

January 25, 2019

Neighbor,



In a continuing effort to better inform the residents of Morris Township about your Government, please read the following recap of last Wednesday night's Township Committee meeting. If you would like more detail than the recap provides, you can now watch complete video of the Township Committee meetings here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxS482sulq4FW35sWpcQEiQ>

A new practice I have instituted is highlighting a member of our community at each of our monthly meetings to both honor them and share with everyone their contributions to the broader community. At the January 16 meeting we honored Joen Luy Ferrari, who some have dubbed the "Queen of Volunteers". Joen has contributed time and energy to numerous organizations including: United Way, the P.G. Chambers School, the Mental Health Association of Morris County, Dress for Success Morris County (founding president), First Night Morris, Historic Speedwell and Friends of Historic Speedwell, Morris Museum, Morris Arts, the American Red Cross Northwestern Chapter, the

Colonial Symphony, the former Community Theatre, and the Morris County Tourism Bureau. Joen Ferrari is well deserving of the "Community Service Award" that she received at our meeting. You can view the presentation at the video link listed above. Thank you Joen for all you do for our community!

I would also like to comment on the introduction of an important ordinance. When I was elected this past year one of my promises was to promote open government and to get resident input on the important decisions we need to make. That starts right now. The first ordinance of the year (see below) is a well-intentioned effort to tackle a growing epidemic amongst teens across our entire country relating to e-cigarettes and "vaping". We have received mostly positive responses from members of the community to our proposed local ordinance, but there is understandable apprehension from some parents. I very much appreciate the comments the Township Committee has received thus far from our residents and I am glad that it has sparked a broader discussion in our community about tackling this problem.

I realize now that the Township could have provided more background information on the issue in conjunction with the introduction of the ordinance. This information is being prepared and will be distributed shortly to the community. This additional information will be posted to our website and notice sent out via [Municipal Messenger](#). I encourage all our residents to sign up for our Messenger communications (see sign up information at the bottom of the recap) to receive timely information on our municipality.

In addition, I want to assure our residents that we will not rush through the approval of this local legislation. I want to ensure that members of the public have clarity on both our intent and how the measure will be enforced. I also want concerned parents to have the opportunity to ask questions in a public forum.

For this reason we are going to postpone the scheduled vote on this ordinance from our February 20 meeting to our March 20 meeting – AND at our February 20 meeting we will be conducting a public Q&A session related to this E-cigarette/Vaping ordinance. I plan to have our Chief of Police there as well as a health professional to assist us in answering questions.

In the interim, the public may email me any comments they have to jgrayzel@morristwp.com

Jeff Grayzel

Mayor, Morris Township

THE JANUARY 16, 2019 MORRIS TOWNSHIP MEETING RECAP

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

The full meeting agenda can be found here:

<https://www.morristwp.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/01162019-952>

RECOGNITION – “COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD” to Joen Luy Ferrari

ORDINANCES –INTRODUCTION

The following Ordinance was introduced and will be heard for final passage on February 20, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

- 01-19 RE: CREATING A NEW CHAPTER TO BE KNOWN AS CHAPTER 494 PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION OF TOBACCO, SMOKELESS TOBACCO, ELECTRONIC TOBACCO DEVICES BY UNDERAGE PERSONS
 - THIS ORDINANCE ADDRESSES THE POSSESSION OF NICOTINE PRODUCTS AND/OR PARAPHERNALIA BY PERSONS UNDER THE LEGAL AGE TO BUY NICOTINE PRODUCTS

- 02-19 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS, COUNTY OF MORRIS CONCERNING SALARIES FOR NONUNION PERSONNEL
 - THIS ORDINANCE ADDRESSES THE 2% INCREASE FOR NON-UNION PERSONNEL CONSISTENT WITH NEGOTIATED RAISES FOR THE TOWNSHIP UNION PERSONNEL

- 03-19 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS, COUNTY OF MORRIS CONCERNING SALARIES FOR NONUNION PERSONNEL-FIRE DEPARTMENT
 - THIS ORDINANCE ADDRESSES THE 2% INCREASE FOR NON-UNION PERSONNEL CONSISTENT WITH NEGOTIATED RAISES FOR THE TOWNSHIP UNION PERSONNEL

- 04-19 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 447 - “POOL, MUNICIPAL: RULES AND REGULATIONS” IN PARTICULAR REPLACING §447-5. ENTITLED: MEMBERSHIP FEES. A. THROUGH K
 - THIS ORDINANCE REVISES THE SWIM POOL MEMBERSHIP AND PROGRAM FEES

