

ORDINANCE 2025-13

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, AND NEW FIRE TRUCKS (SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING) AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,806,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT OR FULLY FUND AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Chatham, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey (the "Township") is hereby authorized to make various public improvements and to acquire new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new communication and signal systems equipment, and new fire trucks (supplemental funding) and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for said Township, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the Capital Improvement Fund moneys (either to make a down payment or to fully fund an appropriation) appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements is not a current expense of said Township.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the appropriation from the Capital Improvement Fund hereinafter made to either fully fund an appropriation or to provide a down payment, and (3) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (4) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Undertaking of improvements to various roads and construction of sidewalks, as set forth on a list prepared or to be prepared by the Township Engineer and placed on file with the Township Clerk and hereby approved as if set forth herein in full. Depending upon the contract price and other exigent circumstances, and upon approval by the Township Committee, there may be additions to or deletions from the aforesaid list. It is hereby determined and stated that said roads being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 512,000
Capital Improvement Fund Appropriated	\$ 512,000
Period of Usefulness	10 years

B. Undertaking of various improvements to public buildings and property. It is hereby determined and stated that the public buildings to be improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 330,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 15,720
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 314,280
Period of Usefulness	15 years

C. Supplemental funding for the acquisition of new fire trucks, including original apparatus and equipment. It is hereby determined and stated that the Township has heretofore appropriated the sum of \$3,250,000 for such improvement pursuant to Ord. No. 2024-14 adopted on June 25, 2024.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 500,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 23,810
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 476,190
Period of Usefulness	20 years

D. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of self-contained breathing apparatus equipment and various items of firefighting, emergency and safety equipment for the use of the Volunteer Fire Departments.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 69,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 3,300
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 65,700
Period of Usefulness	5 years

E. Acquisition of new communication and signal systems equipment and new additional or replacement equipment and machinery for the use of the Police Department consisting of (i) audio and video equipment and (ii) in-vehicle video recording system equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 115,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 5,480
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 109,520
Period of Usefulness	10 years

F. Acquisition of new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of SUVs for the use of the Police Department.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 125,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 6,630
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 118,370
Period of Usefulness	5 years

G. Acquisition of new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, for the use of the Department of Public Works ("DPW") consisting of (i) a cargo van and (ii) a pickup truck with plow.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 125,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 6,630
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 118,370
Period of Usefulness	5 years

H. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of trailers for the use of the DPW.	
Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 30,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,430
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 28,570
Period of Usefulness	15 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$1,806,000
Aggregate Capital Improvement Fund Appropriated either as a Down Payment or to Fully Fund an Appropriation	\$ 575,000
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$1,231,000

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$67,000 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 6. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$575,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Township, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$575,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 7. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,231,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 8. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,231,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 9. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Township and attested by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 10. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of the purposes to be financed with bonds or notes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 14.03 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 11. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk of said Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$1,231,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 12. Any funds received from the County of Morris, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 13. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 14. The Township intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Section 4 of this bond ordinance (except for Section 4.A). If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Township hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 15. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Township, and the Township shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 16. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Introduced: May 20, 2025

Adopted:

Attest:

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF
MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BY: _____
Michael Choi, Mayor

Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk