

**MINUTES
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2024**

Committeeman McHugh called the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham to order at 7:00 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 McHugh, Committeewoman Rowland and Mayor Ewald. Committeeman Lois arrived during Executive Session.

Mayor Ewald participated via Zoom.

Deputy Mayor Choi was absent.

Executive Session

**RESOLUTION 2024-P-12
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. Any discussion involving tactics and techniques utilized in public safety:
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 2024-12 to enter Executive Session at 7:01 PM. Mayor Ewald seconded the motion.

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

The Township Committee returned to Public Session at 7:33 PM.

Committeeman McHugh led the Flag Salute.

Hearing of Citizens

Committeeman McHugh opened the Hearing of Citizens.

Seeing no public comment, Committeeman McHugh closed the Hearing of Citizens.

Workshop

Zoning Board of Adjustment Annual Report

The 2023 Annual Report of the Zoning Board of Adjustment was presented by Chairman Tony Vivona.

Mr. Vivona stated that in 2023 there were 18 applications, 16 of which were residential. There was also a cell tower application, and also a d-variance for a vet clinic at St. Hubert's. None of the applications were contentious. Mr. Vivona said that there are two new Board members, and they may be having a new member join soon.

Mr. Vivona said that the Board recommends keeping the R-4 Zone as small, more affordable homes so as to keep a variety of housing stock in the Township.

Mr. Vivona described the work that the Board does with applicants to make applications palatable.

Committeeman McHugh asked if the recommendations are repeat recommendations from prior years. Mr. Vivona said that they recommendations have been made before several times.

Mayor Ewald thanked Mr. Vivona for the Board members' service and the work they do with residents. She asked Mr. Shehady where things stand with considering floor area ratios. Mr. Ruschke said that a memo had been prepared by the Township Planner, and the topic did not get any traction with the Planning Board. Mr. Vivona said that the Zoning Board hopes to have regulations changed so that huge houses cannot be built on small lots.

Mr. Vivona commented on houses that are not parallel to the road but still fit in the building envelope. He said that two such houses on Fairmount Ave have sufficient landscape screening so that they are not obvious to passersby.

Mayor Ewald noted that she has never received a complaint about the Zoning Board.

Committeeman Lois noted the commitment made by Zoning Board members and thanked Mr. Vivona for his service.

Sewage Treatment Plant Capacity Review

Mr. Shehady said that a memo was provided by Mr. Ruschke previously. He also said that tonight's review will include consideration for capital planning, and a capital ordinance for the issues at the Sewer Treatment Plant is anticipated.

Mr. Ruschke provided background on the Sewer Treatment Plant and upgrades that have been made in the past. He also discussed the amount of flow for which the Plant is permitted, and upgrades are needed to be eligible for a permit for more flow. Mr. Ruschke also presented an arial photo of the Plant and explained the different components.

Mr. Ruschke discussed the potential risk of failure of the Plant without upgrades, and what would be necessary to be done if a Plant failure were to occur. He also discussed the Infiltration & Inflow study that was performed.

Committeeman Lois asked about I-Bank funding for projects like this. Mr. Ruschke discussed the advantages of obtaining funding through I-Bank. He also said that he does not recommend the I-Bank for projects that are less than \$500,000 in value.

Mr. Shehady said that the original list of items for this project was extensive, and has been reduced to focus on the most critical items. The next step will be for Mr. Ruschke to prepare the

preliminary design and estimates for the project so that financing can be put together. Mr. Shehady said that the I-Bank financing sought will be \$5 million to \$10 million.

The consensus was to move forward with this project.

Mayor's Message

Mayor Ewald thanked all those who attended the special Township Committee meeting to provide feedback on the Colony Pool Wall project. She said that the project will be deferred to the fall of 2025, which will allow for more public feedback to be sought.

Mayor Ewald promoted the Mayors Walks that are organized as part of the Mayors Wellness Campaign. She also noted that an Events Committee is on the agenda for establishment and appointment. The Events Committee will work with Township staff to and community groups to organize events.

Township Committee Reports

Committeeman Lois reported that the Colony Swim Team won their last meet. The Colony Advisory Committee has been tasked to review alternatives for the log roll.

Committeeman McHugh reported that there will be an opportunity for volunteers to participate in a project for the restoration of a slope by Shunpike Field. He thanked the staff at the Library of the Chathams for the work they have done this summer.

Committeewoman Rowland reported that National Night Out was canceled due to rain. She also promoted the Adopt-a-Drain program. Committeewoman Rowland also noted a birthday party that was held at Juniper Village for Township resident Jean White who turned 106. Committeewoman Rowland also reported on the Eagle Project for a bocci court at the Senior Center.

Mayor Ewald also noted Jean White's 106th Birthday. She also said she is glad the bocci court is moving forward.

Introduction of Ordinances

Ordinance 2024-17

ORDINANCE 2024-17

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 3, POLICE REGULATIONS, SECTION 3-10, CONSTRUCTION AND CONTRACTOR ACTIVITY ON SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS, SUBSECTION 3-10.1, DEFINITIONS, 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 3, Police Regulations, Section 3-10, Construction and Contractor Activity on Sundays and Holidays, subsection 3-10.1, Definitions, to include Juneteenth within the definition of "Holidays."

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 3, Police Regulations, Section 3-10, Construction and Contractor Activity on Sundays and Holidays, subsection 3-10.1, Definitions, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 3-10.1 Definitions.

CONSTRUCTION OR CONTRACTOR ACTIVITY

Shall mean any work performed by contractors for hire on any property within the Township of Chatham.

HOLIDAYS

Shall mean nationally designated holidays, i.e. New Years Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

PERSON

Shall mean and include any individual, corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other business entity, and any property owner, tenant or occupant of property within the Township of Chatham.

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.

Mr. Shehady said that Juneteenth was added as both a State and Federal Holiday, and this ordinance updates the Township code about construction work on holidays accordingly.

Committeewoman Rowland moved to introduce Ordinance 2024-17. Mayor Ewald seconded the motion.

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

The Public Hearing for Ordinance 2024-17 will be scheduled for September 24, 2024.

Ordinance 2024-18

ORDINANCE 2024-18

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 20, PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES, SECTION 20-3, SKATE PARK, AND COLONY RECREATION CENTER TENNIS RULES AND PROCEDURES, 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 20, Parks and Recreation Facilities, Section 20-3, Skate Park, and Colony Recreation Center Tennis Rules and Procedures, to implement rules and procedures governing the use of the Township's parks.

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 20, Parks and Recreation Facilities, Section 20-3, Skate Park, and Colony Recreation Center Tennis Rules and Procedures is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 20-3 Parks and Recreational Areas

§ 20-3.1 Park Hours.

Hours of Closing; Special Permits. No person or group of persons shall occupy or use any public park or playground or any portion thereof for any purpose between the hours of (i) 7:00 p.m. to sunrise from November 1 through March 31 and (ii) 9:00 p.m. to sunrise from April 1 through October 31, except upon prior application for a special permit, upon good cause shown therefor,

directly to the Township Administrator. The granting of any such permit shall be at the discretion of the Township Administrator. The parks operating hours are not applicable to Township's lighted fields for the use of Township sanctioned sports or recreational activities. No sports or recreational activity shall continue beyond 10:00 p.m. Use of the Township's tennis courts and/or basketball courts shall not exceed a two-hour limit.

§ 20-3.2 Prohibited Uses; Rules of Conduct.

On any land, park, playground, improvements and equipment owned by the Township of Chatham used for active and passive recreation activities, no person shall:

- a. Injure, deface, displace, remove, alter, disturb, tamper with, damage or destroy any trees, shrubs, soil, grass, plant life or any structure, building, post, playground equipment, water fountain, railing, fence, bench, seat, table, platform, walkway, telephone or electric pole, wires, pipes or appurtenances or any other park or recreational equipment or facility, or any hydrant, water, storm or sewer drain, pipe, main, basin covering, manhole or any appendage or appurtenance thereof, or any sign, inscription, post or monument erected or marked for any lawful purpose; or injure or in any way interfere with the operation of any machinery or equipment used under the direction of the Township or any of its departments, agencies or officials; or deface, destroy, alter, damage or tamper with any drive, path, walk, bridge, parking area or shelter; or take up, remove or carry away any asphalt, concrete, stone, rock, wood, gravel, clay or earth or make any excavation of any kind.
- b. Create a disturbance which constitutes a nuisance or to disturb any wildlife or commit any act of nuisance in any park, playground, public open space area or floodplain.
- c. Take any animal into any parks or playgrounds except on a leash not longer than six feet or to permit any pet to go into any active public play area, apparatus area, athletic field or recreational enclosure or building unless said pet is participating in a Township program.
- d. For any leagues or organizations, take part in or abet the playing of any games involving thrown or otherwise propelled objects such as balls, stones, arrows, javelins, horseshoes, quoits or model airplanes without a permit issued by the Township of Chatham.
- e. Play or practice golfing unless such facility is specifically designated for such activity.
- f. Engage in fighting or violent behavior.
- g. Spit, urinate or defecate except in designated rest rooms and washroom facilities. Every person using the rest rooms and washrooms shall cooperate to maintain them in a neat and sanitary condition.
- h. Litter and dispose of any trash or garbage on any athletic field, park or playground. This also prohibits littering of ponds, lake, streams or other bodies of water in or adjacent to any park with any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution of the waters. All litter shall be deposited in the receptacles provided.
- i. Exhibit public nudity or public indecency.
- j. Use threatening or obscene language.
- k. Alter or adjust any fence, play surface, or piece of gym equipment (including but not limited to playground equipment or basketball rims) without the prior written approval of the Township of Chatham.
- l. Smoke, or possess or consume an alcoholic beverage, or illegal drugs.
- m. Carry or possess firearms of any kind, including air rifles, spring guns, paint ball guns, bow and arrow or sling shots, or any other form of weapons that pose a danger to human or wildlife safety. Hunting and trapping is also prohibited.
- n. Build fires or grill, except in designated areas where grills are made available for use by reservation through the Township of Chatham.
- o. Possess any type of glass container.
- p. Use any type of artificial illumination for any Township field or recreation facility without the prior approval of the Township of Chatham.
- q. Use of radios, stereos or any type of amplified sound without the prior approval of the Township of Chatham.
- r. Operate or utilize skateboards, roller skates, bicycles, scooters, or any type of motorized vehicle except on driveways or parking lots without the prior approval of the Township of Chatham.
- s. For-profit entities are strictly prohibited from using the Township's fields, basketball courts and tennis courts without a permit issued by the Township of Chatham.
- t. Posting of any sign.
- u. Solicit, sell or offer for sale any goods without a permit issued by the Township of Chatham.
- v. No food or beverages other than water are allowed inside the tennis courts.

§ 20-3.3 Exceptions.

Exceptions will be considered in Subsection 20-3.3 only when requested in advance, in writing, upon good cause shown, to the Township Administrator. A permit to do any act shall authorize the same only insofar as it may be performed in strict accordance with the terms and conditions thereof. Any violation by its holder or the holder's agents or employees of any terms or conditions thereof shall constitute grounds for its revocation by the Township Administrator or his/her authorized representative, whose action therein shall be final. The holder of such permit, together with the holder's agents and employees, who violates such terms and conditions, shall be jointly and severally liable to the Township for all damages and loss sustained by the Township. Neither the recovery or collection of such damage shall in any manner relieve such holder or person from liability to punishment for any violation of any provision of this section.

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.

Mr. Shehady said that this ordinance addresses rules and regulations at the Township's recreation facilities. The current code only governs the Skate Park and Colony Pool, and this ordinance will apply to all recreation facilities.

Committeewoman Rowland moved to introduce Ordinance 2024-18. Mayor Ewald seconded the motion.

Committeeman Lois asked about the sale of goods without a permit, and if recreation programs could still use the field house to sell items as part of a fundraiser. Mrs. Cofoni said that the sports teams can engage with that activity with permission of the Township Administrator.

Committeeman Lois asked about the prohibition of pets on the facilities, and if dogs could be allowed on playgrounds. Mrs. Cofoni said that they cannot be brought on a playground. She also read the language from the ordinance for clarification. Committeewoman Rowland commented on children sometimes being afraid of dogs, and opined that dogs should not be allowed on playgrounds. Mr. Shehady said that dogs should not be allowed on play areas of fields.

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

The Public Hearing for Ordinance 2024-18 will be scheduled for September 24, 2024.

Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION 2024-175

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 \$970,017.68 and the prior month's payroll of \$484,417.48 Current Fund, \$71,498.20 Sewer Utility, \$62,906.85 Open Space and \$23,754.98 Police Private Employment be paid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that taxes due to the School District of the Chathams, for the month of August 2024, in the amount of \$3,644,912.00 be paid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that taxes due to the County of Morris, for the 3rd Quarter of 2024, in the amount of \$2,648,832.50 be paid.

RESOLUTION 2024-176

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 July 16, 2024 and July 23, 2024.

**RESOLUTION 2024-177
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 July 16, 2024.

**RESOLUTION 2024-178
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, IN
THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING DEVELOPER ESCROW
ACCOUNT AND/OR PERFORMANCE BOND BALANCES**

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

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

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

NAME	Project	A/C NUMBER	AMOUNT
Imran Chowdhury 274 Roslyn Court West New York, NJ 07093	BOA-23-013 Re: 93 Sunset Dr.	E7766323312	\$94.40
Kasushal Majmudar 55 Mountain Road Chatham, NJ 07928	PLAN-24-001	E7766645253	\$0.00
Jeremy Ebrahim 14 Ferndale Road Chatham, NJ 07928	RO-19-052	E7765172570	\$300.00
Jeremy Ebrahim 14 Ferndale Road Chatham, NJ 07928	RO-19-052	E7765172588	\$490.00

**RESOLUTION 2024-179
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM TO
AWARD CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police recommends that the Township purchase two (2) 2023 Ford Police Interceptor SUVs with Police Package, including spot lights (the “Vehicles”), for the Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the State Contract price offered by Winner Ford, State Contract #20-FLEET-01189 is \$42,738.00 per Vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department received three (3) quotes as follows (1) Koch 33 submitted a price of \$38,200.00 per Vehicle, (2) Nielsen Ford submitted a price of \$46,310.00 per Vehicle, and (3) Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc. submitted a price of \$44,587.00 per Vehicle; and

WHEREAS, as the price offered by Koch 33 is more than 10% less than the State Contract price and the other quotes received, the Chief of Police requests that the Township Committee authorize the purchase of two these vehicles as an exception to public bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(4), 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, upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the full membership of the governing body, that:

1. The forgoing Recitals are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length.
2. The Township hereby awards a contract to Koch 33, 3810 Hecktown Road, Easton, PA 18045, for the purchase of two (2) Vehicles in an amount not to exceed Seventy-six Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$76,400.00), including fit out.
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. Township Police Chief
 - iv. Koch 33
4. Within five (5) business days of the adoption of this Resolution, the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, a copy of the purchase order relating to the contract, the requisition for the purchase order, if applicable, and documentation identifying the price of the Vehicles under the State contract and the State contract number.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2024-180
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF RADIO COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND
ACCESSORIES FROM MOTOROLA PURSUANT TO NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE
PURCHASING PROGRAM CONTRACT 83909

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 of Chatham (the "Township"), as a local government contracting unit, is a member of the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program (the "NJCPP"); 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, NJCPP, 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 NJCPP awarded Contract #83909 to Motorola Solutions Inc., PO. Box 305, Bordentown, New Jersey 08505 ("Motorola"), for the purchase of radio communication equipment and accessories; and

