

**MINUTES
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 12, 2022**

Mayor Felice called the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham to order at 6:30 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, 2022; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 7, 2022; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on January 7, 2022.

Roll Call

Answering present to the roll call were Committeewoman Ewald, Committeewoman Fondaco, Committeeman Lois and Mayor Felice. Deputy Mayor Hamilton arrived during Executive Session.

Executive Session

**RESOLUTION 2022-P-07
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. Attorney-Client Privilege – Fenske Property
 - b. Attorney-Client Privilege – Colony Parking Lot
 - c. Attorney-Client Privilege – PSE&G Property
 - d. Personnel – Police Department
 - e. Personnel – Colony Pool
 - f. Personnel – DPW
 - g. Collective Bargaining – Teamsters
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 adopt Resolution 2022-P-07 to enter Executive Session at 6:31 PM. Committeeman Lois seconded the motion.

Roll call: Committeewoman Ewald, Aye; Committeewoman Fondaco, Aye; Committeeman Lois, Aye; Deputy Mayor Hamilton, Aye; Mayor Felice, Aye.

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

Mayor Felice led the Flag Salute.

Moment of Silence

A Moment of Silence was held in honor of the recent passing of Michael Pacchia, Deputy Mayor Hamilton commented on Mr. Pacchia's volunteer service as a coach for several youth sports programs, and stated that the Township Committee's thoughts and prayers are with the wife and children of Mr. Pacchia.

Mayor's Statement

Mayor Felice announced that Lisa McHugh and Jim Connelly are being appointed as full members of the Environmental Commission, and Sally O'Neill will be appointed as an alternate. She also announced that Mountianview Field will be closed from April 14th to April 18th for wasp remediation.

Approval of Agenda

Committeewoman Ewald asked that Resolutions 2022-125, 2022-125, 2022-126, 2022-127, 2022-134, 2022-135, 2022-136, 2022-137 be pulled from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote.

Committeeman Lois asked that Resolutions 2022-118 and 2022-122 be pulled from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote.

Committeewoman Lois moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Deputy Mayor Hamilton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Proclamation

Mayor Felice read aloud the attached proclamation for National Healthcare Decisions Day.

Reports

Committeewoman Ewald reported that the Mayor's Wellness Committee has an upcoming program on advance directives. AARP Volunteers are still available at the Senior Center for assistance with tax preparation. The Senior Center has a Shred Event coming up on April 23rd. They are also holding a fundraiser in which used sneakers and cleats can be donated to those in need. The Municipal Alliance is hosting a Wellness Initiative for Senior Education series of classes. The Madison-Chatham Coalition has an upcoming webinar about marijuana use and driving. Committeewoman Ewald further reported that information is available about the March Rolling Knolls CAG meeting.

Committeewoman Fondaco reported that there will be a tree seedling giveaway on April 23rd. On April 30th there will be a trail cleanup event at the Green Village Pond Area. The Tri-Town Garage Sale will also be held on April 30th. An Electric Vehicle Expo will be held on April 22nd. A composter sale is being conducted and orders can be placed through April 25th. The Chatham Township Historical Society will host a program on April 24th about the history of the Green Village Fire Department. On May 3rd there will be another CAG meeting. Committeewoman Fondaco further reported on DPW's activities, and mulch deliveries have begun.

Committeeman Lois reported on debt restructuring. He also reported that there was a utility mix up on Edgewood Road, and a new circuit is being built. A field maintenance zoom meeting was recently held. Regarding Colony Pool, Committeeman Lois stated that he was in touch with the audio equipment manager. He also commented on membership rates at Colony Pool.

Administrator Hoffmann reported that there is a payment on the bills list to Amazon, payment of which will allow the Township to place additional orders through Amazon.

Deputy Mayor Hamilton reported on the professionalism shown by the Chatham Township Police Department in responding to a recent fatal automobile accident. He also commented on recent auto thefts. Deputy Mayor Hamilton further reported that the Library of the Chathams had a successful event for Library Week. He further noted that a grant may be available for renovations to the Library. Administrator Hoffmann reported that Engineer Ruschke had passed along to the Library that the grant opportunity may be available.

Engineer Ruschke reported that aerial topography is scheduled for the Nash Field Trail. He further reported on preparations for the 2022 Road Resurfacing Plan. Engineer Ruschke also reported that investigations are proceeding as part of the Inflow & Infiltration Study, which involves accessing manholes during rainstorms. Deputy Mayor Hamilton asked about Shunpike paving. Engineer Ruschke stated that the County has been contacted to make sure the work gets done. He also said that the section from Noe Avenue to Fairmount Avenue has been scheduled. Mayor Felice stated that she has also brought this matter to the County's attention. Engineer

Ruschke stated that the County needs to review the rating system used, as roads can deteriorate differently.

Administrator Hoffmann reported that the Bond Sale was conducted on March 24th. \$17,340,000 worth of bonds were sold, and Morgan Stanley was the winning bidder with a proposal of \$17,676,600 which includes accrued interest. Administrator Hoffmann also commented on debt service and debt restructuring.

Proclamation

Mayor Felice read the attached proclamation honoring Jocelyn Xu.

Ms. Xu was present to accept and receive the proclamation.

Hearing of Citizens

Mayor Felice asked if any written comments had been received.

1. Ralph Zingone, Edgewood Road, wrote to express his support of extending access to the compost facility to include the first two weeks of December.

Mayor Felice opened the Hearing of Citizens.

1. Stewart Carr, Crestwood Drive, asked if Mr. Ruschke could comment on the Nash Trail and if the surface will be impervious coverage. Mr. Carr also advocated for two Hearings of Citizens during meetings, and continued use of Zoom. He further requested that when amended bylaws are considered, that any amendments be considered as discrete items rather than as a package. Mr. Carr asked if the AAA rating report could be posted on the Township website. He further asked if Administrator Hoffmann could comment on the rationale of having a single bond issue in 2022 rather than bifurcating the items in the sale. Mr. Carr thanked Committeeman Lois and Deputy Mayor Hamilton for being involved in fiduciary matters related to the Library of the Chathams. He also suggested that the Township speak with the Borough about possibly getting bonds to pay for Library projects. Mr. Carr further expressed his agreement with a letter to the editor recently written by Mr. Brower about fundraising for repairs for the Red Brick Schoolhouse.

Committeewoman Fondaco stated that the Co-Presidents of the Historical Society do not agree with Mr. Brower's letter.

Committeeman Lois commented on County grants that can help fund restoration at the Red Brick Schoolhouse. He also commented on the bylaws, and said that the Township Committee is satisfied with having only one public comment session.

Committeewoman Fondaco moved to add discussion of proposed amended bylaws adding the second public hearing circulated by Committeewoman Ewald to the Agenda. Committeewoman Ewald seconded the motion.

Roll call: Committeewoman Ewald, Aye; Committeewoman Fondaco, Aye; Committeeman Lois, Nay; Deputy Mayor Hamilton, Nay; Mayor Felice, Nay.

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

Public Hearing/Final Adoption of Ordinances

Ordinance 2022-03

ORDINANCE 2022-03

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless

authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham in the County of Morris finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2022 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$124,786.63 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, in the County of Morris, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2022 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Chatham shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$436,753.21, and that the CY 2022 municipal budget for the Township of Chatham be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Mayor Felice opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2022-03,

1. Stewart Carr, Crestwood Drive, agreed with Committeeman Lois that not having the Cap Bank outweighs having flexibility in future years budgets.

Seeing no further public comment, Mayor Felice closed the Public Hearing.

Committeewoman Ewald moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-03. Committeewoman Fondaco seconded the motion.

Committeeman Lois encouraged a nay vote on this ordinance. He also stated that those Township Committees that had adopted cap bank ordinances in the past had not raised taxes.

Committeewoman Ewald pointed out that the advice of the Township Auditor and CFO is that a cap bank ordinance is not a guarantee that it will be used. She also pointed out that the 2022 Budget has moved several items out of the cap, and it would be difficult to move them back within the cap.

Committeeman Lois stated that the only reason to have a cap bank is to raise taxes.

Committeewoman Ewald stated that many municipalities have cap bank ordinances regardless of the political party in power. She also stated that it is possible that Colony Pool staff may need to be cut in future years because the money will not be there to fund the salary and wages now that it is outside the cap.

Deputy Mayor Hamilton said that he does not think there is a need to bank money for next year.

Mayor Felice noted that Colony Pool Fees will be put back into the Open Space Trust.

Roll call: Committeewoman Ewald, Aye; Committeewoman Fondaco, Aye; Committeeman Lois, Nay; Deputy Mayor Hamilton, Nay; Mayor Felice, Nay.

Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION 2022-119 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 March 22, 2022.

RESOLUTION 2022-120
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
APPROVING EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF MEETINGS

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 March 22, 2022.

RESOLUTION 2022-121
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:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>LIEN HOLDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
31	10	Lienholder: Christiana T. c/f C&E1/First PO Box 5021 Philadelphia, PA 19111-5021 Certificate # 20-00001 Otte, Douglas/Kelly 68 Ormont Rd. Chatham, NJ 07928	\$1,700.57 – Certificate <u>\$1,600.00 – Premium</u> \$3,300.57 - Total

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is authorized to prepare and sign a Discharge of Certificate 20-00001.

RESOLUTION 2022-123
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
EXTENDING HOURS AT COMPOST FACILITY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Compost Area at the Township’s Recycling Center will remain open until the second Sunday in December, including Tuesdays and Saturdays during that timeframe.

RESOLUTION 2022-124
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF SECURITY CAMERA SIGNAGE

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has previously authorized the purchase of security cameras for various facilities and locations; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee wishes to inform visitors that Township facilities have security cameras to help protect the health, safety and welfare of all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the appropriate Township staff is authorized to obtain quotes and purchase security camera signage that will be installed at Township facilities.

RESOLUTION 2022-128
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM,
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING NECESSARY
IMPROVEMENTS TO SHUNPIKE FIELD FOR YEAR-ROUND USE

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Township Committee to improve the Township’s recreation fields and facilities, so that all residents will have options for recreational enjoyment and quality recreation areas at all stages of life; and,

WHEREAS, the quality of Recreational facilities is an essential component of our residential community and add to of quality of life for all residents of Chatham Township; and,

WHEREAS, the currently organized members of this Township Committee adopted Resolution 2022-053 on January 20, 2022 which resolved “to improve the Township’s recreation and open space assets”.

WHEREAS, the Open Space Element of the Master Plan identifies Shunpike Field; and,

WHEREAS, Chatham Township’s Goals and Objectives in the Land Use Plan of the Master Plan states, “enhancing the open space system and recreational facilities remain guiding principles in this plan.”; and,

WHEREAS, Resident complaints and dissatisfaction with the quality of natural turf have been recorded over the past 2 years in the meeting minutes of the Chatham Joint Recreation Advisory Committee; and,

WHEREAS, during both 2020 and 2021 fields in the Township have been forced closed due to bald turf and “rested” to prevent further damage when turf conditions became unsuitable for play; and,

WHEREAS, Chatham Township ORDINANCE 2021-15 *Eliminating Use Of Pesticides On All Municipal Recreational Areas* is one of the leading, most restrictive, first-in-the-state of New Jersey to be adopted by a municipality according to the September 2021 meeting minutes of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission; and,

WHEREAS, all fields and facilities must be managed according to ORDINANCE 2021-15 *Eliminating Use of Pesticides on All Municipal Recreational Areas* inclusive of a provision of last resort to allow the use of pesticide in limited quantity and timeframe; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works of the Township of Chatham are the professional expert managers of maintaining field space and recreational open space in Chatham Township; and,

WHEREAS, funds generated by the Open Space Tax may be used to fund improvements to Parks, Playgrounds, Active Sport Recreation areas; and,

WHEREAS, existing funds in Chatham Township’s Recreation Reserve Account are intended to support recreation fields and facilities within the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the fees collected and deposited in the Joint Recreation Trust Fund of the Chathams are intended in part for field and facility maintenance; and,

WHEREAS, the Capital Plan portion of the annual Budget of the Township of Chatham anticipates recreational facility upgrades and improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the planned 2022 Capital Reserve and anticipated Capital Surplus of the 2022 Annual Budget of the Township of Chatham maybe utilized as additional fund sources for recreational facility upgrades and improvements; and,

WHEREAS, these improvements will not require an increase in the municipal tax rate for the 2022 annual Budget of the Township of Chatham over or above the municipal tax rate of 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham authorizes necessary maintenance and improvements to the natural turf and baseball field at Shunpike Field with the goal of making play possible year-round.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2022-129

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING WALKWAY IMPROVEMENTS FROM SHUNPIKE FIELD TO OVERFLOW PARKING LOT

WHEREAS, the quality of Recreational facilities are an essential component of our residential community and add to quality of life for all residents of Chatham Township; and

WHEREAS, the currently organized members of this Township Committee adopted Resolution 2022-053 on January 20, 2022 which resolved “to improve the Township’s recreation and open space assets”; and

WHEREAS, the Open Space Element of the Master Plan identifies Shunpike Field as Open Space consisting of Active and Passive Recreation areas; and,

WHEREAS, Chatham Township’s Goals and Objectives in the Land Use Plan of the Master Plan states, “enhancing the open space system and recreational facilities remain guiding principles in this plan.”; and

WHEREAS, the connecting trail between the overflow parking lot and Shunpike field is an unimproved dirt pathway that is regularly muddy and has, at its center, a low lying area that collects and ponds water which remains for days after any rain event; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works of the Township of Chatham are the professional expert managers of maintaining field space, public land and recreational open space in Chatham Township; and

WHEREAS, funds generated by the Open Space Tax may be used to fund improvements to Parks, Playgrounds, Active Sport Recreation areas; and

WHEREAS, the fees collected and deposited in the Joint Recreation Trust Fund of the Chathams are collected as part of the Shared Services Joint Recreation Program of the Chathams and are intended to be used, in part, for field and facility maintenance; and

WHEREAS, this authorization is a duly appropriate and reasonable expense to charge to the Joint Recreation Trust Fund of the Chathams which is supported by the programs, clubs and users of the active recreational facilities in Chatham Township; and

WHEREAS, these improvements will not require an increase in the municipal tax rate for the 2022 annual Budget of the Township of Chatham over or above the municipal tax rate of 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham authorizes improvements to the walkway from the overflow parking lot to Shunpike field by covering with appropriate and cost-effective natural stone with the goal of allowing walking on a path free of excessive mud and water ponding, even immediately after a rain event.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2022-130

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFURBISHMENT OF COLONY TENNIS COURTS, SHUNPIKE BASKETBALL COURT AND NASH FIELD BASKETBALL COURT

WHEREAS, Resolution 2022-090 articulated the Township’s intention to improve its recreation fields and facilities, so that all residents will have options for recreational enjoyment and quality recreation areas at all stages of life; and

WHEREAS, the quality of Recreational facilities is an essential component of our residential community and add to quality of life for all residents of Chatham Township; and

WHEREAS, the currently organized members of this Township Committee adopted Resolution 2022-053 on January 20, 2022 which resolved “to improve the Township’s recreation and open space assets;” and

WHEREAS, the Open Space Element of the Master Plan identifies Colony Pool and Recreational Area as located on Spring and School Streets and containing swimming, playground and tennis facilities; and

WHEREAS, Chatham Township’s Goals and Objectives in the Land Use Plan of the Master Plan states, “enhancing the open space system and recreational facilities remain guiding principles in this plan;” and

WHEREAS, the Colony Recreation courts are open year-round for use by all residents with priority on some courts given to Colony Membership only during The Colony Pool Club operating days; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham is proud to host the practices, home matches and tournaments held by the Chatham High School Varsity Tennis Program on these courts; and

WHEREAS, there exists photographic evidence of court damage including cracking and age-related wear; and

WHEREAS, proper maintenance, repair and upgrades may extend the life of the existing court facilities and prolong the need for a complete future replacement of these courts in their entirety; and

WHEREAS, funds generated by the Open Space Tax may be used to fund improvements to Parks, Playgrounds, Active Sport Recreation areas; and

WHEREAS, existing funds in Chatham Township’s Recreation Reserve Account are intended to support recreation fields and facilities within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the fees collected and deposited in the Joint Recreation Trust Fund of the Chathams are intended in part for field and facility maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Plan portion of the annual Budget of the Township of Chatham anticipates recreational facility upgrades and improvements; and

WHEREAS, the planned 2022 Capital Reserve and anticipated Capital Surplus of the 2022 Annual Budget of the Township of Chatham maybe utilized as additional fund sources for recreational facility upgrades and improvements; and

WHEREAS, recent inspections of the Shunpike Basketball Court and Nash Field Basketball Court reveal that both are in need of repair and or renovation; and

WHEREAS, the Shunpike Basketball Court requires a similar type of refurbishment as the Colony Tennis Courts and can be completed by the Contractor selected to refurbish the Colony Tennis Courts; and

WHEREAS, the improvement to the Nash Field Basketball Court requires the use of concrete and other materials which may require the selection of another contractor; and

WHEREAS, these improvements will not require an increase in the municipal tax rate for the 2022 annual Budget of the Township of Chatham over or above the municipal tax rate of 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham authorizes necessary maintenance, repair and improvements to the tennis courts at the Colony Recreation Center as well as the Shunpike Basketball Court and Nash Field Basketball Court to provide for the refurbishment of these recreation assets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Administrator is authorized to prepare the necessary bid documents or solicit quotes for the work authorized.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2022-131

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM CONFIRMING THE PURCHASE OF FIELD NETTING FOR THE MOUNTAINVIEW (MUNICIPAL BUILDING) FIELD

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has previously authorized improvements to recreation fields and related facilities; and

WHEREAS, in early 2022 the Township staff contacted contractors and vendors to solicit quotes for the purchase and installation netting along the first and third base foul lines so that more baseball, softball, soccer and lacrosse practices and games can be scheduled at the field; and

WHEREAS, the best value was provided by GM Fence 26 Eisenhower Parkway, Roseland, New Jersey, 07068 in a quote dated March 11, 2022 to install 160 feet of 19-foot tall, heavy duty netting along both the first base and third base foul lines for \$28,300; and

WHEREAS, the price for the netting was scheduled to increase on March 20, 2022 therefore the order was placed prior to the price increase; and

WHEREAS, this is a special-order item that may have a 10-to-12-week lead time; and,

WHEREAS, the cost for this improvement can be charged to the Joint Recreation Trust Fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey confirms the purchase of the field netting and looks forward to the field’s increased usage once the installation is complete.

RESOLUTION 2022-132
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, AMENDING EMPLOYEE SALARIES FOR THE YEAR 2022

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, that annual salaries of non-contractual employees are hereby amended as shown below.

Head Guard	Hourly Up To \$30.00
Senior Guard	Hourly Up To \$25.00
Recreation & Parks Supervisor For Maintenance (Pool, Field & Facilities)	\$5,000.00
Certified Pool Operator	\$3,000.00
Temporary Pool Manager	Hourly Up To \$40.00
Temporary Assistant Pool Manager	Hourly Up To \$35.00
Sewer/Storm Water Line Inspector	\$7,500

RESOLUTION 2022-133
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM AUTHORIZING ESTIMATED TAX BILLING

WHEREAS, due to the expected late adoption of the State of New Jersey’s budget the Morris County Board of Taxation will be unable to certify the tax rate throughout the County, and the Township’s Tax Collector will be unable to mail the tax bills on a timely basis;

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer, has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, and they have signed a certification showing the tax levies for the previous year, the tax rates and the range permitted estimated tax levies;

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 Municipal Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the municipality for the third installment of 2022 taxes. The Tax Collector shall proceed and take such actions as permitted and required by P.L. 1994, c. 72 (N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2 and 54:4-66.3).
2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2022 is hereby set at \$63,663,712.23.
3. In accordance with the law, the third installment of 2022 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of: the end of the grace period, or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the estimated tax bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.

RESOLUTION 2022-138
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM AUTHORIZING SECURITY CAMERAS AT THE INTERSECTION OF SHUNPIKE ROAD AND SOUTHERN BOULEVARD

WHEREAS, security cameras will be installed at the intersection of Shunpike Road and Southern Boulevard as a joint project with the County of Morris; and

WHEREAS, the cost to the Township for its portion of the project is \$34,597.00 as per Quote #CTPD28561 received from Packetalk dated February 16, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the installation of security cameras at the

intersection of Shunpike Road and Southern Boulevard as a joint project with the County of Morris is hereby authorized, at a cost not to exceed \$34,597.00.00 for the Township’s portion of the project.

RESOLUTION 2022-139
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF DESIGN PLANS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION
OF RELATED BUILDING SYSTEMS AND THE INSTALLATIONS OF A NEW ROOF ON THE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

WHEREAS, for the past several years the roof of the Municipal Building has leaked and adversely impacted the operation of municipal offices; and,
WHEREAS, leaks have been patched and new ones appear in different locations; and
WHEREAS, the current roof was installed in 1988 and had a twenty (20) year warranty; and,
WHEREAS, the current roof is now thirty-four (34) years old and has provided the Township with good value; and,
WHEREAS, the roof and associated systems do not comply with current building codes, and,
WHEREAS, the improvements must be properly designed, and suitable construction documents must be prepared for public bidding purposes; and,
WHEREAS, Mott MacDonald has submitted a proposal specifying the scope of the roof repair project and to perform the necessary work to prepare the bid documents for a lump sum cost of \$25,000.00; and,
WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds for this portion of the project are available in Capital Account #C-04-55-948-905
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that the Township Engineer is authorized to design and prepare contract documents for the desired roof improvements for a fee not to exceed \$25,000.00.

RESOLUTION 2022-140
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	<u>Project</u>	<u>A/C NUMBER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Elaine True 50 Arrowhead Way Darien, CT 06820	BOH 21-48.21-145	7765834419	\$186.00

RESOLUTION 2022-141
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
APPROVING THE PROMOTION OF DANIEL MCGOOKIN AS STREETS AND ROADS
FOREMAN

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy in the position of Streets and Roads Foreman, and
WHEREAS, Richard Young, Public Works Manager has recommended that Daniel McGookin be promoted to the position of Streets and Roads Foreman;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that Daniel McGookin is hereby appointed to the position of Streets and Roads Foreman for the Township of Chatham Department of Public Works effective April 16, 2022 with compensation as delineated in the Agreement between the Township of Chatham and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local No. 469.

Deputy Mayor Hamilton moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Committeeman Lois seconded the motion.

Roll call: Committeewoman Ewald, Aye; Committeewoman Fondaco, Aye; Committeeman Lois, Aye; Deputy Mayor Hamilton, Aye; Mayor Felice, Aye.

RESOLUTION 2022-118
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 \$2,370,119.38 and the prior month's payroll of \$475,088.32 Current Fund, \$63,686.73 Sewer No. 1, and \$14,141.55 Police Private Employment be paid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that taxes due to the School District of the Chathams, for the month of April 2022, in the amount of \$3,336,090.00 be paid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a journal entry will be made to charge the appropriate account.

Committeeman Lois moved to adopt Resolution 2022-118. Committeewoman Ewald seconded the motion.

Committeeman Lois asked about an account being used to pay one of the bills. Administrator Hoffmann stated that the resolution can be amended to correct the journal entry for the bill in question.

Roll call: Committeewoman Ewald, Aye; Committeewoman Fondaco, Aye; Committeeman Lois, Aye; Deputy Mayor Hamilton, Aye; Mayor Felice, Aye.

RESOLUTION 2022-122
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW
JERSEY REDUCING THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTY FOR THE ARBOR GREEN
PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has granted preliminary and final approval for the Arbor Green Project at High Gate at Block 48.16, Lot 117.28; and

WHEREAS, said approvals required, in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq., and the Developer's Agreement between the developer and the Township, the posting of a performance guaranty to secure completion of the public improvements that were part of the project, and which was posted by the developer; and

WHEREAS, the original total performance guaranty consists of Performance Bond No. 800038806 in the sum of \$6,200,000.00; and

WHEREAS, as set forth by Township Engineer John K. Ruschke, P.E. in his letter dated March 18, 2022 the public improvements have been substantially completed to the extent that the performance guaranty may be reduced to the amount of \$2,480,000.00, which covers the remaining work described by the engineer's report;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the performance guaranty posted by the developer is hereby reduced, in accordance with the letter of Township Engineer John K. Ruschke, P.E., dated March 18, 2022, to the amount of \$2,480,000.00. The approved bond reduction is for a partial completion of site improvements. A maintenance bond shall be posted upon final acceptance of the site improvements by the Township Committee in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1, et seq., and the Developer's Agreement between the Township and the developer. The amount of the maintenance bond shall be 15% of the original bond estimate for the subject improvements.

Committeeman Lois said that this resolution should be tabled indefinitely until landscaping is better addressed at the Arbor Green site. Mayor Felice stated that she has received complaints about the landscaping. Engineer Ruschke addressed the artistic rendering of the site which showed certain landscaping.

RESOLUTION 2022-125
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF AUTOMATED DOORS FOR SHUNPIKE AND NASH FIELD
BATHROOMS

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has previously authorized improvements to recreation fields and related facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee wishes to streamline the process of providing access to bathrooms while removing that responsibility of opening and closing the restrooms from our volunteer coaches; and

WHEREAS, the Township staff is in the process of investigating the cost of purchasing and installing automated doors for recreation bathroom facilities which can be controlled by a timer; and

WHEREAS, the cost for this improvement can be charged to the Open Space Trust Fund.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the appropriate Township staff is authorized to obtain quotes and then purchase and have installed automated doors for the bathrooms at Shunpike and Nash Fields with the cost to include the associated software, installation and training.

Committeeman Lois moved to adopt Resolution 2022-125. Committeewoman Ewald seconded the motion.

Committeewoman Ewald said she wants to be sure proper cleaning will occur at the bathrooms. Mayor Felice stated that a site visit was conducted, and the bathrooms are in working order. The DPW will have access to perform cleaning and maintenance. She also said using timers will allow coaches to focus on games.

Roll call: Committeewoman Ewald, Aye; Committeewoman Fondaco, Aye; Committeeman Lois, Aye; Deputy Mayor Hamilton, Aye; Mayor Felice, Aye.

RESOLUTION 2022-126
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
AUTHORIZING UPGRADES TO SECURITY CAMERAS AT THE RECYCLING CENTER

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that upgrades to the security cameras at the Recycling Center are authorized.

RESOLUTION 2022-127
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
AUTHORIZING UPGRADES TO SECURITY CAMERAS AT THE WPC PLANT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that upgrades to the security cameras at the WPC Plant are authorized.

Committeeman Lois moved to adopt Resolution 2022-126 and 2022-127. Committeewoman Fondaco seconded the motion.

Committeeman Lois said that the new cameras will allow the Township to follow up with people who illegally dump trash at the site.

Administrator Hoffmann said that the cost will be several thousand dollars, and quotes are being sought. Deputy Mayor Hamilton asked if the expenditure would require further approval. The Township Clerk indicated that it will appear on a bill list. Administrator Hoffmann stated that prices are being sought from co-ops.

Roll call: Committeewoman Ewald, Aye; Committeewoman Fondaco, Aye; Committeeman Lois, Aye; Deputy Mayor Hamilton, Aye; Mayor Felice, Aye.

RESOLUTION 2022-134
RESOLUTION OF THE CHATHAM TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE
OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF
MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, NOT REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.
40A:12-24

WHEREAS, the Local Lands and Building Laws, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-24, *et seq.*, authorizes the lease by municipalities of any real property, capital improvements or personal property, or interests therein, not needed for public use by lease in the manner provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham is the owner of certain real property being Block 128, Lot 2 on the Tax Map of the Township of Chatham, commonly known as 522 Southern Boulevard, Chatham, New Jersey, hereinafter ("522 Southern Boulevard"), not needed for public use at this time, and the Mayor and Township Committee have determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to lease the same to generate revenue, reduce taxes and liabilities and help the school district.

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

Section 1. The parking lot associated with 522 Southern Boulevard was offered for lease, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-24 by submission of sealed bid to the highest bidder, subject to acceptance of such bid by resolution of the Township Committee which reserves the right to reject all bids less than \$15,000 where this highest bid is not accepted. The opening of sealed bids was held at the Township of Chatham Municipal Building on April 1, 2022, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the within resolution. A bidder did offer to lease the parking lot area for \$15,000.

Section 2. The property lease shall be subject to the following terms:

- A. That no representations of any kind are made by the Township of Chatham to the condition of the parking lot on the property, said parking lot property is being leased in its present condition “as is”.
- B. That the Township will execute a limited lease from 4/15/2022 to 6/30/2022.
- C. That the lessor, at its sole expense, shall have a right to conduct inspections of the property.
- D. It is understood that the lease is subject to applicable New Jersey law concerning leasing of municipal real estate.

Section 3. This lease is made subject to the use for parking no more than 20 school buses used for the transportation of Chatham Township students to and from school for the remainder of the 2022 school year ending in June of 2022.

Section 4. The lease is made subject to all applicable laws and ordinances of the State of New Jersey and the Township of Chatham. The parking of the buses will not interfere with any remediation being conducted at the site.

Section 5. A successful bidder has been identified and is the current bus company that is utilized by the school district and has agreed to a minimum lease payment of \$15,000 till the end of June 2022. Any extension of the lease term if any will be negotiated under separate terms, the current lease terminates at the end of June 2022.

Section 6. The successful bidder agrees to the following conditions:

- A. To pay the full amount of the bid payment on full execution of a lease agreement.
- B. To enter into a lease agreement with the Township of Chatham.
- C. The lease is subject to the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, *et seq.* and all rights reserved to the Township by such law.

Section 7. The Township authorizes the Township Attorney to draft the appropriate lease and further authorizes the mayor to execute such lease based upon the terms contained herein.

Section 8. If any section or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid in any Court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provision of this Resolution, except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

Section 9. The Mayor and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary for the conduct of this lease of the property listed herein, including but not limited to executing all leases and other required documents.

Section 11. This Resolution shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

Deputy Mayor Hamilton moved to adopt Resolution 2022-134. Committeeman Lois seconded the motion.

Committeewoman Ewald asked about liability to the Township if the bus drivers have their cars parked at the site. Attorney King stated that will be addressed in the lease agreement. Committeewoman Ewald asked if there should be a police presence at the beginning of this use of the site to make sure there is not a traffic impact.

Deputy Mayor Hamilton asked about the Township’s liability. Attorney King said he discussed the topic with the tenant, and the liability will be on the bus company rather than on the Township.

Roll call: Committeewoman Ewald, Aye; Committeewoman Fondaco, Aye; Committeeman Lois, Aye; Deputy Mayor Hamilton, Aye; Mayor Felice, Aye.

RESOLUTION 2022-135

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING NECESSARY COLONY RECREATION CENTER UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the currently organized members of this Township Committee adopted Resolution 2022-053 on January 20, 2022 which resolved “to improve the Township’s recreation and open space assets;” and

WHEREAS, the Colony Recreation Center is a qualified Open Space asset where quality facilities, equipment and amenities are an essential component of Chatham Township’s recreational resources; and,

WHEREAS, certain upgrades, improvements and purchases are required to provide for quality recreation, including new cover for ADA compliant Aquatic Lift, new ID badge printer, new upright commercial grade ice machine, new overhead fans for concession kitchen, new mini-split A/C system with compressor capable of upgrade to additional zone, service overhaul for existing outdoor barbecue grills and replacement as necessary, public address system upgrades, new portable speaker audio system, new pool entry handrails, all new high quality sand toys, added tournament ping-pong table and two youth-sized ping-pong tables, new Nok Hokey table games and tetherballs, basketballs and volleyballs, the installation of new privacy bushes and trees along the perimeter fence, new shade sails for tennis court use, new 2-way radios, enhanced First-Aid inventory and equipment, as well as other equipment and supplies as required; and

WHEREAS, the concession inventory of the Colony Pool club is subject to spoilage in the event of a power outage and the cost of installation of an automatic fail over backup generator is prohibitive for an approximately 15 week summer season; and

WHEREAS, funds generated by the Open Space Tax and available in the Open Space Trust Fund may be used to fund improvements to Parks, Playgrounds, Active Sport Recreation areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham authorizes necessary purchases, upgrade and improvements up to amount of \$45,000 to enhance the quality of Colony Pool Recreation Center and authorizes the drafting of an agreement with Colony Pool’s concession operator to cover up to \$500 of food inventory lost due to a power outage event, up to three such events per summer season. Funds are to be expended in accordance with a list provided by the Colony Pool committee and in consultation the Colony Pool Liaison and completed for the opening on or before May 27, 2022.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Committeewoman Ewald moved to adopt Resolution 2022-135. Committeewoman Fondaco seconded the motion.

Committeewoman Ewald asked if there could be a delineation what is authorized and what it discretionary.

The Township Clerk asked if the Township Committee will reserve the authority to approve expenditures so that the Colony Pool Committee does not become subject to the Open Public Meetings Act. Mayor Felice stated that the Township Committee will retain that authority.

Committeeman Lois stated that there has been money earmarked for Colony Pool in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 that was not spent. Committeewoman Ewald pointed out that Committeeman Lois was on the Colony Pool Committee and asked why the money was not spent.

Roll call: Committeewoman Ewald, Aye; Committeewoman Fondaco, Aye; Committeeman Lois, Aye; Deputy Mayor Hamilton, Aye; Mayor Felice, Aye.

RESOLUTION 2022-136

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING COLONY POOL CLUB USER FEE PROMOTIONS

WHEREAS, the currently organized members of this Township Committee adopted Ordinance 2022-02 providing that “The Township Administrator, in consultation with the Colony Recreation Center liaison, may authorize special promotions and offer special discounts to promote Colony Recreation Center membership, programs and events;” and

WHEREAS, the annual “Early Bird” promotion was intended to include guest pass and membership category promotions which were set by Resolution 2022-072; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator did not consult or communicate with the Colony Recreation Center Liaison about the exclusion of any Early Bird promotions set by Resolution 2022-072; and

WHEREAS, the promotions set in Resolution 2022-072 are appropriate and valuable to the growth and vibrancy of the recreational facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham authorizes the Colony Pool Liaison in consultation with the Colony Pool Advisory Committee to determine the appropriate promotional period and which of the excluded promotional categories should be offered. This added promotional period may also include additional promotions, categories and programs but no promotional price shall be less than the Early Bird Promotion already established in 2022.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Committeeman Lois moved to adopt Resolution 2022-136. Committeewoman Fondaco seconded the motion.

Committeewoman Ewald stated that this resolution does not appear to have any purpose other than to attack the Township Administrator. Mayor Felice stated that there was an issue with the Early Bird rates.

Administrator Hoffmann stated that a new software platform, and a problem arose on March 31st in which the add-ons were no longer available. He also stated that the problem is being fixed.

Deputy Mayor Hamilton asked what the resolution will actually accomplish. Attorney King said that it will allow the Colony Pool Committee to offer additional promotions. Committeeman Lois said that an additional promotion will be offered due to the technical glitch.

Committeewoman Ewald asked what promotions will be offered that are not already allowed. Attorney King said that the resolution affirms that the Early Bird promotion is being extended.

Deputy Mayor Hamilton asked why the Township Committee needs to reauthorize what was already authorized.

Committeeman Lois stated that the purpose of the resolution is not to chastise Township staff.

Administrator Hoffmann reiterated that there was a problem with the software, and the problem is being addressed.

Roll call: Committeewoman Ewald, Nay; Committeewoman Fondaco, Nay; Committeeman Lois, Aye; Deputy Mayor Hamilton, Aye; Mayor Felice, Aye.

RESOLUTION 2022-137

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING COLONY RECREATION CENTER CHANGES TO COMPLY WITH GREEN ACRES RELATED CODE

WHEREAS, the introduced 2022 Budget of the Township Committee properly includes Colony Pool Dues as a dedicated revenue source adding to Open Space, Recreation Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund known commonly as the Open Space Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the currently organized members of this Township Committee adopted Resolution 2022-053 on January 20, 2022 which resolved “to improve the Township’s recreation and open space assets;” and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator of the Township of Chatham is the credentialed professional responsible for compliance with Green Acres related code; and,

WHEREAS, certain changes are required according to Green Acres related code NJAC 7:36-25.8 through 25.13 including but not limited to signage, concession agreements, user fees and public access; and

WHEREAS, funds generated by the Open Space Tax and available in the Open Space Trust Fund may be used to fund improvements to Parks, Playgrounds, Active Sport Recreation areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham authorizes such changes that are necessary to make Colony Pool Recreation Center comply with all related Green Acres administrative code.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Committeeman Lois moved to adopt Resolution 2022-137. Deputy Mayor Hamilton seconded the motion.

