

May 18, 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 MAY 17, 2017 MORRIS TOWNSHIP MEETING WRAP-UP

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

ORDINANCES –PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

The following Ordinances were adopted:

- 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

RESOLUTIONS

The Morris Township Committee took action on twelve(12) Resolutions, which can be found in our [Agenda Center](#); be sure to click *May 17, 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:

- Change order resolution for the Old Glen Road Sewer Trunk Line Rehabilitation project awarded to Allstate Power Vac, Inc. and a resolution authorizing acceptance of maintenance bond and release of performance bond for Allstate Power Vac Inc for Old Glen Road Sewer Trunk Line Rehabilitation project
- Resolution supporting Assembly bill #4532/ Senate bill # 3049 amending the Open Public Records Law, which would project the privacy of the residents of NJ, as well as relieve the financial burden to Municipalities
- Governing body cert. of the 2016 annual audit and corrective action plan for 2016 audit
- Authorizing participation in Teen Pride, Inc with Morristown and the Morris School District.(intervention program for juveniles who otherwise face possible involvment in the criminal justice system/ offering support groups and after school programs such as sports and homework assistance.)
- Appointment of Nicholas D. Gonzalez, probationary Police Officer, effective June 5, 2017
- Authorizing execution of developer agreement between the Township and Residences at Columbia Turnpike, LLC, Columbia Park Owners' Association, Inc. and execution of the storm water management facility access and maintenance agreement
- Increasing the contract award to Zaphyr Technologies
- Authorizing a professional services agreement with Suburban Engineering for improvements to Cornine Field.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- Granted permission to Spring Brook County Club to hold fireworks on Monday, July 3, 2017
- Granted approval for the Verizon Corporate Classic to hold a 5k to raise funds for the Battered Women's Service that will be held on Thursday, July 13, 2017. Race time from 7:30 P.M to 8:30 P.M.-this request includes the road closings of .75 mile section on both the North and South bound lanes of Mt. Kemble Avenue in Morris Township with a detour route that will follow Western Avenue and Bailey Hollow Road for a race.
- Granted consent to the Olde Wheatsheaf Farms Homeowners Association to hold their annual block party on Saturday, September 23, 2017.

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT The Committee also voted to pay \$14,179,083.71 the bills for the month of April. This includes a \$4,612,352 transfer to the Morris School District, \$3,174,400 transfer to the County of Morris, \$1,639,895 in salaries and benefits, \$2,399,937 annual pension payment to the State of New Jersey, \$224,000 in debt service and the remaining \$2,128,499 in operating, and capital project expenses for the Township.

NEXT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: *June 21, 2017*

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