**

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- b. Every applicant for a solicitor's permit shall submit to the Chief of Police prior to the issuance of the permit a fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) payable to the Township. The amount of this fee shall not vary by reason of the date of the issuance of the permit.

**Section 4.** If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid in any Court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective, except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

**Section 5.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances, which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

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

Mayor Ewald opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2024-09.  
Seeing no public comment, Mayor Ewald closed the Public Hearing.

Committeewoman Rowland moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-09. Deputy Mayor Choi seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance 2024-10

**ORDINANCE 2024-10  
ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM,  
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 4, GENERAL  
LICENSING, SECTION 4-4, SWIMMING POOLS, SUBSECTION 4-4.5, LICENSE FEE, OF  
THE TOWNSHIP CODE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham (the “**Township**”) desires to amend the Revised General Ordinances of the Township (the “**Township Code**”) Chapter 4, General Licensing, Section 4-4, Swimming Pools, subsection 4-4.5, License Fee, to increase the license fee from One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) to Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

**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.** The Township Code Chapter 4, General Licensing, Section 4-4, Swimming Pools, subsection 4-4.5, License Fee, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 4-4.5 License Fee**

Every applicant before being issued a license shall pay to the Township a license fee of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

**Section 3.** If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid in any Court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective, except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

**Section 4.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances, which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect according to law.

Mayor Ewald opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2024-10. Seeing no public comment, Mayor Ewald closed the Public Hearing.

Committeeman McHugh moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-10. Committeeman Lois seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance 2024-11

**ORDINANCE 2024-11  
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE REVISED GENERAL  
ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY, ELIMINATING SECTION 68, SLUDGE DISPOSAL AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, on August 4, 1988, the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham (the “**Township**”) adopted Ordinance 19-88 authorizing a shared service agreement with the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills pursuant to the Interlocal Services Act, N.J.S.A 40A:8A-1, to receive sludge disposal services (the “**Agreement**”), which was memorialized in the Revised General Ordinances of the Township (the “**Township Code**”), Chapter 2, Administration, Section 68, Sludge Disposal Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement is no longer in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to amend the Township Code, Chapter 2, Administration, to eliminate Section 68, Sludge Disposal Agreement, in its entirety.

**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, Section 68 Sludge Disposal Agreement, is hereby repealed and rescinded in its entirety, and shall no longer be of, or remain in, any force or effect.

**Section 3.** 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 4.** All Ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect according to law.

Mayor Ewald opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2024-11.  
Seeing no public comment, Mayor Ewald closed the Public Hearing.

Committeeman Lois moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-11. Committeeman McHugh seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance 2024-12

**ORDINANCE 2024-12**  
**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ELIMINATING SECTION 69, COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, on February 17, 1994, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:11-11(5) the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham (the “**Township**”) adopted Ordinance 94-03 authorizing the execution of a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Township of Cranford, known as the Police Cooperative Pricing Agreement, with the Township of Cranford serving as the Lead Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is no longer a member of the Police Cooperative Pricing Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to amend the Revised General Ordinances of the Township (the “**Township Code**”), Chapter 2, Administration, to eliminate Section 69, Cooperative Pricing Agreement, in its entirety.

**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, Section 69, Cooperative Pricing Agreement, is hereby repealed and rescinded in its entirety, and shall no longer be of, or remain in, any force or effect.

**Section 3.** 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 4.** All Ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect according to law.

Mayor Ewald opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2024-12.  
Seeing no public comment, Mayor Ewald closed the Public Hearing.

Committeeman Lois moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-12. Committeewoman Rowland seconded the motion.