RESOLUTIONS

The Morris Township Committee took action on twenty four(24) Resolutions, which can be found in our [Agenda Center](#); be sure to click *January 16, 2019*. 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:

- Contracting for Professional Services with: Mott MacDonald for professional engineering services; PKF O’Connor Davies, LLP Accountants and Advisors for professional accounting services; John Mills, ESQ. for general counsel; Trimboli & Prusinowski LLC for legal/special labor counsel; John Iacofano, ESQ and Iacofano & Perrone, ESQ for special counsel and general legal services; Chiesa, Shahinian, Giantomasi, for legal counsel for tax appeals; Paul Phillips, Phillips, Preis, Grygel, LLC for planning and litigation services; Acrisure, LLC for professional risk management consulting services; Animal Control Solutions LLC for animal control; Noel E. Schablick, ESQ for a hearing officer; Jeffrey B. Lehrer, ESQ for redevelopment counsel; & Housing Partnership for Morris County, Inc for Municipal Housing Liaison
- Appointing Christopher Sages and Mohamed Nassar to Probationary Police Officers
- Resolution endorsing the submission of the Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant Application to the NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection
- Resolution authorizing submission of a strategic plan for the Morris Township Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2020
- Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the “Cops in Shops” grant
- Three(3) change orders: Storr Tractor Co. for a Toro Workman Grounds Equipment; Denville Line Painting, Inc. for Western Ave Line striping; & Top Line Construction Corp for Lake Valley Road Improvements Project
- Suburban Consulting Eng. awarded the Professional Engineering Services for the Cornine Field Improvement Project
- Settlement resolution, Bolin, James & Leslie vs. Twp. of Morris

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 to the P.G. Chambers School, 15 Halko Drive, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927 to hold their 7th annual Walk, Run, Fun 5K fund raiser to be held on Sunday, June 2, 2019 with a setup time of 7:00 A.M., start time of race 8:30 A.M. at Ginty Field, Woodland Avenue. The 5K run/walk includes the following Township roadways: Dwyer Lane, Fanok Road, Symor Drive, Woodland Avenue, Kitchell Road, Spring Valley, South Street, finish time is approximate 11:00 P.M.(includes breakdown time) at Ginty Field
- Granted municipal consent to the Interfaith Food Pantry to conduct the 6th Annual 5K and 1 mile walk Thanksgiving Turkey Trot Charitable Fundraiser on November 28, 2019 (rain or shine) with a setup time of 7:00 A.M., start time of race 8:30 A.M. at Ginty Field, Woodland Avenue. The 5K run/walk includes the following Township roadways: Dwyer Lane, Fanok Road, Symor Drive, Woodland Avenue, Kitchell Road, Spring Valley, South Street, finish time is approximate 11:00 P.M.(includes breakdown time) at Ginty Field
- Approved, the Morris Township Emergency Management Association, partnering with the Morris Township FMBA to hold their annual "Rose Sale" fundraiser at the Hillside Firehouse on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 from 12:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 13, 2019 from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., and Thursday, February 14th, 2019 from 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. with a setup time on Monday, February 11, 2019– will be taking pre-orders.
- Granted municipal consent to Heather McDermott and Magdiel Irizarry, FTF, LLC to hold a Food Truck and Family Fun Fest at Ginty Field, on Saturday, August 24, 2019 with a rain date of Sunday, August 25, 2019 from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm; Charity: Homeless Solutions. There would be twenty (20) food trucks, three (3) bands (in gazebo) and activities for children. It is anticipated that there will be approximately 3,500 people in attendance. The Morris Township Police and Fire Fighters would also be invited to set up booths and sell food as fundraisers for their organizations. Parking will be on Morris Township Police Parking lot, 50 Woodland Avenue, Woodland School, local Streets, and Ginty Pool.
- Approved, the permanent appointment of Patrolman James Leak who has successful completed his one (1) year of probation as per memo from Police Chief Mark DiCarlo, dated January 15, 2019.
- Approved the membership application of Frank Mondello. As a member of the Fairchild Fire Company as per memo from Fire Chief Jesse T. Kaar, dated January 2, 2019.

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT The Committee also voted to pay the bills for the month of December totaling \$10,815,701.33. As "tax collector" for the Morris School District and County of Morris, this figure includes a \$4,778,200 transfer to the Morris School District and a \$3,455,462 transfer to the County of Morris. This also includes \$1,641,040 in salaries/benefits and \$940,997 in operating, and capital project expenses for the Township.

NEXT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: February 20, 2019 at 7:00pm.

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