

**MINUTES
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2023**

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 August 11, 2023; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on August 11, 2023; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on August 11, 2023.

Roll Call

Answering present to the roll call were Committeeman Choi, Committeewoman Ewald, Committeeman Lois and Mayor Felice. Deputy Mayor Hamilton arrived at the beginning of the Executive Session.

Committeeman Choi, Committeewoman Ewald and Deputy Mayor Hamilton participated via Zoom.

Executive Session

RESOLUTION 2023-P-13

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. Personnel
 - b. Collective Bargaining Agreement: PBA
 - c. Contract Negotiations: Morris County JIF
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.

Committeeman Lois moved to adopt Resolution 2023-P-13 to enter Executive Session at 6:34 PM. Committeeman Choi seconded the motion.

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

The Township Committee returned to Public Session at 7:09 PM.

Public Workshop Session

Monthly Reports

Committeeman Lois asked about a fee waiver cited in the Construction Official's report. Committeewoman Ewald said that it was for the affordable housing construction at 522 Southern

Boulevard and was part of a previous agreement. Mr. Shehady said that the developer's agreement calls for a waiver of the permit fees for that project. He also noted that revenues are lower than last year's because 2022's revenue included permit fees for The Enclave.

Committeeman Lois asked about metrics for the Colony Tennis pickleball program. Mr. Shehady said that there has been positive feedback, and having striping at the Colony Tennis Courts negates the need for pickleball courts at Nash Field. Committeeman Lois asked how that decision was made. Committeeman Choi commented on site selection discussions.

Local Aid Infrastructure Fund Project

Engineer Ruschke gave a presentation about a grant received from the NJDOT's Local Aid Infrastructure Fund. The project will be for Pedestrian Safety and ADA Improvements. Mr. Ruschke provided an anticipated timeline for the project. He also cited each location where crosswalks and ADA ramps will be improved, all of which are along Fairmount Avenue.

Mr. Shehady said that notice will be provided to residents so they will be aware of the project. There will also be website and social media posts about the project.

Mr. Ruschke noted that vegetation will be cut back as appropriate so that there will be visibility for the crosswalks.

Mr. Choi asked about street lighting. Mr. Ruschke said that it may be needed by Nicholson Drive.

Mr. Choi noted an issue with Amazon trucks getting into accidents.

Regular Public Session

The Regular Public Session began at 7:32 PM.

Mayor Felice led the Flag Salute.

Approval of Agenda

Committeeman Lois asked that Resolutions 2023-164 and 2023-170 be pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and a vote.

Police Promotion

**RESOLUTION 2023-162
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
CHATHAM APPOINTING RONALD ANDERSON TO THE POSITION OF
SERGEANT IN THE CHATHAM TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that Ronald Anderson is hereby appointed Sergeant in the Chatham Township Police Department, effective September 1, 2023. The terms and conditions shall be as found in the Collective Bargaining Agreement in effect between the Township of Chatham and PBA Local 170.

Committeeman Lois moved to adopt Resolution 2023-162. Committeeman Choi seconded the motion.

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

Oath of Office

Mayor Felice provided background on Sgt. Anderson's qualifications and career in law enforcement.

The Oath of Office for Sgt. Anderson was administered by Mayor Felice.

Sgt. Anderson was presented with his new badge.

Reports

Committeewoman Ewald reported that the Senior Center will be closed from August 21st through September 6th for vacation. The Paper Shred Event will be held on October 21st. Committeewoman Ewald reported on upcoming programs at the Senior Center.

Committeeman Lois reported that there was a significant power outage on Sunday due to tree contact, and the outage was quickly addressed. He further reported that there is a promotion for Colony Pool memberships. Memberships are down 5% this year.

Deputy Mayor Hamilton offered congratulations to Sgt. Anderson.

Hearing of Citizens

Mayor Felice asked if any written comments had been submitted in a timely manner. The Clerk stated that there were not any.

Mayor Felice opened the Hearing of Citizens.

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

Public Hearing/Final Adoption of Ordinances

Ordinance 2023-09

ORDINANCE 2023-09

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM AMENDING CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE II MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES § 2-2.6, § 2-2.7 and § 2-7 CREATING THE POSITION OF PURCHASING AGENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40:48-1, New Jersey municipalities may make, amend, and enforce ordinances they deem necessary and proper for the order of the municipality and its citizens as it relates to officers and employees, and prescribe in accordance with the law their duties and terms and provide for the employment of such employees as may be deemed necessary for the efficient conduct of the affairs of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-9 permits a municipality to designate a Qualified Purchasing Agent, (herein “QPA”) and *N.J.A.C.* 5:34, *et seq.*, establishes the criteria for qualifying as a QPA; and

WHEREAS, a review has been made of Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Municipal Officials and Employees, indicating that that section of the code was enacted in 1975 with the last amendment being 1989, or thirty four (34) years ago; and

WHEREAS, based upon *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-9, effective August 10, 2015, and as recommended by the Township Administrator, the following amendments, deletions, and additions have been determined to be in the best interest of the municipality and its citizens and deemed necessary for the efficient conduct of the affairs of the municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Municipal Officials and Employees, shall be amended as follows:

SECTION 1. § 2-2.6 Duties and Responsibilities, be amended to include the following section:

“1. In conjunction with the Township’s Chief Financial Officer and Purchasing Agent, the Township Administrator shall review and oversee the purchasing practices and policies of all departments for the purpose of ensuring that purchases are made in accordance with applicable law, the Township Code and sound purchasing practices.”

SECTION 2. § 2-2.7 Responsibility for Purchasing and Contracting, be deleted in its entirety, and reserved.

SECTION 3. § 2-7 (RESERVED), be amended to include the following section:

“§ 2-7 Qualified Purchasing Agent

§ 2-7.1 Creation.

There is hereby created the part-time position of Qualified Purchasing Agent who shall serve no specific term and shall be appointed by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham.

§ 2-7.2 Compensation.

Compensation for the position of Qualified Purchasing Agent shall be set annually within the Chatham Township Salary Ordinance.

§ 2-7.3 Schedule; duties and responsibilities.

The Qualified Purchasing Agent is required to possess a valid Qualified Purchasing Agent certificate, as issued by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, and perform all duties imposed by law, administrative code, or regulation including but not limited to the following:

- a. An individual shall be considered a Qualified Purchasing Agent pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9b* to exercise the supplemental authority as set forth in *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3* and *40A:11-4.3* upon meeting the criteria relevant to the individual as set forth in *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9*.
- b. To meet the criteria of required training courses set forth in *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9b (5)*, an applicant shall successfully complete the following courses provided by the Center for Government Services at Rutgers, the State University, by the Division of Local Government Services, or, with the approval of the director, an alternative state university or county college:
 1. Principles of Public Purchasing I;
 2. Principles of Public Purchasing II;
 3. Principles of Public Purchasing III;
 4. Municipal Finance Administration, or either of the following courses: Municipal Finance Administration for Municipal Clerks or Municipal Finance Administration for Purchasing Agents
- c. There shall be no specific hours of work for the position of Qualified Purchasing Agent; however, said position shall require the coordination and certification of all purchases by the Township within the confines of the Local Public Contracts Law; and abide by the bid thresholds as contained therein.
- d. Prepare, as needed, reports; establish and maintain files.
- e. Maintain renewal of state issued certification.
- f. The Qualified Purchasing Agent shall have, on behalf of the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, the authority, responsibility, and accountability for the purchasing activity pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law (*N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.*): to prepare public advertising for and to receive bids and requests for proposals for the provision or performance of goods, services, and construction contracts; to award contracts pursuant to New Jersey law in accordance with the regulations, forms, and procedures promulgated by state regulatory agencies, and conduct any activities as may be necessary or appropriate to the purchasing function of the Township of Chatham.
- g. The Qualified Purchasing Agent may award a contract without bid if the aggregate amount does not exceed in a contract year the total sum of the bid threshold amount adjusted and set by the Governor pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(c)* as referenced by Local Finance Notices.
- h. Perform all other duties as may be required by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham or Chatham Township Administrator.”

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional or unenforceable, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. All ordinances of the Township of Chatham which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication.

Mayor Felice opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2023-09. Seeing no public comment, Mayor Felice closed the public hearing.

Committeewoman Ewald moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-09. Committeeman Choi seconded the motion.

Committeeman Lois asked if this ordinance mandates a salary increase. He further asked if the QPA is a credential required of the Township Administrator. Mr. King said that the Code Book previously designated the Township Administrator as the purchasing agent, and that designation was made long before the QPA certification was available. Mr. King also noted that any salary increases would be by resolution of the Township Committee. The Township Committee also has the ability to adjust the bid threshold within statutory limits.

Committeeman Lois asked if there is a stipend that will be paid as a result of the adoption of this ordinance. Mr. Shehady stated that the ordinance does not include a stipend for the QPA. He also said that the ordinance is to ensure that the Township's Code Book conforms with State law.

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

Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION 2023-163

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 \$707,196.54 and the prior month's payroll of \$510,895.80 Current Fund, \$73,607.46 Sewer Utility, \$53,218.85 Open Space and \$44,191.69 Police Private Employment be paid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that taxes due to the School District of the Chathams, for the month of August 2023, in the amount of \$3,419,113.00 be paid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that taxes due to the County of Morris, for the 3rd Quarter of 2023, in the amount of \$2,435,667.08 be paid.

RESOLUTION 2023-165

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 18, 2023.

RESOLUTION 2023-166

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham desires to fill a vacancy in the position of Administrative Assistant/Technical Assistant to the Construction Official; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator has recommended that it would be in the best interests of the Township to appoint Christine Morgan as an Administrative Assistant/Technical Assistant to the Construction Official; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator appoints Christine Morgan as full-time Administrative Assistant/Technical Assistant to the Construction Official.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, New Jersey that Christine Morgan is hereby appointed as full-time Administrative Assistant/Technical Assistant to the Construction Official at a starting annual salary of \$62,000, effective August 8, 2023, pending satisfactory completion of a criminal background investigation, subject to satisfactory completion of a probationary period of 180 days.

RESOLUTION 2023-167

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

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

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

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

NAME	Project	AMOUNT
Two Realty 244 Shunpike Road Chatham, NJ 07928	244 Shunpike Road Block 90, Lot 16	\$15,000.00

RESOLUTION 2023-168

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, Chatham Township is a member of the Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, said renewed membership terminates as of December 31, 2023 unless earlier renewed by agreement between the Municipality and the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to renew said membership;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. Chatham Township agrees to renew its membership in the Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and to be subject to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, coverages, and operating procedures thereof as presently existing or as modified from time to time by lawful act of the Fund.
2. The Governing Body shall be and hereby are authorized to execute the agreement to renew membership annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund evidencing the Municipality's intention to renew its membership.

RESOLUTION 2023-169

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM REJECTING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING A NOTICE TO RE-BID FOR THE LAFAYETTE AVENUE SIDEWALK PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Chatham passed Resolution No. 2023-077 on March 21, 2023 to go out for bids for the Lafayette Avenue Sidewalk Project based on the award of a Safe Routes to School Grant for installation of a sidewalk on Lafayette Avenue (NJDOT Job Number 6805302); and

WHEREAS, the Township received the following four bids for said project:

Zuccaro & Sons
Berto Construction, Inc.
Diamond Construction
AA Berms, LLC

but none of the four bidders submitted the correct Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) forms and as such were not qualified as a responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Township must again solicit through the competitive contracting process and re-bid the Lafayette Avenue Sidewalk Project, Federal Project Number HSP-7937(101) CON.