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

**ORDINANCE 2024-13**

**ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 15, ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO ADD NEW SECTION 15-2, PROMOTING THE USE OF NATIVE VEGETATION ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham (the “**Township**”) recognizes the significant benefits of establishing and protecting appropriate native vegetation for species conservation and ecological restoration; and

**WHEREAS**, native plants are well adapted to the local soils and climate in which they have evolved over thousands of years, tend to be more insect and disease resistant, and require significantly less watering and fertilizing than non-native plants; and

**WHEREAS**, native plants and the insects they support are the foundation of a diverse, healthy, and sustainable ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS**, many introduced non-native plants are invasive and outcompete our native vegetation, putting our ecosystem out of balance and causing environmental and economic harm; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments use native plant ordinances to improve the principles and practices that guide landscaping as well as the addition and replacement of plants on municipal properties; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of appropriate native vegetation helps achieve water conservation goals, facilitates better stormwater absorption, fosters a healthy ecosystem, preserves natural habitat and reduces landscaping maintenance and costs; and

**WHEREAS**, wildlife such as birds and pollinators require the native plants with which they co-evolved for food, habitat and protective cover, reproduction, and rearing their young; and

**WHEREAS**, the lack of proper habitat and food sources for native birds and insects is one factor in the decline of many of these species; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 1, 2017, Governor Chris Christie signed into law bill S-227/A-963 which required the New Jersey Department of Transportation, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, and the South Jersey Transportation Authority to use solely native vegetation for landscaping, land management, reforestation efforts, and habitat restoration; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of native plants also helps to preserve and celebrate our New Jersey heritage, and restore the ecological balance we have lost through development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to support the use of native vegetation through leading by example via the adoption of this ordinance supplementing the Revised General Ordinances of the Township (the “**Township Code**”) to add Section 15-2, which promotes the use of native vegetation on municipal property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, and 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 15, Environmental Regulations, is hereby supplemented with the addition of Section 15-2, Promoting the Use of Native Vegetation on Municipal Property, which shall read as follows:

**§ 15-2 PROMOTING THE USE OF NATIVE VEGETATION ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY**

**§ 15-2.1 Purpose.**

The Governing Body desires to increase the amount of native, environmentally beneficial plant species on municipal property in the Township by establishing standards for the purchase and installation of new and replacement plants. The Township strongly recommends that developers, private property owners and landscapers avoid species on the New Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team’s Do Not Plant list. Seeds from invasive plants on private property are spread by birds and damage the ecosystems of the Township woodlands and parks, as well as the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.

**§ 15-2.2 Definitions.**

For the purpose of this Section 15-2, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated below:

**CULTIVAR**

A cultivated variety; a plant that has been produced by selective breeding to emphasize or minimize certain traits of the parent plant. These varieties are usually propagated asexually by cloning. These plants are identified by the cultivar name being in single quotes following the Latin scientific name or the common name: For example, *Rudbeckia fulgida* is the straight species of perennial Black-Eyed Susan. *Rudbeckia fulgida* ‘*Goldsturm*’ or ‘*Goldsturm*’ *Black-Eyed Susan* is a cultivar.

**HYBRID PLANT**

The offspring of two different species or varieties.

**INVASIVE PLANT**

A plant species that is non-native (or alien) to the ecosystem and whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm, harm to human health, and/or disruption of naturally occurring native plant communities by altering structure, composition, natural processes, or habitat quality. Refer to the New Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team's *Do Not Plant List* for an up-to-date list at [fohvos.info/invasive-species-strike-team/info-center](http://fohvos.info/invasive-species-strike-team/info-center).

**KEYSTONE SPECIES**

Native plants that are essential to the ecosystem because they support 90% of the caterpillar species that are the food source for terrestrial birds feeding their young. These are the plants that also serve as food source to both generalist and native bee species who only eat pollen from certain plants. A list of Keystone Native Plants for Chatham Township's ecoregion (Ecoregion 8, Eastern Temperate Forests) can be found on the at [https://www.nwf.org/-/media/Documents/PDFs/Garden-for-Wildlife/Keystone-Plants/NWF-GFW-keystone-plant-list-ecoregion-8-eastern-temperate-forests.pdf?sc\\_lang=en&hash=C475FADDFCC2622C7539F25935F5DAA1](https://www.nwf.org/-/media/Documents/PDFs/Garden-for-Wildlife/Keystone-Plants/NWF-GFW-keystone-plant-list-ecoregion-8-eastern-temperate-forests.pdf?sc_lang=en&hash=C475FADDFCC2622C7539F25935F5DAA1)

**LAWN**

Continuous plant coverage by a grass species that is regularly mowed to maintain an established height.

**MUNICIPAL PROPERTY**

Land owned by the Township of Chatham.

