

April 20, 2017



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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 APRIL 19, 2017 MORRIS TOWNSHIP MEETING WRAP-UP

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

PRESENTATION – RECOGNITION MORRISTOWN HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE MEMBERS-CAST, CREW, PIT, AND DIRECTING TEAMS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESSFUL AND ENTERTAINING PRODUCTION OF "LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL"

2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET-PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

The [2017 Municipal Budget](#) presentation was given by the Administrator and CFO.

ORDINANCES –INTRODUCTION

The following Ordinances were introduced and will be heard for final passage on May 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

- 11-17 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$568,500 AVAILABLE IN THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS REFERRED TO HEREIN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
 - Appropriating funds in the general capital to upgrade Fire Departments radio system and improvements to firehouses; purchase equipment and vehicles for DPW; purchase equipment for the Parks Dept. and Township Parks; Public works inlet and sidewalk repairs; and road improvements

- 12-17 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SWIMMING POOL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS, APPROPRIATING \$200,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$190,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREFOR
 - Bond ordinance providing for the purchase of a hot water heater system and bathhouse floors for the Township Swimming Pools

- 13-17 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$250,000 AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PROVIDE FOR IMPROVEMENTS REFERRED TO HEREIN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
 - Appropriating funds available in the capital improvement fund to provide for library improvements

- 14-17 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$600,000 AVAILABLE IN THE OPEN SPACE FUND TO PROVIDE FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS REFERRED TO HEREIN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
 - Appropriating funds available in the Open Space Fund to provide improvements to Cornine Field and the design and development of Baker Farm park

- 15-17 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$2,422,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,300,900 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF
 - Bond Ordinance providing for various capital improvements and purchase of equipment

- 16-17 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$4,904,500 AVAILABLE IN THE SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS REFERRED TO HEREIN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
- Bond Ordinance providing for various improvements to the Butterworth and Woodland Sewer plants

ORDINANCES –PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

The following Ordinances were adopted:

- 06-17 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 88 ENTITLED, “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” ARTICLE IIA, SECTION 88-2a.2 AND SCHEDULE II “HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES” MAX DRIVE BUILDING 21 SPACE 1
- Behind Building 21 on Max Drive (Morris Crossings) Space 1 will be designated as handicapped parking
- 07-17 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF THE 15’ ROW STRIP ADJACENT TO THE FISCHELL SUBDIVISION (BAKER STREET)
- The Township vacated a portion of the 15 Row strip adjacent to the Fischell Subdivision (Baker Street) and this portion will merge, consolidate, and become a part of the adjoining properties.
- 08-17 CALENDAR YEAR 2017 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4 45.14)
- This is a procedural ordinance with the introduction of the budget
- 09-17 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$350,000 AVAILABLE IN THE SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND BALANCE TO PROVIDE FOR OLD GLEN SEWER LINING HEREIN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
- Appropriating funds available in the Sewer Utility Capital Fund to provide for Old Glen Sewer Lining

RESOLUTIONS

The Morris Township Committee took action on fourteen (14) Resolutions, which can be found in our [Agenda Center](#); be sure to click *April 19, 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:

- Executed a storm-water detention facility maintenance agreement between the Township and Evergreen Cemetery Association, Inc.
- Authorizing an online auction for surplus personal property no longer needed for public use.
- Awarding the Kahdena Road Reconstruction bid to Top Line Construction Corp.
- Amending two resolutions, one reducing the contract amount with Tilcon NY, Inc. for the 2016 overlay project and another increasing the contract amount with Zaphyr Tech for tech infrastructure.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- Approved the appointment of Firefighter Brendan McCloskey to the position of Firefighter Class 1, effective May 1, 2017

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT The Committee also voted to pay \$7,134,671.97 the bills for the month of March. This includes a \$4,957,070 transfer to the Morris School District, \$1,302,863 in salaries and benefits, \$211,551 in debt service and the remaining \$663,188 in operating, and capital project expenses for the Township.

NEXT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: *May 17, 2017*

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