WHEREAS, the Township needs to purchase radio communication equipment for the Township Fire Department as specifically set forth in quote 26666116 from Motorola, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, pursuant to NJCPP Contract #83909 in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Ten Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars 36/100 (\$410,360.36); 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 radio communication equipment for the Township Fire Department as specifically set forth in quote 26666116 from Motorola, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, pursuant to NJCPP Contract #83909 in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Ten Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars 36/100 (\$410,360.36).
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. Township Fire Chief
 - iv. Motorola
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2024-181
RESOLUTION THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM TO
ESTABLISH AN EVENTS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the formation of an Events Committee has been proposed; and
WHEREAS, the Events Committee will consist of six Township residents, appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Township Committee.

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

1. The Committee will consist of the following members:
 - a. Melissa Hartzell – Co-Chair
 - b. Shirly Wu – Co-Chair
 - c. Jessica Yankelunas
 - d. Kalpana Tumu
 - e. Jessica Romeo
 - f. Jim Connelly

2. The mission of the Events Committee will be:
 - To help to foster and promote a friendly, welcoming, and caring community within the Township by organizing special occasions to bring residents together. The Events Committee will work with the municipal staff and community groups to make recommendations to the Township Committee for a series of events to be held throughout the remainder of the year. They will also work on planning, coordination and implementation of the events, including coordinating with the municipality for resources, scheduling and promotion.

3. The term of office will be for the remainder of the calendar year.

Committeewoman Rowland moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Ewald seconded the motion.

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

Hearing of Citizens

Committeeman McHugh opened the Hearing of Citizens.

1. Karen Blumenfeld, Maple Street, said she is happy to hear discussion about Colony Pool, and she is thankful that the Township Committee is addressing it. Mrs. Blumenfeld addressed the proposed ordinance for work by contractors on Sundays and Holidays. She said that the ordinance only affects work done outdoors, and she said that indoor work can also be noisy. Mrs. Blumenfeld asked that the Committee amend the ordinance to prohibit indoor activity if it involves an outdoor generator. Mrs. Blumenfeld also recommended that Ordinance 2024-18 be amended to define smoking to be consistent with other sections of the Code plus the NJ Clean Air Act.

2. Stewart Carr, Crestwood Drive, opined that the Township Committee should allow residents to the microphone to exceed the three minute limit during Hearing of Citizens. Mr. Carr asked if the Township will hire an attorney to determine what information can be posted on the Township website so that OPRA requests would not need to be filed. He also commented on use of the Oak Knoll Field. He opined that the Township should not have to pay Oak Knoll to use their field.

Regarding construction noise, Mrs. Cofoni said that the limitation is on contractors doing the work rather than the work being outdoors. Mr. LaConte said that if there is a noise level violation from a generator, the noise ordinance applies seven days a week and would apply equally to contractors and homeowners.

Mrs. Cofoni said that she will look into the regulations on smoking on recreation fields.

Regarding documents on the website, Mr. Shehady said that the website is still in the process of being updated. He also said that OPRA Requests are received for items that are already on the website. Mr. LaConte said that despite many financial documents being on the website, many people do not bother to search for the documents on the website. He also said that when it comes to some types of documents, the Township still has a responsibility to safeguard residents' privacy.

Committeeman Lois said that he thinks the Township can do a better job of friendliness with making information available. He also opined that draft documents pertaining to meetings should be available online. Mr. LaConte said that as it pertains to OPRA, there is an exemption for draft and deliberative documents.

Mr. Shehady commented on the Township's use of the Oak Knoll Field, and said that the approval does not disallow Oak Knoll from billing the Township to recoup their costs for having security personnel at the field during the Township's use.

Mayor Ewald commented on the Green Village Trail, and said that a site visit will be held in September.

Seeing no public comment, Committeeman McHugh closed the Hearing of Citizens.

Committeewoman Rowland moved to adjourn at 9:07 PM. Mayor Ewald seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Gregory J. LaConte
Municipal Clerk