**NATIVE PLANT**

Indigenous terrestrial or aquatic plant species that have evolved and grown naturally in a particular region, ecosystem, and habitat prior to the introduction of plants from other regions or continents. Native plants have evolved over thousands of years to be well-adapted to the climate, light, soil conditions, and wildlife in a particular region. Such plants tend to be more drought- and disease-resistant than species introduced from other regions; and they help preserve the balance and beauty of natural ecosystems. For purposes of this Ordinance, the range of Native Plants shall be the mid-Atlantic region of the United States prior to European contact. Chatham Township is in the Northern Piedmont ecoregion of New Jersey (U.S. ecoregion 64). *Going Native: A Guide to Landscaping With Native Plants in Northern New Jersey* features profiles of many readily available, appropriate plants that are native to the Chatham region and can be found on the Township's website at [www.chathamtownship-nj.gov](http://www.chathamtownship-nj.gov), under Environmental Commission. A list of Recommended trees can be found at <https://ecode360.com/attachment/CH4056/CH4056-022a%20Replacement%20Trees.pdf>

**POLLINATORS**

Animals (primarily insects, but sometimes birds or mammals) that fertilize plants through the movement of pollen, resulting in the formation of seeds and fruits that humans and other animals rely on for food. The majority of flowering plant species rely on pollinators such as native bees, butterflies and moths, and hummingbirds to make the seeds that will become the next generation of plants. New Jersey is home to approximately 350 species of native bees.

**STRAIGHT SPECIES**

A native plant that is not a cultivated variety (a.k.a. cultivar) or has not been bred to emphasize or minimize certain traits of the parent plant and is not a Hybrid Plant.

**§ 15-2.3 Requirements for Municipal planting of trees, shrubs, and other plants.**

Chatham Township requires that all newly procured plants (trees, shrubs, sedges and ornamental grasses, flowers, and groundcovers) used on Municipal Property be Native Plants, in order to:

- a. Protect and promote a healthy ecosystem with appropriate native vegetation; and
- b. Be a leader in addressing the biodiversity crisis; and
- c. Support Pollinators and birds, which have co-evolved with Native Plants and depend on them for food and shelter at all stages of their life cycles.

The use of Straight Species (seed-grown wild type, not propagated by cloning) is strongly encouraged, to ensure biodiversity and preserve a species' natural environmental benefits.

Cultivars bred to alter a species' natural color or bloom shape are strongly discouraged, because those changes can reduce the plant's value to native birds and insects. For example, double blooms make pollen and nectar inaccessible; change in leaf color reflects a change in the plant's chemistry and may repel beneficial insects; unnatural bloom color may make the plant less visible to Pollinators.

Hybrid Plants in which Native Plants are crossed with non-native species are not considered Native Plants.

**§ 15-2.4 Applicability.**

This ordinance shall apply to new and replacement plantings on all Municipal Property, including at all public town buildings and public land within the Township of Chatham. It does not require the removal and replacement of healthy existing plants.

**§ 15-2.5 Invasive species prohibited.**

After the effective date of this ordinance, procurement of Invasive Plants listed on the New Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team *Do Not Plant List* (available at [fohvos.info/invasive-species-strike-team/info-center](http://fohvos.info/invasive-species-strike-team/info-center)) or the New Jersey Invasive Species Council plant list is prohibited for the purpose of planting on Municipal Property. A copy of the Appendix to the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Policy Directive 2004-02, Invasive Nonindigenous Plant Species, can be found on the Native Plant Society of New Jersey website at [https://npsnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/invasive\\_plant\\_list.pdf](https://npsnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/invasive_plant_list.pdf)

Plans to replace existing Invasive Plants with ecologically beneficial Native Plants are also encouraged.

**§ 15-2.6 Prioritizing straight species.**

To the extent possible and to the extent such plants are reasonably available, the Township shall prioritize using and installing Native Plants that are Straight Species on any Municipal Property.

**§ 15-2.7 Prioritizing keystone species.**

The Township strongly encourages prioritizing the selection and planting of Keystone Species on Municipal Property.

**§ 15-2.8 Use of deer-resistant Native Plants.**

Deer-resistant Native Plants are encouraged. The Native Plant Society of New Jersey provides a list of deer-resistant plants at [npsnj.org/native-plants/plant-lists](http://npsnj.org/native-plants/plant-lists). It's strongly recommended that newly planted trees be planted with deer rub protectors to be maintained in place while the trees are young.

**§ 15-2.9 Exceptions.**

The use of non-Native Plants (excluding Invasive Plants) shall be permitted in:

- a. Vegetable gardens and areas where fruit and culinary herbs are grown, such as garden plots within the Community Garden of the Chathams.
- b. Municipal lawn areas and athletic fields.
- c. Seasonal planters, pots, and hanging baskets in all commercial business districts.
- d. Dedicated areas around memorial monuments and flag poles within the Township.
- e. The extreme event there are supply issues procuring native plant species; alternates may be considered for use.

**§ 15-2.10 Repealer.**

All regulations pertaining to Municipal Property that are in conflict with this Section, in whole or in part, are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in conflict.

**§ 15-2.11 Severability.**

If any portion of this Section is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate provision and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Section.

**§ 15-2.12 Effective Date.**

This Section shall take effect thirty (30) days after adoption by the Township; provided, however, that this Section shall not apply to any plantings on Municipal Property carried out pursuant to existing contracts, existing invitations to bid, or designs completed prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

**Section 3.** 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 4.** All Ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect according to law.

Mayor Ewald opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2024-13. Seeing no public comment, Mayor Ewald closed the Public Hearing.

Committeeman McHugh moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-13. Deputy Mayor Choi seconded the motion.

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

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
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.

Mayor Ewald opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2024-14. Seeing no public comment, Mayor Ewald closed the Public Hearing.

Committeewoman Rowland moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-14. Deputy Mayor Choi seconded the motion.

Committeeman Lois expressed his opposition to the incurring of debt for police cars and computer equipment. He also expressed opposition to incurring debt to look into building a new police headquarters.

Committeeman McHugh said that the failure of former Township Committees has put the present Committee in the position of having to make decisions to fund certain projects and acquisitions.

Mayor Ewald said that \$4 million of the debt authorized in this ordinance is for fire trucks.

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

#### Ordinance 2024-15

**ORDINANCE 2024-15**  
**CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF ROAD AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$550,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE 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:

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Section 1. The Township of Chatham, in the County of Morris, New Jersey (the "Township") is hereby authorized to undertake improvements to various roads and construction of sidewalks in, by and for the Township, 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. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. The sum of \$550,000 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 Capital Improvement Fund of the Township. The sum of \$550,000 is hereby appropriated from the 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.

Mayor Ewald opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2024-15. Seeing no public comment, Mayor Ewald closed the Public Hearing.

Committeewoman Rowland moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-15. Deputy Mayor Choi seconded the motion.

Committeeman Lois said that some of his ideas from last year were used for this year's budget. He then said that this year's budget will lead to more debt next year.

Deputy Mayor Choi said that sometimes difficult decisions need to be made. He said that preferably the purchase of fire trucks would be staggered, however there is new equipment that is needed sooner rather than later. Deputy Mayor also said that authorization for debt does not incur debt, and grants may be obtained for some of the future purchases.

Committeewoman Rowland commented on the fiscal prudence that went into the budget. She also said that there is significant lead time to buy a fire truck, and the proposed purchases are necessary.

Mayor Ewald said that nobody wants to increase taxes. She also commented on how the use of budgeting tools affect surplus.

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

### **Introduction of Ordinances**

#### Ordinance 2024-16

#### **ORDINANCE 2024-16**

#### **ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A DEED OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION EASEMENT ON CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 67, LOT 1 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP, AND COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Chatham (the "**Township**") is the owner of property identified as Block 67, Lot 1 on the Official Tax Maps of the Township and commonly known as the Mount Vernon School (the "**Property**"), which is used and occupied by the Historical Society of the Township of Chatham (the "**Society**"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Property possesses historic, aesthetic, or cultural significance to the Township and the people of the County of Morris and is listed individually and/or as part of a historic district that is listed in the New Jersey Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places; and

**WHEREAS**, as a condition of the Society receiving grants from the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund (2022 and 2023 Exterior Restoration grants) (the "**Grant**"), the Township is required to execute a deed of historic preservation easement, which assures the preservation of the Property, to prevent any use of the Property that is not historically appropriate or that is detrimental to or will significantly impair or interfere with the historic features and to assure that public benefit continues after the expenditure of the Grant (the "**Deed**"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has determined to authorize the Deed in accordance with the requirements of the Grant.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of 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. The Township hereby authorizes the Deed. The Mayor and Business Administrator of the Township (each, an "**Authorized Officer**" and together, the "**Authorized Officers**") are hereby authorized and directed to take, or cause to be taken, all actions necessary to further the purpose of this Ordinance, including but not limited to the execution, by the Mayor, of the Deed and the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to attest such execution and to deliver same to the other party thereto.

Section 3. All actions previously taken by the Authorized Officers, or by any employee, contractor or consultant employed by or engaged by the Township, in connection with the Grant are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Section 4. If any part(s) of this ordinance shall be deemed invalid, such part(s) shall be severed and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this ordinance.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with applicable law.

Committeewoman Rowland moved to introduce Ordinance 2024-16. Deputy Mayor Choi seconded the motion.

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

Public Hearing on Ordinance 2024-16 will be scheduled for July 16, 2024.

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-134**

#### **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 \$1,180,930.96 and the prior month's payroll of \$509,935.88 Current Fund, \$67,019.19 Sewer Utility, \$4,806.55 Open Space and \$7,627.54 Police Private Employment be paid.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that taxes due to the School District of the Chathams, for the month of June 2024, in the amount of \$3,588,478.00 be paid.

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-135**

#### **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 21, 2024 and June 11, 2024.

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-136**

#### **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 May 21, 2024 and June 11, 2024.

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-137**

#### **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, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, an application for the renewal of an Alcoholic Beverage License in the Township of Chatham for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 has been made by Jay Krishna 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, 2024, 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).

**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, 2023, 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 2024-138**  
**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, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, an application for the renewal of an Alcoholic Beverage License in the Township of Chatham for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 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, 2024, 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 2024-139**  
**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**

2012 Dodge Charger VIN 2C3CDXAG8CH221050

2 - Red max backpack blowers

6’ Dell IT Cabinet

- (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 2024-140**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM  
CERTIFYING REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

**WHEREAS**, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2023 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, The Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6-5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed, as a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations” as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the governing body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

**WHEREAS**, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

**RESOLUTION 2024-141**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM  
ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN RELATIVE TO 2021  
AUDIT**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that it, hereby, acknowledges receipt of the Chief Financial Officer’s Corrective Action Plan relative to the 2022 Audit.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of the Corrective Action Plan be forwarded to the Department of Community Affairs as required by State regulations.

**RESOLUTION 2024-142**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM,  
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE 2024 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 \$67,000 from the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and wishes to amend its 2024 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 2024 in the sum of \$67,000 which is now available as a revenue from:

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

Local Recreation Improvement Grant, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a like sum of \$67,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

**Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:**



Local Recreation Improvement Grant.

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

**RESOLUTION 2024-143**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE 2024 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 \$10,429.09 from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and wishes to amend its 2024 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 2024 in the sum of \$10,429.09 which is now available as a revenue from:

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

Recycling Tonnage Grant, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a like sum of \$10,429.09 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:  
Recycling Tonnage Grant.

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

**RESOLUTION 2024-144**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE 2024 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 \$28,725.32 from the State of New Jersey Clean Communities Account Fund and wishes to amend its 2024 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  
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 \$28,725.32 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 2024-145**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE 2024 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 \$15,000 from the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and wishes to amend its 2024 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 2024 in the sum of \$15,000 which is now available as a revenue from:

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

American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant Chatham Township Fire Department, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a like sum of \$15,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant Chatham Township Fire Department.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-146**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE 2024 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 \$500 from the Chatham Jaycees and wishes to amend its 2024 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 2024 in the sum of \$500 which is now available as a revenue from:

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

**Chatham Jaycees Environmental Commission Grant, and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a like sum of \$500 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

**Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:**

**Chatham Jaycees Environmental Commission Grant.**

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

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-147**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE 2024 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 \$1,500 from the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) and wishes to amend its 2024 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 2024 in the sum of \$1,500 which is now available as a revenue from:

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

2024 Open Space Stewardship Project, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a like sum of \$1,500 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

2024 Open Space Stewardship Project.

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

**RESOLUTION 2024-148**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM,  
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE 2024 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 \$1,000 from the Chatham Jaycees and wishes to amend its 2024 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 2024 in the sum of \$1,000 which is now available as a revenue from:

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

Chatham Jaycees Open Space Committee Grant, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a like sum of \$1,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

Chatham Jaycees Open Space Committee Grant.

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

**RESOLUTION 2024-149**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM,  
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE 2024 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 \$41,332.87 from the National Opioid Settlement Proceeds and wishes to amend its 2024 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 2024 in the sum of \$41,332.87 which is now available as a revenue from:

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

National Opioid Settlement Proceeds, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a like sum of \$41,332.87 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

National Opioid Settlement Proceeds.

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

**RESOLUTION 2024-150**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW  
JERSEY ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF CAROLINA KOPACZ**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Chatham has accepted the resignation of Carolina Kopacz (hereinafter “Employee”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Employee resigned effective May 30, 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township of Chatham Committee, in the County of Morris, that the Committee accepts the resignation of Carolina Kopacz.

**RESOLUTION 2024-151**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW  
JERSEY ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF ROGER CASALE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Chatham has accepted the resignation of Roger Casale (hereinafter “Employee”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Employee resigned effective June 30, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Chatham Committee, in the County of Morris, that the Committee accepts the resignation of Roger Casale.

**RESOLUTION 2024-152  
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM  
REFUNDING TEMPORARY RETAIL FOOD LICENSE FEE**

WHEREAS, a temporary retail food license application was submitted for a Food Truck Festival sponsored by the Chatham Township PBA #170, and the event was cancelled; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has considered the request to refund the license fee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that the following amount be refunded to the depositor of record:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LICENSE #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
MACAG Bedminster Partners, LLC 12 N. Bridge Dr. Long Valley, NJ 07853	2377	\$25.00

**RESOLUTION 2024-153  
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM,  
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF THE  
2024 ROAD RESURFACING CONTRACT TO RIVERVIEW PAVING, INC**

WHEREAS, Riverview Paving, Inc. with offices located at 859 Willow Grove Street, Hackettstown, New Jersey (“Riverview”) was awarded the 2024 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 the Category A and C roads listed on the Township Engineer’s report dated June 5, 2024, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, for a total amount not to exceed Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$475,000.00) (collectively, the “2024 Road Resurfacing Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to award a contract to Riverview for the 2024 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 2024 Road Resurfacing Contract to Riverview in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$475,000.00) in accordance with the MCCPC Contract #6.
3. This award is contingent upon and effective upon the adoption of Ordinance 2024-15 and N.J.S.A 40:49-9, which requires a 10-day waiting period following the adoption and notice of final adoption.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION 2024-154  
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM,  
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING TD BANK, N.A. AS THE  
TOWNSHIP DEPOSITORY**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 17:9-9 authorizes any administrative board, department, public official, sinking fund commission, district or other public agency of the state or any political subdivision thereof, charged with the custody or control of money to designate a depository in this state where all such moneys shall be kept; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham (the “Township”) seeks to designate TD Bank, N.A. (“TD Bank”), as Chatham’s authorized depository in accordance with N.J.S.A. 17:9-9 in accordance with the terms set forth herein.

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

1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated by reference as if set forth at length herein.
2. TD Bank, N.A. is hereby designated as the Township’s authorized depository subject to the following terms:

- a. A rate of 4.60% interest for Township accounts with no reduction upon the first decrease by the Federal Reserve.
  - b. Interest rate matching for Township accounts on the second interest rate decrease by the Federal Reserve and thereafter, matching changes to the interest rate set by the Federal Reserve.
  - c. Three times per week, TD Bank shall provide the Township with armored car pick-up/courier service.
  - d. TD Bank shall implement check scanning or Deposit Capture for the Township.
3. The Mayor, Chief Financial Officer and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all action and execute and deliver any and all documents, certificates, agreements or instruments necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.
  4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION 2024-155**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM**  
**APPOINTING A BUILDING INSPECTOR (HHS)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Chatham desires to fill a vacancy in the position of Building Inspector (HHS); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Chatham has advertised the vacancy and received resumes that have been reviewed by the Construction Official; and

**WHEREAS**, the Construction Official has recommended that it would be in the best interests of the Township to appoint Frank Genova as Building Inspector (HHS); and

**WHEREAS**, Frank Genova is certified by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs as a Building Inspector (HHS).