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

1. The Township Committee hereby rejects all bids as no bidders were qualified as a result of their failure to submit the appropriate Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) forms.
2. The Township Committee hereby gives authorization to the QPA, the Township Administrator and the Township Engineer to prepare the necessary bid documents for the

Lafayette Avenue Sidewalk Project and advertise the same upon approval of the documents by the DOT.

3. The Township Clerk shall send a copy of this Resolution to all rejected bidders.
4. The Township Committee hereby authorizes that a copy of the Resolution shall be filed with the Clerk of the Township of Chatham.

RESOLUTION 2023-171
**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM,
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING AN ACTING FIRE SUB-
CODE OFFICIAL/INSPECTOR (HHS)**

WHEREAS, due to the resignation of Dennis Bettler effective May 31, 2023, there will be fill a vacancy in the position of Fire Sub-Code Official; and

WHEREAS, the absence of a Fire Sub-Code Official would impede the orderly administration of the Uniform Construction Code by the Township; and

WHEREAS, Construction Official John K. Daniels is licensed and qualified to fill the position and is willing to serve as the Township's Acting Fire Subcode Official for a period not exceeding thirty days while a suitable replacement is found; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2023 the Township Committee adopted Resolution 2023-125 to appoint Jack K. Daniels as Acting Fire Subcode Official effective June 1, 2023 for a period not to exceed 30 days; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to extend that appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, New Jersey that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.4(a)6, the appointment of John K. Daniels as Acting Fire Sub-Code Official effective June 1, 2023 at a prorated annual salary of \$20,000 is extended for a period through September 29, 2023.

RESOLUTION 2023-172
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF GOODS FROM PUMPING SERVICES, INC., A
VENDOR APPROVED UNDER A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH
NORTH JERSEY WASTEWATER COOPERATIVE THROUGH THE PASSAIC VALLEY
SEWERAGE COMMISSION**

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, as a local government contracting unit, has previously entered into Cooperative Pricing Agreements with North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative through the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Township may, without advertising for bids, purchase any materials, supplies, services, or equipment under an approved cooperative contract for the purchase of such items, whereby the contracting unit, Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission, 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.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham is in need of acquiring new equipment for the Township WPC comminutor as listed on a quote dated November 17, 2022 from Pumping Services, Inc. attached hereto and made a part of this resolution in the amount of \$43,853.30; and

WHEREAS, the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative through the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission has awarded a contract to Pumping Services, Inc., 201 Lincoln Boulevard, Middlesex, NJ 08846, for the acquisition of various equipment and spare parts under Contract No. B270-2 as indicated on the attached November 17, 2022 service quotation in the amount of \$43,853.30; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Chatham has certified that adequate funds for such a contract are available, and are designated to line item appropriations of the official budget No. C-06-55-566-551; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the said certification is attached hereto and made part hereof and the funds to be expended herein are assigned to line item No. C-06-55-566-551, and a copy of the within Resolution shall be made a part of the file concerning said purchase.

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

1. The Township of Chatham enter into an agreement with Pumping Services, Inc., 201 Lincoln Boulevard, Middlesex, NJ 08846, for the acquisition of new equipment for the Township WPC comminutor as listed on a quote dated November 17, 2022 from Pumping Services, Inc. attached hereto and made a part of this resolution in the amount of \$43,853.30.

2. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided by the Office of the Township Clerk to each of the following:
 - i. Purchasing Agent
 - ii. Comptroller
 - iii. Director of Public Works
 - iv. Vendor
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2023-173
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
APPOINTING A FULL-TIME PATROL OFFICER IN THE CHATHAM TOWNSHIP POLICE
DEPARTMENT

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, New Jersey that Aaron Vilar is hereby appointed as full-time Patrol Officer, effective September 1, 2023, at a starting annual salary of \$35,000 (2023 Academy Step), pending satisfactory completion of the Morris County Police Training Academy, a comprehensive background investigation, a physical examination and drug screening, a psychological examination and interview, and valid New Jersey Driver's License verification. The appointment is subject to the terms and conditions of employment as found in the Collective Bargaining Agreement in effect between the Township of Chatham and PBA Local 170, to include the status, seniority, terms and conditions of an Academy Step Patrol Officer.

