

**MINUTES
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 14, 2026**

Mayor Rowland called the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham to order at 7:17 P.M.

Adequate Notice of this meeting of the Township Committee was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Notice was given to both *The Chatham Courier* and the *Morris County Daily Record* on January 7, 2026; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 7, 2026; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on January 7, 2026.

Roll Call

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

Executive Session

**RESOLUTION 2026-P-11
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM IN
THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING CONFERENCE OF
THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

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

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

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

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

Committeewoman Ewald moved to pass Resolution 2026-P-11 to enter Executive Session at 7:18 PM. Committeeman Choi seconded the motion.

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

The Committee returned to Public Session at 7:35 PM.

Mayor Rowland led the Flag Salute.

Hearing of Citizens

Mayor Rowland opened the Hearing of Citizens.

1. Meghan Schaaf, Garden Street, submitted an email expressing her support for the Library of the Chathams' Capital Project.
2. Melissa Davis Gleeson, Lisa Drive, thanked the Township Commission and the Environmental Commission for protecting the Township's tree canopy. Mrs. Gleeson said she conducted a survey regarding what kind of trees are being removed and why

they are being removed. She also said she is seeking ways to improve biodiversity. Mrs. Gleeson said that the ordinance should consider the value of interior trees and not just perimeter trees. She also addressed the costs of tree removal. Mrs. Gleeson recommended that the ordinance be updated with community input, objective data and arboricultural information.

Mayor Rowland thanked Mrs. Gleeson, and said that the Township Committee will circle back, as the topic is an active project for the Environmental Commission. Deputy Mayor McHugh said that there has been background work performed by the Environmental Commission, and he thanked Mrs. Gleeson for her input.

3. Christina Mott, Nicholson Drive, said she is a member of the Library of the Chathams Board of Trustees. She noted she is speaking in a personal capacity rather than in an official capacity. Mrs. Mott asked the Township Committee to find a way to provide funding to the Library's capital project. She also addressed the infrastructure problems at the Library, including HVAC and utility system issues. Mrs. Mott further addressed the increase in projected costs of the project.
4. Megan Erb, Lafayette Avenue, expressed her support of the Library's capital project, as well as for the proposed review of the tree ordinance. Mrs. Erb also said she is grateful for the sidewalk installation on Spring Street.
5. Maureen Kelly, Mountain Avenue, thanked Mayor Rowland for the Township's response to the July 3rd storm. Mrs. Kelly expressed her support for the Library's project. She noted her involvement in the Friends of the Library organization. Mrs. Kelly said that a piecemeal project will cost more in the long run.
6. Laurie DeBiasse, River Road, expressed her support for the Library. Mrs. DeBiasse commented on how the Library serves as a community center, and also said that it is an equalizer.
7. Michael Kelly, Mountain Avenue, spoke on behalf of the Library Improvement Project. Mr. Kelly noted his involvement with the Historical Society, and said that there is a need for the Library's resources to help preserve history.
8. Andy Holander, Fairmount Avenue, said he is the President of the Library Trustees. He commented on the money people can save by borrowing books from the Library rather than buying them at stores.

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

Mayor Rowland said that action to support the Library is on this meeting's agenda. She also spoke about the benefits of having a vibrant library in the Chathams, and also said that the infrastructure upgrades need to be performed first. Mayor Rowland addressed the budget concerns that limit how much money the Township can contribute to the Library's capital project.

Deputy Mayor McHugh noted the public support for the Library of the Chathams. He also addressed the impact that increasing debt for the Library's project could have.

Committeewoman Ewald discussed the financial pressures that the Committee has faced with capital budgeting, including the need to spend money on a necessary fire apparatus. She said the proposed amount for the Township's contribution for the Library's capital project is a comfortable amount. Committeewoman Ewald also thanked Township CFO Debra King for providing information to help the Committee make their decision.

Committeeman Alperowitz said that he received many emails from residents both in support of and opposing the Library's capital project. He said that in his discussions with residents, many of those who opposed the project came around to see the value of the Library, and many of those who support the project came to understand that it is funded through tax dollars and there needs to be a responsible cap. Committeeman Alperowitz said that he supports the Township making a contribution.

Committeeman Choi noted that the Library Improvement Project has been a discussion item for ten years. He commended the Finance Committee for putting together a plan that works.