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, New Jersey that Frank Genova is hereby appointed part-time Building Inspector (HHS) at an hourly rate of \$55.00 not to exceed 15 hours per week, effective July 8, 2024, pending satisfactory completion of a criminal background investigation, and subject to satisfactory completion of a probationary period of 180 days.

**RESOLUTION 2024-156**  
**A RESOLUTION 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 Terry Flood as Public Works Serviceman; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Administrator appoints Terry Flood 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 Terry Flood as full-time Public Works Serviceman effective July 1, 2024 at a starting annual salary of \$45,451.00 (Step 14), pending satisfactory completion of a criminal background investigation, physical examination and drug screen, subject to satisfactory completion of a probationary period of 180 days and successfully obtaining a CDL with necessary Endorsement(s) within the probationary period.

**RESOLUTION 2024-157**  
**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A FULL-TIME PATROL OFFICER IN THE CHATHAM**  
**TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Chatham desires to fill an anticipated vacancy in the complement of Patrol Officers as established in Chapter 2, Article III, Section 2-11.7 of the Code of the Township of Chatham; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police has recommended that it would be in the best interests of the Township to appoint Robert Forte as a Patrol Officer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, New Jersey that Robert Forte is hereby appointed as full-time Patrol Officer, effective July 1, 2024, at a starting annual salary of \$63,864 (2024 Grade 9), a comprehensive background investigation, a physical examination and drug screening, a psychological examination and interview, and valid New Jersey Driver's License verification. The appointment is subject to a one (1) year probationary period, and the terms and conditions of employment as found in the Collective Bargaining Agreement in effect between the Township of Chatham and PBA Local 170.

**RESOLUTION 2024-158**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM,  
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF  
THE CONTRACT FOR SNOW PLOWING SERVICES WITH FRANK GALBRAITH & SON  
EXCAVATING AND DEMOLITION L.L.C.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee (the “**Committee**”) of the Township of Chatham (the “**Township**”) previously determined there was a need to supplement the snow plowing resources of the Township’s Department of Public Works to ensure the Township’s roads remain safe during snow storms (the “**Snow Plowing Services**”); and

**WHEREAS**, on or about April 22, 2021, the Committee authorized the Township’s Qualified Purchasing Agent, in consultation with the Township Engineer and under the direction of the Township Administrator, to prepare bid specifications (the “**Bid**”) for the performance of the Snow Plowing Services in accordance with Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, *et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bid authorized the Township to enter into a contract for the Snow Plowing Services for an initial term of one (1) year with a renewal option for an additional four one (1) year periods upon mutual consent by both parties (the “**Contract**”); and

**WHEREAS**, on May 20, 2021, sealed bids were received and opened for the Snow Plowing Services, and on May 27, 2021, the Committee awarded the Contract for Snow Plowing Services to Frank Galbraith & Son Excavating and Demolition L.L.C. (the “**Contractor**”) for the period commencing on September 1, 2021 and terminating on April 1, 2022, and further exercised and authorized the first extension under the terms of the Contract thereby extending the term through April 1, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 25, 2023, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2023-095 authorizing the second extension option provided in the Contract and thereby extending the term of the Contract for a period commencing on September 1, 2023 and terminating on April 1, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Administrator has indicated that the services are being performed in an effective and efficient manner and recommends that the Contract be extended by exercising the third option to renew for an additional one (1) year term with the Contractor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to adopt this Resolution authorizing the extension of the Contract for an additional one (1) year term commencing on September 1, 2024 and terminating on April 1, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the total value of this contract renewal is not to exceed \$25,000.00.