RESOLUTION 2023-174
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
APPOINTING A FULL-TIME PATROL OFFICER IN THE CHATHAM TOWNSHIP POLICE
DEPARTMENT

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, New Jersey that Conner Mildon is hereby appointed as full-time Patrol Officer, effective September 1, 2023, at a starting annual salary of \$35,000 (2023 Academy Step), pending satisfactory completion of the Morris County Police Training Academy, a comprehensive background investigation, a physical examination and drug screening, a psychological examination and interview, and valid New Jersey Driver's License verification. The appointment is subject to the terms and conditions of employment as found in the Collective Bargaining Agreement in effect between the Township of Chatham and PBA Local 170, to include the status, seniority, terms and conditions of an Academy Step Patrol Officer.

RESOLUTION 2023-175
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
AUTHORIZING A NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR THE LAIF PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND ADA
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that authorization is given to the QPA, the Township Administrator and the Township Engineer to prepare the necessary bid documents for the Local Aid Infrastructure Fund Pedestrian Safety and ADA Improvements Project and advertise the same.

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

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

Non-Consent Agenda

**RESOLUTION 2023-164
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 July 18, 2023.

Committeewoman Ewald moved to adopt Resolution 2023-164. Deputy Mayor Hamilton seconded the motion.

Committeeman Lois said that he wanted to vote no on this resolution because he felt that his sentiments were not accurately reflected.

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

**RESOLUTION 2023-170
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
CHATHAM AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR A CONTRACT FOR
COLONY TENNIS IMPROVEMENTS WITH STRAIGHT EDGE STRIPING**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2023-148, approved on June 27, 2023, awarded a contract to Straight Edge Striping for Colony Tennis Improvements Project for a total contract amount of \$161,820.00; and

WHEREAS, after the award was made, the Township Engineer advised a change order would be required to include pickleball lines; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, by email dated August 5, 2023, has determined the need for the pickleball lines to be added to the Colony Tennis Improvements Project, and that the cost of \$3,400.00 is reasonable; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the aforementioned contract because of the additional work to added pickleball lines, which additional work was not included in the contractor's contract and is outlined in the attached August 4, 2023 Change Order from Straight Edge Striping; and

WHEREAS, the additional amount to be encumbered for this Change Order No. 1 shall not exceed \$3,400.00; and

WHEREAS, the funds of \$3,400.00 are available for this expenditure in Account No. C-04-55-951-904; and

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

1. Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$3,400.00, increasing the total contract amount with Straight Edge Striping, from \$161,820.00 to \$165,220.00, is hereby approved; and
2. Notice of this Change Order No. 1 will be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Chatham as required by law.

Committeewoman Ewald moved to adopt Resolution 2023-170. Committeeman Choi seconded the motion.

Committeeman Lois asked about the impact of this project on the Varsity Tennis Team. Mr. Shehady said that the work for the change order will be done at the same time as the rest of the rehab work, and the Tennis Coach is aware of the project. Committeeman Lois asked if the pickleball lines would impact tournament play. Mr. Shehady said he would ask the Recreation Director about that.

Mayor Felice said that the striping will be done in a way that there will be a clear difference between tennis lines and pickleball lines.

Mr. King said that the Township may want to double check with the Tennis Coach.

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

Hearing of Citizens

Mayor Felice opened the Hearing of Citizens.

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

Committeewoman Ewald moved to adjourn at 7:56 PM. Committeeman Lois seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Gregory J. LaConte
Municipal Clerk