Workshop Session

Committeeman Choi asked about the ADA improvements at Esternay Field. Mr. Shehady said that access to Esternay is currently blocked due to storm damage. He also said that a preconstruction meeting has been held since the submission of the Engineer's report.

Committeewoman Ewald encouraged residents to allow the revaluation inspectors to perform their inspections.

Mr. Shehady praised the Township's OEM on their response to the recent storm that caused widespread damage. He noted that DPW is still picking up storm debris.

Mr. Shehady reported on the upcoming energy auction. He said that an auction was conducted two years ago, and a two-year contract was awarded. The energy audit is being conducted to save money on energy rates for municipal accounts. Mr. Shehady also said that if the energy auction was not conducted, then the Township's electric bills would be at the JCP&L rates. Mr. Shehady also explained how the auction process works. He said that if the Township Committee is not happy with the auction rates in August, an additional auction can be held later.

Committeewoman Ewald asked about the award of the River Road paving contract and how much was budgeted for the project. Mr. Shehady said that the low bid was about \$30,000 more than what was budgeted, and he discussed the source of the additional funding. Mr. Shehady also reminded the Committee that Mr. Ruschke had recommended holding off on paving other roads so that the funding could be used for this project. Committeeman Choi asked about the rating of River Road and the budgeting for the project. Mr. Shehady addressed the rating, and said that the primary source of the funding is a Municipal Aid Grant. He also said that the Township will need to use capital funds for the remainder of the costs. Mr. Shehady said that the River Road project went out to bid before taking any action on other paving projects so that a determination could be made how increases in fuel costs would affect the costs of the project. He noted that the Township usually goes through the Morris County Co-op for paving projects, which does not require going out to bid but also means that the contractor can make adjustments for fuel costs.

Mrs. Cofoni noted that she is changing the language of the resolution extending the snow plowing contract. She said that there does not need to be any additional documentation executed other than the adoption of the resolution.

Mayor's Message

Mayor Rowland said that the thunderstorms on July 3rd unexpectedly caused almost as much damage as Hurricane Sandy in about a 15-minute window. She noted that JCP&L was caught unprepared on a holiday weekend. Mayor Rowland praised the work DPW did to clean up after the storm. She also thanked the Library, Senior Center and the Presbyterian Church for opening their doors as cooling/charging stations. Mayor Rowland further thanked all those who assisted neighbors with storm cleanup.

Reports

Mayor Rowland reported that the Red Brick Schoolhouse has a new floor. She commented on the interesting documents and historical items in the Historical Society's collection.

Committeeman Alperowitz commented on his support for the Emergency Squad and the Fire Departments. He also noted that the Chatham Township Fire Department only periodically checks messages on their answering machine, and residents who are experiencing active emergencies should call 9-1-1 instead.

Committeewoman Ewald commented on storm response. She also noted that the Fire Department responded to several calls related to carbon monoxide alarms, and said that they

were often related to generators. Committeewoman Ewald also commented on the response of volunteers and staff members who participated in the storm response.

Deputy Mayor McHugh commented on the recent storm response. He also thanked and recognized Mayor Rowland for her leadership as the Township responded to widespread power outages and closed roads.

Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION 2026-128

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 \$1,006,628.69 and the prior month's payroll of \$591,629.65 Current Fund, \$67,730.32 Sewer Utility, \$88.42 Open Space and \$34,049.99 Police Private Employment be paid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that taxes due to the School District of the Chathams, for the month of July 2026, in the amount of \$4,981,795.00 be paid.

RESOLUTION 2026-129

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 meeting held on June 23, 2026.

RESOLUTION 2026-130

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 meeting held on June 23, 2026.

RESOLUTION 2026-131

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR WET SLUDGE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham's current contract for the transportation of wet sludge from the Township of Chatham Water Pollution Control Plant to the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission expires on November 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq. (the "LPCL"), the Township of Chatham (the "**Township**") desires to solicit bids for the transportation of wet sludge from the Township of Chatham Water Pollution Control Plant to the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission for the period of December 1, 2026 through November 30, 2029, with two optional one-year renewals (the "**Project**"); and

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

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

1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Township Committee authorizes the Township's Qualified Purchasing Agent and Township Clerk, under the direction of the Township Administrator and in consultation with the Township Engineer and Township Attorney, to solicit bids pursuant to the LPCL for the Project.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2026-132

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, 2026

WHEREAS, an application for the renewal of an Alcoholic Beverage License in the Township of Chatham for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 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, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39(a), the license held by CB Chatham LLC is in the Fourth Quartile, and shall be transferred within four years of the effective date of P.L. 2023, c. 290; and

WHEREAS, the pocket license can be renewed for an additional term until such time that it is either transferred or expires, provided that the owner file the requisite application with the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, pay the necessary fees and obtain tax clearance; 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, 2026, 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

RESOLUTION 2026-133

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REFUNDING TAX AND SEWER LIEN

WHEREAS, due to payment by property owner of the lien amount, a redemption of the tax and sewer lien is appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has recommended the refund of redemption monies as well as the Premium to the Outside Lien Holder;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that the following refund be made as indicated:

Property	Cert #	Lien Holder	Total
Block 64.01, Lot 7.05 6h Heritage Drive Carbone, Matthew	24-00004	PRO CAP 8 LLC PO Box 774 Fort Washington, PA 19034	Premium: \$00.00 Principal: \$1,745.85 Interest: \$60.63 Payout: \$1,806.48

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is authorized to prepare and sign a Discharge of Certificate 24-00004.

RESOLUTION 2026-134

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT WITH MESSERCOLA EXCAVATING CO., INC., FOR SNOW PLOWING SERVICES COMMENCING WITH THE 2026 SNOW SEASON IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW

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

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

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

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2025, the Township adopted Resolution No. 2025-188, authorizing the Township to re-bid for the Services in accordance with the LCP; and

WHEREAS, the Township received one (1) bid on November 6, 2025 from Messercola Excavating Co., Inc., located at 548 East Third Street, Plainfield, New Jersey 07060 (“**Messercola**”) to perform the Services at an hourly rate of Three Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$333.00) (the “**Contract Amount**”); and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2025, the Township adopted Resolution 2025-214 awarding a contract for the Services to Messercola for an initial one year period commencing with the 2025 snow season (the “**Contract**”); and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to extend the Contract for one year commencing with the 2026 snow season, as permitted by the Contract (the “**Contract Extension**”).

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

1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length.
2. The Contract for the Services is hereby extended for one year commencing with the 2026 snow season as permitted by the Contract. The Mayor, Township Administrator, Township Clerk and all other necessary Township personnel, are hereby directed and authorized to take all actions necessary to carry out and effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2026-135

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR RECYCLING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., authorizes and encourages local units of the State of New Jersey, including municipalities, to enter into agreements with any other local unit or units for the joint provisions within their several jurisdictions of any service which any party to the agreement is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham (“**Township**”) and the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the “**MCMUA**”) seek to work cooperatively to provide recycling services to the residents of the Township in the most cost effective way; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the foregoing, the MCMUA and the Township previously entered into an agreement to provide for curbside collection, transportation and marketing of recyclable materials commencing January 1, 2026 (the “**Agreement**”); and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA and the Township desire to amend the Agreement effective on August 1, 2026, to also include the transportation and recycling of vegetative materials from the Township’s compost facility to the MCMUA’s vegetative recycling facilities for a fee of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for each container pull of Township-provided containers for vegetative recyclable materials, plus the cost of recycling at the MCMUA’s vegetative waste recycling facilities based on the current market rate (the “**Amendment**”); and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to authorize the Amendment which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, the final form of which shall be reviewed and approved by the Township Administrator and Township Attorney, and executed by the Mayor, subject to approval of the same by the MCMUA.

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. Subject first to approval via resolution by the MCMUA, the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Amendment. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the signature of the Mayor on the Amendment and to deliver same to the MCMUA.
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 transactions contemplated by this Resolution and the Amendment.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2026-136

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 FORD F-250 WITH SNOW PLOW FROM NIELSON FORD OF MORRISTOWN INC. FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$62,551.00 PURSUANT TO STATE OF NEW JERSEY CONTRACT T2100/# 24-FLEET-103121

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a cooperative pricing system and to enter into cooperative pricing agreements with other contracting units as defined under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(1) for its procurement of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Township may, without advertising for bids, purchase any materials, supplies, services, or equipment under an approved cooperative contract, whereby the contracting unit serving as the lead agent, has complied with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.) (the “**LPCL**”); and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey (the “**State**”) has established a cooperative purchasing program through which the State extends specific State contracts to eligible local buying units; and

WHEREAS, the State award Contract # 24-FLEET-103121 to Nielson Ford of Morristown Inc., 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07960 (“**Nielson**”), for the purchase of vehicles, trucks, Class 2, pickup/utility, with snow plow option; and

WHEREAS, the Township needs to purchase a 2026 Ford F-250 with a snow plow (the “**Vehicle**”), as specifically set forth in a quote from Nielson dated July 13, 2026, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, pursuant to State Contract T2100/24-FLEET-103121 in an amount not to exceed Sixty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and Zero Cents (\$62,551.00); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township has certified that adequate funds for such a purchase are available.

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

1. The forgoing recitals are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length.
2. The Township hereby authorizes the purchase of the Vehicle from Nielson for a total amount not to exceed Sixty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and Zero Cents (\$62,551.00).
3. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided by the Township Clerk to each of the following:
 - i. Township Purchasing Agent
 - ii. Township Chief Financial Officer
 - iii. Nielson.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2026-137

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 TORO GROUNDSMASTER 4100-D WITH UNIVERSAL SUNSHADE AND 4WD FLOW DIVIDER FROM STORR TRACTOR COMPANY FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$102,156.40 PURSUANT TO EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY CONTRACT ESCNJ 22/23-12

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a cooperative pricing system and to enter into cooperative pricing agreements with other contracting units as defined under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(1) for its procurement of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Township may, without advertising for bids, purchase any materials, supplies, services, or equipment under an approved cooperative contract, whereby the contracting unit serving as the lead agent, has complied with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.) (the “**LPCL**”); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham (the “**Township**”), as a local government contracting unit, is a member of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (the “**ESCNJ**”); and

WHEREAS, the ESCNJ awarded Contract ESCNJ 22/23-12 to Storr Tractor Company, 3191 US 22, Branchburg, New Jersey 08876 (“**Storr**”), for the purchase of grounds equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Township needs to replace an existing 2004 machine that is no longer operable by purchasing a 2026 Toro Groundsmaster 4100-D with Universal Sunshade and 4WD Flow Divider (the “**Vehicle**”), as specifically set forth in a quote from Storr dated February 20, 2026, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, pursuant to ESCNJ Contract ESCNJ 22/23-12 in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and Forty Cents (\$102,156.40); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township has certified that adequate funds for such a purchase are available.

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

1. The forgoing recitals are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length.
2. The Township hereby authorizes the purchase of the Vehicle from Storr for a total amount not to exceed One Hundred Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and Forty Cents (\$102,156.40).
3. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided by the Township Clerk to each of the following:

- i. Township Purchasing Agent
- ii. Township Chief Financial Officer
- iii. Storr.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2026-138

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE OXIDATION DITCH MOTOR FOR THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT FROM NORTH END ELECTRIC FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$89,536.73 PURSUANT TO NORTH JERSEY WASTEWATER COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM CONTRACT B454-13

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a cooperative pricing system and to enter into cooperative pricing agreements with other contracting units as defined under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(1) for its procurement of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Township may, without advertising for bids, purchase any materials, supplies, services, or equipment under an approved cooperative contract, whereby the contracting unit serving as the lead agent, has complied with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, *et seq.*) (the “**LPCL**”); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham (the “**Township**”), as a local government contracting unit, is a member of the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System (the “**NJWCP**”), which is operated by the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission; and

WHEREAS, the NJWCP awarded Contract B454-13 to North End Electric, 1225 Keyser Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18504 (“**North End**”), for the repair and replacement installation of pumps and motors; and

WHEREAS, the Township needs to replace an existing oxidation ditch motor at the Water Pollution Control Plant and desires to hire North End to remove and replace the vertical motor on pump with a new VFD rated ABB 50 HP 1200 RPM motor controlled by 1 Yaskawa 50 HP configured cabinet (the “**Motor**”), as specifically set forth in a quote from North End dated June 19, 2026, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, pursuant to NJWCP Contract B454-13 in an amount not to exceed Eighty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents (\$89,536.73); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township has certified that adequate funds for such a purchase are available.

