



**TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
REGULAR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY MARCH 18, 2026
5:30 P.M. CLOSED / 7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING**

MEETING HELD IN-PERSON AT 50 WOODLAND AVENUE, MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRESIDING OFFICER'S STATEMENT RE: OPMA

RESOLUTION

69-26 AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNING BODY TO CONDUCT A "CLOSED MEETING" AS DEFINED IN THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, P.L. 1975, CHAPTER 231

ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

REGULAR MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S STATEMENT RE: OPMA

CALL TO ORDER- RESUMPTION OF AGENDA

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Cantor Galit Dadoun Cohen of Temple B'nai Or

MORRIS TOWNSHIP SWEARING IN OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER

Samantha G. Rothman-Township Committee

MORRIS TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONAL/SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Firefighter Aiden Fernandez

RECOGNITION

PROCLAMATIONS

2026 Women's History Month

PUBLIC COMMENT/INQUIRY – Five (5) MINUTES PER SPEAKER

ORDINANCES – FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

- 12-26 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS REPEALING AND REPLACING ARTICLE IV (SECTIONS 385-15 THROUGH 385-21) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS *Note: Bamboo regulations*
- 13-26 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS, COUNTY OF MORRIS, CONCERNING SALARIES FOR NONUNION PERSONNEL *Note: 2026 Salary increase for non-union employees*
- 14-26 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$195,000 AVAILABLE IN THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE TO PROVIDE FOR PART OF THE COST OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS *Note: Uses \$195,000 from the General Capital Fund for capital project improvements.*
- 15-26 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$195,000 AVAILABLE IN THE SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND BALANCE TO PROVIDE FOR PART OF THE COST OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS *Note: Uses \$195,000 from the Sewer Utility Capital Fund for capital project improvements.*

ORDINANCES – FOR INTRODUCTION

- 16-26 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) CALENDAR YEAR 2026 *NOTE: Authorizes the 2026 Budget to be 3.5% above the 2025 budget, and any amount authorized that is not appropriated as part of the final budget may be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.*

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

RESOLUTIONS

- 70-26 AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND, AND RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR CONTRACT NO. OTE 2024-07 – WOODLAND AVENUE ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT
- 71-26 AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2, ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND AND RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR CONTRACT NO. OTE: 2024-06-WHITEHEAD ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT
- 72-26 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO MORRIS KETCH ROAD, LLC FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARD AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$160,000.00
- 73-26 AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO MOTT MACDONALD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE WOODLAND SEWER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL UPDATES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,334.88
- 74-26 AMENDING RESOLUTION 157-25 AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO MOTT MACDONALD FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE BUTTERWORTH SEWER TREATMENT PLANT GENERATOR BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$900.00 FOR A NEW TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$46,900.00

- 75-26 AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING MATTERS TO JOSEPH R. VUICH, PE, PP, CME OF VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, LLC 111 HOWARD BOULEVARD, MOUNT ARLINGTON, NJ 07856 AT THE RATE OF \$182.00 PER HOUR, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00
- 76-26 AMENDING RESOLUTION 26-25 AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING COUNSEL TO STEVEN K. WARNER, ESQ., OF SAVO, SCHALK, CORSINI, WARNER, GILLESPIE, O'GRODNICK & FISHER, PA, 56 EAST MAIN STREET, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876 AT THE RATE OF \$177.00 PER HOUR, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,085.40 TO INCREASE TO A NEW TOTAL NTE \$97,785.40
- 77-26 RE: AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PILOT PAYMENTS DUE TO AN OVERPAYMENT BY PROPERTY OWNER OR MORTGAGE COMPANY
- 78-26 RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS - POSITIONS CREATED BY STATUTE AND/OR ORDINANCE-CHRIS EVANGEL
- 79-26 RE: LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT – SHARED SERVICE WITH BOROUGH OF MADISON
- 80-26 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PILOT FIBER NJ LLC TO USE THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
- 81-26 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RETURN OF FUNDS REMAINING IN A RESTORATION BOND ACCOUNT
- 82-26 AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF MORRIS TOWNSHIP SWIMMING POOLS- LAKELAND HILLS FAMILY YMCA
- 83-26 RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS - POSITIONS CREATED BY STATUTE AND/OR ORDINANCE- SAMANTHA ROTHMAN
- 84-26 APPOINTING OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPUTY COORDINATOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 18, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026.
- 85-26 RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 01-26 ESTABLISHING THIRTEEN STANDING COMMITTEES AND APPOINTING MEMBERS TO SAME FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 18, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026
- 86-26 RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION OF MARK J. GYORFY

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Spring Brook Country Club – Annual Fireworks Display

Approval of a request from Spring Brook Country Club to conduct its annual fireworks display on Friday, July 3, 2026, with a rain date of Sunday, July 5, 2026. Display to be performed by Garden State Fireworks beginning at approximately 9:20 p.m., with a duration of 30 to 40 minutes.

Note: Subject to compliance with requirements of the Township Police Department, Fire Department, Health Department, and any other applicable Township departments.

2. Morris Township Fire Department – Junior Volunteer Member

Approval of the addition of Jake Lorio as a Junior Volunteer member of the Morris Township Fire Department effective March 1, 2026, in accordance with a memorandum dated March 12, 2026 from Fire Chief Michael Nunn.

3. The Marfan Foundation-Family Picnic

Approval to permit The Marfan Foundation to hold a family picnic event at Ginty Field on Sunday, June 28, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. *Note: Subject to compliance with requirements of the Township Police Department, Fire Department, Health Department, and any other applicable Township departments.*

CONSIDERATION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The following reports are on file in the office of the Township Clerk and Township Administrator:

January 2026: Police, Fire

February 2026: Tax Collector, MMT Library

2025 Annual Report of Collections: Tax Collector

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT – LIST OF BILLS AND VOUCHERS

\$8,595,691.80

RECEIVED FOR THE RECORD

Correspondence from **Snigdha Mittal Pullara**, Board of Adjustment Member, advising of a decision not to seek reappointment due to professional commitments.

Correspondence from **Senator Anthony M. Bucco** providing information regarding the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission Mobile Unit visiting the Morris Township Municipal Building on April 13, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., offering residents both licensing and vehicle services.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMENTARY BY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

PUBLIC COMMENT/INQUIRY: ALL GENERAL COMMENTARY – *Five (5) MINUTES PER SPEAKER*

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING: **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026** AT 7:00PM FOR THE REGULAR MEETING (5:00 PM CLOSED) IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 50 WOODLAND AVENUE.