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

1. The forgoing Recitals are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length.
2. The Contract for the Snow Plowing Services with the Contractor is hereby extended for an additional one (1) year period commencing on September 1, 2024 and terminating on April 1, 2025.
3. The Contractor’s rate for services performed in connection with the Contract shall remain consistent with the terms of the Contractor’s bid in 2021 at \$175.00 per hour for a 10-foot truck and \$140.00 per hour for an 8-foot truck, snow plow and operator included; and Contractor shall provide a minimum of three (3) trucks per snow fall of approximately 4 inches of snow.
4. No amount of this contract shall be chargeable until such time as the certification of available funds is made by the Chief Financial Officer, upon receipt of a properly executed Purchase Order pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10.
5. No minimum payment is implied or shall be guaranteed under the contract which shall be terminable by the Township with or without reason and the contractor shall only be paid for the work completed up to the date of termination.
6. The Mayor, Chief Financial Officer and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all action and execute and deliver any and all documents, certificates, agreements or instruments necessary to effectuate the transactions contemplated by this Resolution and the Contract.
7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION 2024-159**

**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 property taxes has been made for the following properties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has recommended the refund of such overpayment,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that the following refunds be made:

<b>BLOCK</b>	<b>LOT</b>	<b>NAME &amp; ADDRESS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
48.10	34	Syed Shahzad Razi 3695 NW 87 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Hollywood, FL 33024  Re: 52 Runnymede Road	\$9,189.15  2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024

**RESOLUTION 2024-160**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM**  
**AUTHORIZING ESTIMATED TAX BILLING**

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 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 2024 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 \$68,740,256.19 which is 0% more than the tax levy of 2023 including the supplemental school tax. The estimated tax rate for 2024 is 1.986.
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 2024-161**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM**  
**AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO AND THE EXECUTION OF**  
**A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**FOR THE HILLSIDE AVENUE ROAD AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2025-Hillside Avenue Road and Drainage Im-00148 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Chatham.

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

**RESOLUTION 2024-162**  
**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:

<b>NAME</b>	<b><u>Project</u></b>	<b><u>A/C NUMBER</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
Jay Steiner 99 Treadwell Avenue Madison, NJ 07940	BOA-23-009	E7766323221	\$80.00
Hickory Donuts, LLC 641 Shunpike Road Chatham, NJ 07928	BOA-23-012	E7766323271	\$0.00
T-Mobile Northeast, LLC c/o Ferraro & Stamos, LLP 22 Paris Avenue Suite 105 Rockleigh, NJ 07647	BOA-22-014 Re: 405 Southern Blvd	E7766178486	\$405.00

**RESOLUTION 2024-163**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM,  
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF  
BIDS FOR THE SENIOR CENTER ELECTRICAL PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Chatham (the “**Township**”) desires to make electrical improvements to the portion of the Municipal Building occupied by the Senior Center of the Chathams located at 58 Meyersville Road (the “**Senior Center**”); and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that the cost of the electrical improvements will exceed the bid threshold, which requires the Township to conduct public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. (the “**LPCL**”)

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

1. The Township Committee hereby authorizes the Township’s Qualified Purchasing Agent and Township Engineer, under the direction of the Township Administrator, to prepare bid specifications in accordance with the LPCL for the Senior Center Electrical Project.
2. The Township Committee hereby further authorizes the Municipal Clerk, once the bid specifications have been prepared, to solicit bids pursuant to the LPCL for the Senior Center Electrical Project.

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

**Roll call:** Committeeman Lois, Aye; Committeeman McHugh, Aye; Committeewoman Rowland, Aye (Abstain on Resolutions 2024-135 and 2024-136); Deputy Mayor Choi, Aye; Mayor Ewald, Aye.

**Hearing of Citizens**

Mayor Ewald opened the Hearing of Citizens.

1. Craig Alperowitz, Shunpike Road, thanked the Township Committee for voting to authorize funding for the Fire Department. He suggested that the Fire Department consider a custom remount option for the fire trucks.

Mayor Ewald asked if a custom remount was considered. Mr. Shehady said that they have not yet reached the part of the process when specifications for the trucks are planned out.

Committeeman Lois said that it is problematic that debt was issued for a truck that has not yet been fully specified or priced. He also said that the Green Village Fire Department used to be reliant on the County for refilling the cascade system with a breathable air mixture, and it might not be a good idea to reuse that system.

Mayor Ewald corrected that debt has not yet been issued.

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

Committeeman McHugh moved to adjourn at 8:39 PM. Committeewoman Rowland seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Gregory J. LaConte  
Municipal Clerk