Committeewoman Ewald raised a concern about public access being required for Green Acres sites, noting that access to Colony Pool is based on memberships. Committeeman Lois noted that Colony Pool has always been based on memberships. He also said that this resolution clarifies for staff that the Township Committee has authorized making necessary changes to comply with Green Acres.

Roll call: Committeewoman Ewald, Nay; Committeewoman Fondaco, Nay; Committeeman Lois, Aye; Deputy Mayor Hamilton, Aye; Mayor Felice, Aye.

Discussion

2023 Community Projects

Administrator Hoffmann stated that there is a deadline of April 18th to submit applications. Each Congressional District can submit up to 15 potential projects for consideration. Administrator Hoffmann noted the criteria for consideration.

Mayor Felice noted that she has been in touch with Chief Miller for public safety projects. There is a cyber-optic project that can be used for technology sharing and security cameras.

Committeewoman Ewald commented on a potential Senior Center project. Administrator Hoffmann commented on lighting upgrades that have already been performed at the Senior Center.

Mayor Felice commented on the benefits of newer security camera technology to help prevent thefts and to catch criminals.

Engineer Ruschke commented on grant opportunities.

Committeeman Lois commented on the benefit that letters of support from Congresswoman Sherrill and Senator Booker would have.

RESOLUTION 2022-142 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION SHARING TECHNOLOGY COMMUNITY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the objective of the Public Safety Information Sharing Technology Community Project is to improve the information flow and effectiveness of Law Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, this is an important initiative for public safety which involves information technology equipment in a physical network targeted at interoperable communication and sharing of existing public safety information within Chatham Township as well as with surrounding communities, the County of Morris and the region; and

WHEREAS, this public safety technology project integrates, connects and improves the information flow from public safety equipment situated in parks, streets and public spaces to interfacing technology in police headquarters for sharing and analysis; and

WHEREAS, the project provides for a 9-mile looped fiber optic network with a resilient design that replaces slower, less reliable wireless modem data connections that are costly to operate and maintain; and

WHEREAS, the new network provides real-time public safety data from current situational awareness cameras, license plate readers and other sensors to aid in investigating, responding to and preventing crime in the region; and

WHEREAS, the project is focused on reliability and speed of service with a fiber loop offering multiple data pathways for each node on the network and redundancy of fibers; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of this technology and installation of the fiber optic network technology provides an immediate enhancement of current technical capabilities and reduces the cost of acquisition of new technology that supports police effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, funding may be available to support this project from the Federal Government of the United States of America, administered from the Commerce, Justice, and Science Agency, Department of Justice - Account: Community Oriented Policing **Services (COPS)** – Technology and Equipment; and

WHEREAS, the realized 3-year cost savings generated by eliminating the wireless modem points of failure in the existing network and replacing them with fast fiber could reduce the cost of operation of effective law enforcement technology by as much as \$65,000 depending on the expansion of network nodes and future equipment service charges; and

WHEREAS, the local cost share of this project is equivalent or less than the projected 3-year cost savings generated and will only be incurred if there is federal agency funding this community project; and

WHEREAS, this authorization is a duly appropriate and reasonable to provide for public safety in Chatham Township, surrounding jurisdictions and throughout Morris County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham authorizes the Public Safety Information Sharing Technology Community Project and commits to dedicating public matching funds from the 2023 local municipal budget of Chatham Township in the amount of 10% of the total project cost, not to exceed \$65,000 with a final amount dependent on the project option funded by the Federal agency appropriation.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Committeeman Lois moved to adopt Resolution 2022-142. Committeewoman Ewald seconded the motion.

Roll call: Committeewoman Ewald, Aye; Committeewoman Fondaco, Aye; Committeeman Lois, Aye; Deputy Mayor Hamilton, Aye; Mayor Felice, Aye.

Deputy Mayor Hamilton moved to adjourn at 9:52 PM. Committeewoman Fondaco seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Gregory J. LaConte
Municipal Clerk

Proclamation

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY

WHEREAS, April 16, 2022 is National Healthcare Decisions Day designated to increase public awareness about the importance of written documents that explain individual preferences in healthcare decisions, such as advance directives for end of life; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that only one in three US adults completes any type of advance directive for end-of-life care, and even fewer have written description of the types of care they want if unable to speak for themselves; and

WHEREAS, decisions concerning health care should be made by individuals in consultation with their families and their healthcare provider; and

WHEREAS, according to a report by the New Jersey Healthcare Quality Institute, it is estimated that 60 percent of people in New Jersey have not put their end-of-life wishes in writing, and 38 percent have not had conversation expressing their end-of-life wishes; and

WHEREAS, written directives can alleviate unnecessary suffering, improve quality of life, and support adults at any age or stage of health in understanding and sharing their personal values, life goals, and preferences regarding future medical care; and

WHEREAS, National Healthcare Decisions Day is designed to inspire, educate, and empower the public and health care providers about the importance of advance care planning and encourage physicians and care teams, medical groups, hospitals and health systems, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, retirement communities, and hospices to participate in a statewide effort to provide clear and consistent information to the public about advance care planning; and

WHEREAS, the Mayors Wellness Committee of the Chathams, a Joint Advisory Committee of Chatham Borough and Chatham Township, has produced an educational program on advance care planning

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Township Committee encourages residents of Chatham Township to participate in the National Healthcare Decisions Day by learning more about the steps they should take in advance care planning.

Ashley Felice, Mayor