

February 16, 2017



Neighbor,

In a continuing effort to better inform the residents of Morris Township about your Government, please read the recap of Wednesday night's Township Committee meeting. Also watch "[1740 Live](#)" coming to you before and after every Township Committee Meeting. I will be reviewing, discussing, and answering any questions or concerns about important items relevant to the Agenda. We are also pleased to offer an additional feature on our website located in the [Agenda center](#); the Township Committee Meeting Audio in its entirety.

***Bruce Sisler***

Mayor, Morris Township

### **THE FEBRUARY 15, 2017 MORRIS TOWNSHIP MEETING WRAP-UP**

The Morris Township Committee convened for their second business meeting of the year at 5:30 PM for closed session and reconvened for public session at 7:00 PM.

### **SWEARING-IN**

SERGEANT MARTIN TESSMER TO THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT  
DETECTIVE ROBERT SHEARER TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT

### **PRESENTATIONS**

RECOGNITION OF MARK HOWARTH, WPCU SUPERINTENDENT-40 YEARS OF SERVICE  
COMMUNITY GARDEN- SUSAN YOUNG, CHAIR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

### **ORDINANCES –INTRODUCTION**

The following Ordinance was introduced and will be heard for final passage on March 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

**2-17** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 268 ENTITLED "FIRES AND FIRE PREVENTION" IN PARTICULAR ARTICLE II: SECTION 11 "FIRE OFFICIAL" AND SECTION 13 "FEES FOR COMMERCIAL FIRE INSPECTIONS"  
-Amended language for Fire Official and commercial fire inspections

**3-17** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 88 ENTITLED, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" ARTICLE II, SECTION 2.2, XXI, "APPLICATION OF SUBTITLE 1 OF TITLE 39 OF THE REVISED STATUTES TO CERTAIN ROADS, STREETS, DRIVEWAYS AND PARKING AREAS." AND SCHEDULE I "NO PARKING AT ANY TIME" ON CERTAIN STREETS - EMMETT AVENUE  
Amending no parking at any time on Emmett Avenue, both sides of the street

**4-17**"AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY CONCERNING SALARIES FOR NONUNION PERSONNEL"  
-This provides a 2% raise to our non-union employees, which is consistent with our union employees

**5-17** "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY CONCERNING SALARIES FOR NONUNION PERSONNEL – FIRE DEPARTMENT"  
-This provides a 2% salary increase for two non-union fire positions

### **ORDINANCES –PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION**

The following Ordinance was adopted:

- 01-17 | ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 447 - "POOL, MUNICIPAL: RULES AND REGULATIONS" IN PARTICULAR REPLACING §67-5. ENTITLED: MEMBERSHIP FEES. A. THROUGH F  
-Modifies the fees charged for the use of municipal pools and membership fees

## **RESOLUTIONS**

The Morris Township Committee took action on seven (7) Resolutions, which can be found in our [Agenda Center](#); be sure to click *February 15, 2017*. These types of resolutions are formal approval by Township Committee for the appointment of professional services, awarding of contracts to minor personnel matters.

Resolutions of note:

- Two Police Department promotions, Det. Robert Shearer to Sergeant and Sgt. Martin Tessmer to Lieutenant
- Recognition and congratulations to Mark Howarth- 40 Years of Service!
- Recognizes and applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Morris. Authorized a plan for the Morris Township Municipal Alliance for 2018
- Entered into a lease agreement for the use of Township Swimming Pools with the Greater Morristown YMCA and Lakeland Hills YMCA. Also, a group lease agreement with Seaton Hackney Farms and Harding Township Recreation Association Day Camp Program
- Resolution authorizing the sale of surplus personal property no longer needed for public use on an online auction, USGOVBIDS
- The Township will continue with the Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement. Several Municipalities have banded together in filing a declaratory judgement action seeking, among other relief, a quantification of its responsibility for affordable housing.
- Resolution in support of AJR136 which objects to the Federal Highway Administration's opinion of the "thin blue line" painted between double yellow centerline in honor of our police officers
- Purchase of two Police Interceptor SUV's.
- Accepts maintenance bond and release of performance bond for Total Fire contract, dry sprinkler system at the Department of Public Works
- Awarded Mott MacDonald the contract for Butterworth Sewer Treatment Plant Control Panel Replacements
- Change order for Woodland STP sand filter upgrade project, Butterworth and Woodland Control Panel Replacement, and Normandy Heights Road Project.
- Awarded youth sports class and camp programming to US Sports Institute for various portions and Skyhawks Sports Academy for various portions. Awarded instructional tennis class and camp programming to US Sports Institute for various portions and Skyhawks Sports Academy for various portions.
- Settlement in landfill litigation with insurance carriers of the 1970's and 1980's resulting in \$325,000 payment to the Township.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

On the Consent Calendar, the Township committee took several actions which can be found in our [Agenda Center](#). These include:

- Granted municipal consent for the Annual Halloween Half Marathon and relay that will take place on October 21, 2017, at 9:00 A.M. (rain date Saturday, October 28, 2017). The race will take place on the approved 5K roads.
- Granted municipal consent to the Interfaith Food Pantry to conduct the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Thanksgiving Turkey Trot Charitable Fundraiser on November 23, 2017 (rain or shine) at 8:30 A.M. at the Ginty Field Complex. The race will take place on the approved 5K roads.
- Granted consent to Superhero Event, for their "Super Santa 5K", to be held on Saturday, December 17, 2017. The event parking area will be Ginty Pool, Loantaka Park, and Municipal Parking lot. Staging and registration area will be at the Morris Township Fire House, Dyer Lane and Ginty Field. The running course for this event is the approved 5K course. This race is to raise funds for the American Red Cross; Sponsors are Normandy Real Estate, Dr. James O'Rourke Physical Therapy, and Equinox Fitness.

- Granted consent to Jersey Club Sports of Morristown and Super Hero Events, to hold 5K event on December 31, 2017 from 10 A.M. to 12 P.M. with a setup time of 7 A.M.; The event parking area will be Ginty Pool, Loantaka Park, and Municipal Parking lot. Staging and registration area will be at the Morris Township Fire House, Dyer Lane and Ginty Field. The 5K course has been approved. This race is to raise funds for the Family Promise of Morris County.
- Granted approval to Morristown-Beard School to erect a tent in front of the main school (Whippany Road), Beard Hall, alongside Alumni House, and along the walkway to Grant Hall building for the Friday, June 9, 2017 8<sup>th</sup> Grade moving up and the June 10, 2017 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Commencement Ceremony.

**CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT** The Committee also voted to pay \$11,044,201.72 the bills for the month of January. This includes a \$4,612,352 transfer to the Morris School District, \$3,174,399.36 transfer to the County of Morris, \$1,704,253 in salaries and benefits, and the remaining \$1,553, 197 in operating, and capital project expenses for the Township.

**NEXT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING DATE:** *March 22, 2017*

Kindly forward to your friends and neighbors and encourage them to sign up for the [Municipal Messenger](#). Sign up by providing your email address to [messenger@morristwp.com](mailto:messenger@morristwp.com). The messenger is an invaluable tool to receive updates and information.