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

1. The forgoing recitals are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length.
2. The Township hereby authorizes the purchase of the Motor from North End for a total amount not to exceed Eighty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents (\$89,536.73).
3. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided by the Township Clerk to each of the following:

- iv. Township Purchasing Agent
- v. Township Chief Financial Officer
- vi. North End.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2026-139

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING THE BID AND AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE RIVER ROAD PAVING PROJECT TO DLS CONTRACTING, INC. IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$462,767.50 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2026, the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham (the “**Township**”) adopted Resolution No. 2026-110 authorizing the Township to publicly seek bids for an operator for the milling and resurfacing of River Road from Fairmount Avenue to Passaic Street in the Township of Chatham (the “**Services**”); and

WHEREAS, the Township received seven (7) bids on July 7, 2026 for the Services from: (1) DLS Contracting, Inc., located in Pine Brook, New Jersey (“**DLS**”), for the Services in the amount of \$462,767.50; (2) AJM Contractors, Inc., located in Clifton, New Jersey in the amount of \$463,422.00; (3) Top Line Construction Corp., located in Somerville, New Jersey in the total amount of \$474,722.36; (4) CCM Contracting, Inc., located in Green Brook, New Jersey in the total amount of \$475,833.50; (5) Crossroads Paving, located in Newark, New Jersey in the total amount of \$506,787.50; (6) D&L Paving

Contractor Inc., located in Nutley, New Jersey in the total amount of \$507,379.20; and (7) Reivax Contracting Corp. located in Flemington, New Jersey in the total amount of \$540,842.50; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer and Township Attorney recommend award of the contract for the Services to DLS as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the total amount of Four Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$462,767.50) (the “Contract Amount”); and

WHEREAS, the Township received a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (the “NJDOT”) Municipal Aid Project in the amount of \$252,707.00 to utilize in connection with the Services; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to adopt this Resolution authorizing the award of the contract for the Services to DLS, subject to review and approval by the NJDOT.

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

1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length.
2. The contract for the Services is hereby awarded to DLS in the amount of Four Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$462,767.50). The Mayor, Township Administrator, Township Clerk and all other necessary Township personnel, are hereby directed and authorized to enter into a contract with DLS for the Services, and to in all other ways carry out and effectuate the purposes thereof.
3. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

RESOLUTION 2026-140

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING THE LIBRARY OF THE CHATHAMS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND COMMITTING TO A CONTRIBUTION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1.25 MILLION

WHEREAS, since becoming a joint library in 1975, Library of the Chathams has provided services to the residents of Chatham Township and Chatham Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Library has conducted consumer research to ensure that the current services satisfy present needs as well as to identify emerging needs of the community including a Local History Room, study rooms, a Business Center, and a combination STEAM/Meeting Room; and

WHEREAS, the Library Board of Trustees has developed a Strategic Plan to respond to existing and emerging patron needs and changes in technology and resources used by our residents; and

WHEREAS, the present configuration of building layout limits the library’s ability to accommodate the increasing usage of current services and facilities, and impedes the introduction of new services in response to needs identified in the consumer research; and

WHEREAS, an engineering study in 2014 identified structural, operational, and environmental deficiencies related to HVAC and aging electrical equipment the present building requiring correction; and

WHEREAS, the Library Board of Trustees has engaged architects to develop a plan to repair and improve the existing Library to address these deficiencies (the “**Capital Improvements Project**”); and

WHEREAS, the Library Board of Trustees seeks support and funding from Chatham Township and Chatham Borough, along with grant funds and donations in order to fund the cost of the Capital Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to formally support the Capital Improvements Project and commits to contributing an amount not to exceed One Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,250,000.00) from the 2027 capital budget, subject to approval of the 2027 capital budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham supports the Capital Improvements Project and commits to contributing an amount not to exceed One Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,250,000.00) from the 2027 capital budget, subject to approval of the 2027 capital budget.

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

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

Hearing of Citizens

Mayor Rowland opened the Hearing of Citizens.

1. Andy Hollander thanked the Township Committee for the support of the Library of the Chathams. He said that the Library appreciates the partnership that has been developed.

2. Christina Mott expressed her gratitude for the Township Committee's support of the Library. She also commented that she received a letter from the Assessor's Office about revaluation inspections, and said she hopes there is leeway for people who may be on vacation.

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

Committeewoman Ewald moved to adjourn at 8:46 PM. Deputy Mayor McHugh seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Gregory J. LaConte
Municipal Clerk