

**MINUTES  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 16, 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 and Mayor Ewald.

Deputy Mayor Choi was absent.

Mayor Ewald led the Flag Salute.

**Oath of Office**

Mayor Ewald read a brief biography on Robert Forte.

Robert Forte was sworn in as a Police Officer. The oath was administered by Mayor Ewald.

**Hearing of Citizens**

Mayor Ewald opened the Hearing of Citizens.

1. Asher Robson, Pine Street, said that she wanted to comment on the workshop item regarding the Colony Pool wall. Ms. Robson noted her experience at Colony Pool both as a patron and an employee. She said that if the pool wall becomes a straight wall, it might ruin the atmosphere of the pool and potentially create safety issues. Based on her experience as a lifeguard at Colony Pool, Ms. Robson cited examples of risks that might be increased. She also recommended that input from Colony Pool members should be solicited.

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

**Mayor's Message**

Mayor Ewald congratulated the Chatham Township Police Department on achieving re-accreditation. She also congratulated Detective Bloom, Officer Lampf and Officer Dougherty for recognition they recently received for their work. Mayor Ewald commented on the need for repair work to the Colony Pool wall. She noted that decisions have not yet been made regarding the final design. Mayor Ewald also commented on a resolution to appoint an Affordable Housing Committee to begin preparations for the next round which starts in 2025. Mayor Ewald commented on the recent assassination attempt on former President Trump. She said that she looks to Township residents to lead with peace, and said that her thoughts and prayers for speedy healing are with President Trump.

**Workshop**

**Construction and Contracting work on Sunday and Holidays**

Mr. Shehady said that a reference to the Township Code was included in the Agenda Packet regarding the definitions regarding construction on holidays. He said that it is his recommendation that Juneteenth be added to the list. The consensus of the Township Committee was for an ordinance to be prepared for consideration at the August meeting.

## Parks & Fields Rules Draft

Mr. Shehady said that the Township does not currently have an ordinance to address rules at all parks and recreational facilities. A list of proposed rules and regulations were distributed to the Township Committee for consideration. Mr. Shehady said that such rules would help make it easier for Public Works to maintain the fields, and noted that the Police Department can only enforce rules that are codified.

Committeeman Lois said that he and Deputy Mayor Choi will discuss this as members of the Recreation Subcommittee. He also opined that the Township does not comply with the proposed rules, as Esternay Field is locked off from public access most days. Mr. Shehady said that Esternay Field is still accessible to the public although the parking area is not always accessible by cars. He said that he can check with the Police and DPW, and there may be safety concerns as the field is not widely visible from the street.

The consensus was to have an ordinance drafted for consideration at the August meeting.

## Colony Pool Wall Design

Mr. Shehady said that the pool wall for Colony Pool needs to be redone. He said that there are safety issues due to the deteriorating structural integrity of the wall. A preliminary design was submitted by Mr. Ruschke's office for a new wall, and the design is for a straight wall rather than a sloped wall. Mr. Shehady said that the Colony Pool Manager reviewed the design, and their opinion is that the proposed straight wall would provide safety and operational advantages. Mr. Shehady also addressed the timeline that needs to be followed in order for the wall to be redone prior to the 2025 season.

Committeeman Lois said that the proposed number of staircases is an improvement. He said that the Colony Pool Advisory Committee recommends the straight wall in the area set aside for swimming lanes, but to have an in-kind replacement in other areas. Committeeman Lois also said that the Colony Pool Advisory Committee would like for a public comment period to be held before any design moves forward. Committeeman Lois also cited potential safety advantages of having the sloped wall. He further commented on the materials used for walkways. Committeeman Lois also presented photographs of the site to illustrate his comments about walkways.

Mr. Shehady said that the draft is not the final design. Committeeman Lois recommended that the Township wait until after the final design is ready before authorizing bidding. Mr. Shehady provided the typical timeline for noticing for bidding.

Mayor Ewald proposed having a special meeting for this matter, and said she would like to get more public input.

Committeewoman Rowland advocated for more public input on this matter, and also recommended having a special meeting.

Committeeman McHugh also said he would like more input, particularly from Colony members.

The potential of having to delay the project a year was discussed.

Mayor Ewald reported on her conversations with pool members over the weekend. She also asked that the concept plans be posted on the Township website.

Mr. Shehady said that the authorization can go forward tonight, and the bid specs will not be authorized without the Township Committee's knowledge. He also asked who the Township Committee would like him to consult with for a definitive answer about safety issues. Mr. Shehady also recommended that input be sought from more than just the current members of Colony Pool.

Committeeman Lois reiterated his opinion that the Township Committee should wait for final bid specifications before authorizing bidding.

Committeewoman Rowland asked if a meeting could be held with an engineer present to answer the Township Committee's questions.

Mayor Ewald opened the floor to the public.

1. Jessica Romeo, Pine Street, said that engaging the public is the best way for input, and she opined that Colony Pool is the Township's greatest asset. Mrs. Romeo suggested that information sessions be held at Colony Pool to get input from members. She also said that the straight wall would change the atmosphere of the pool.
2. Sarah Fechtner, Rolling Hill Drive, thanked the Committee for seeking public input. She also suggested that Mayor Ewald have a rain date for seeking input. Mrs. Fechtner recommended a ramp for the disabled to be able to enter the pool. She also noted a blind spot in the pool.
3. Erin Burgo, Candace Lane, said that the sloped wall is one of the reasons why she loves Colony Pool. She also said that the concerns raised at this meeting are shared by the Colony Pool Advisory Committee.
4. Katherine Fowler, School Avenue, agreed with the need to slope the wall. She recommended input sessions at Colony Pool.

Seeing no further comment, Mayor Ewald closed the public hearing.

Mayor Ewald said she wants to move forward with a special meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Shehady said that it may be necessary to push the project off to 2025 if the bidding process is delayed.

Committeeman McHugh asked if there is a potential catastrophic failure of the wall. Mr. Shehady said that depending on the integrity of the wall, there could be major leaks and issues.

Mrs. Cofoni recommended that the Township Committee wait on passing the resolution to authorize bidding if there is a potential that the project may be delayed a year.

Committeewoman Rowland recommended that multiple concepts be presented to the public for input.

### **Township Committee Reports**

Committeeman Lois reported that the log roll is not at Colony Pool anymore, and the Colony Pool Advisory Committee wants to know if they should seek a replacement for that amenity.

Committeeman McHugh reported on the impact that the recent heat wave and humidity has had on the Library's HVAC system, and commented on the need for capital upgrades. Mr. Shehady said that he met with the Library Director and Assistant Director, and they discussed a memorandum from their architect about the costs of a phased approach.

Committeewoman Rowland reported that National Night Out will be on August 6<sup>th</sup>, and there will be an event at Colony Pool. She also reminded residents who have not yet licensed their dogs and cats to do so.

Mayor Ewald said that at the next regular meeting she anticipates a resolution for an Events Committee.

### **Public Hearing/Final Adoption of Ordinances**

#### **Ordinance 2024-16**

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#### **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.

Mayor Ewald opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2024-16.  
Seeing no public comment, Mayor Ewald closed the Public Hearing.

Committeewoman Rowland moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-16. Committeeman McHugh seconded the motion.

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

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-164**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLLS, SCHOOL TAXES AND COUNTY TAXES**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that bills in the total amount of \$695,694.56 and the prior month’s payroll of \$541,975.72 Current Fund, \$77,085.51 Sewer Utility, \$31,331.69 Open Space, \$13,970.34 Police Private Employment and \$4,699.93 Capital be paid.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that taxes due to the School District of the Chathams, for the month of July 2024, in the amount of \$4,624,229.00 be paid.

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-165**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM APPROVING MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham acknowledges receipt of and approves the minutes of the Township Committee meeting held on June 25, 2024.

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-166**

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

**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 2024-167**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING DEVELOPER ESCROW ACCOUNT AND/OR PERFORMANCE BOND BALANCES**

**WHEREAS**, developers are required to deposit monies with the Township for the purposes of offsetting Township professional costs to review plans or to inspect approved development and for the purpose of ensuring the satisfactory completion of public or private improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, these deposited monies, following all necessary withdrawals to cover Township expenses or costs, may be released upon satisfactory completion of work, receipt of review board decisions, or completion of guaranteed work, upon passage of a Township resolution authorizing such release.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that the following guarantee amount or account balances, with interest adjustments as prescribed by state and local laws, may be released to the depositor of record:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>A/C NUMBER</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Mikhail Ioffe 15 Rockledge Trail Chatham, NJ 07928	BOA-23-014	E7766645211	\$50.05

**RESOLUTION 2024-168**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR AND EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT OF AN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Chatham desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$15,000.00 to carry out a project to Purchase commander ice rescue suits, SAR dry suits, SAR tactical helmets, OPS PFD, and victim PFD's.

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

1. That the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham does hereby authorize the application for such a grant.
2. The Township Committee of the Township of Chatham recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between Township of Chatham and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

**RESOLUTION 2024-169**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM APPROVING FIREWORKS FOR FAIRMOUNT COUNTRY CLUB**

**WHEREAS**, state regulations require municipal governing body approval for the use of fireworks displays; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has received an application to conduct a fireworks display by the Fairmount Country Club on September 2, 2024, to take place at the Fairmount Country Club on Southern Boulevard, Chatham, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township wishes to permit the applicant to conduct this fireworks display in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that it hereby approves the Fairmount Country Club Fireworks Application contingent upon the payment of all required fees, posting of appropriate insurance certificates, and compliance with all state and local laws and regulations.

**RESOLUTION 2024-170**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REFUNDING CREDIT BALANCE ON COLONY TENNIS FEE**

**WHEREAS**, a full membership registration fee was paid for some Colony Tennis Memberships; and

**WHEREAS**, the Colony Tennis Program was canceled.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that the following refunds be made from Account R-98-55-005-020:

<u>NAME &amp; ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Beth Kupchinsky 47 School Avenue Chatham, NJ 07928	\$165.00
Debra Hatzinas 6 Cedar Lane Chatham, NJ 07928	\$165.00
Eve Katz 103 Westminster Road Chatham, NJ 07928	\$165.00

**RESOLUTION 2024-172**

**RESOLUTION THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM TO ESTABLISH AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the formation of an Affordable Housing Committee has been proposed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that the Affordable Housing Committee is hereby established as follows:

1. The Committee will consist of the following members:
  - a. Mayor Stacey Ewald
  - b. Deputy Mayor Mike Choi
  - c. Affordable Housing Attorney Leslie London
  - d. Engineer John Ruschke
  - e. Planner Frank Banisch
  - f. Administrator Ziad Shehady
  - g. Representative from Open Space Committee
2. The desired outcome of the Affordable Housing Committee will be:
  - To evaluate options and advise the Township Committee on how to solve our Fourth Round Obligations
3. The term of office will be for the remainder of the calendar year.

**RESOLUTION 2024-174**

**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 CHATHAM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND SOUTH SIDE PUMP STATION AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCH REPLACEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Chatham (the "**Township**") determined that it is necessary to replace the automatic transfer switch at the Chatham Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 27 Tanglewood Lane and at the South Side Pump Station located on Harding Avenue (the "**Project**"); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 26, 2024, the Township Committee (the "**Committee**") adopted Resolution No. 2024-100 authorizing the Township's Qualified Purchasing Agent, in consultation with the Township Engineer and under the direction of the Township Administrator, to prepare bid

specifications for the Project in accordance with Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township thereafter advertised for and accepted bids for the Project, and on June 6, 2024, opened and reviewed two (2) bids received to perform the Project including a total bid in the amount of \$344,000.00 submitted by Power with Prestige, Inc. (“**Power**”), and a total bid in the amount of \$442,770.00 submitted by DeMaio Electrical Company; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer recommends awarding to Power as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the total amount of \$344,000.00 (the “**Contract Amount**”), which is consistent with the engineering cost estimates for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for the Contract Amount; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to adopt this Resolution authorizing the award of the contract for the Project to Power.

**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 foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length.
2. The contract for the Project is hereby awarded to Power located in Newton, New Jersey, in the amount of Three Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$344,000.00). The Mayor, Township Administrator, Township Clerk and all other necessary Township personnel, are hereby directed and authorized to enter into a contract with Power for the Project, and to in all other ways carry out and effectuate the purposes thereof.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Committeeman McHugh moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Committeewoman Rowland seconded the motion.

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

### **Non-Consent Agenda**

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-173**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THE CONTRACT WITH QUALITE SPORTS LIGHTING, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF CUSTOM-BUILT VISORS FOR NASH FIELD**

**WHEREAS**, on May 27, 2021, the Township of Chatham (the “**Township**”) adopted Resolution 2021-157 awarding a contract to Qualite Sports Lighting, LLC (“**Qualite**”) for the purchase and installation of a Gamechanger Q-LED lighting system at Nash Field (the “**Contract**”); and

**WHEREAS**, a change order is required to address an unanticipated condition requiring the installation of custom-built visors to mitigate off-site glare (the “**Change Order No. 1**”); and

**WHEREAS**, Change Order No. 1 results in an increase to the Contract of Twenty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Forty-One Dollars (\$22,541.00), resulting in the total Contract amount increasing from Three Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$343,877.00) to Three Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$366,418.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer has reviewed Change Order No. 1 and has recommended the Township’s execution of Change Order No. 1.

**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 foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length.
2. Change Order No. 1 to the Contract is hereby authorized. The Mayor of the Township, the Township Administrator, Township Engineer, and other necessary Township employees and consultants are hereby authorized and directed to execute Change Order No. 1 to the Contract and take any and all actions necessary to effectuate Change Order No. 1.
3. If any part of this Resolution shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereby shall not affect the remaining parts of this Resolution.
4. A copy of this Resolution shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Township Clerk.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Committeeman Lois moved to adopt Resolution 2024-173. Committeewoman Rowland seconded the motion.

Committeeman Lois said that this change order is necessary due to a lack of due diligence. He said that it is worth having adequate discussion on a project before it moves forward, even if there is a delay, so that it is done right the first time.

Mr. Shehady said that the prior administrator failed to follow proper procedure and have the project reviewed by the Planning Board.

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

### **Hearing of Citizens**

Mayor Ewald opened the Hearing of Citizens.

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

### **Executive Session**

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-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. Contract Negotiations
3. The matters to be discussed in closed session are to remain in the strictest of confidence by all attendees except as necessary for Township staff and professionals to effectuate the directives of the Township Committee.
4. It is anticipated that the minutes on the subject matter of the Executive Session will be made public upon conclusion of the matter under discussion; and in any event, when appropriate pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-7 and 4-13.
5. The Committee will come back into Regular Session and may take further action.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Committeewoman Rowland moved to adopt Resolution 2024-11 to enter Executive Session at 9:16 PM. Committeeman Lois seconded the motion.

Mayor Ewald announced that the Township Committee does not anticipate taking formal action after the Executive Session.

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

The Township Committee returned to public session at 9:38 PM.

Committeeman McHugh moved to adjourn at 9:38 PM. Committeeman Lois seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Gregory J. LaConte  
Municipal Clerk