

March 11, 2019

Neighbor,



In a continuing effort to better inform the residents of Morris Township about your Government, please read the following recap of the February 27 Township Committee meeting. The meeting was originally scheduled for February 20 but was postponed due to a snowstorm. If you would like more detail than this recap provides, you can now watch complete video of the Township Committee meetings here:

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Morris Township is a great place to live. There are many things that go into making it such a great place, and one element of the equation is the quality of our police officers. That was on display at our meeting with the well-deserved promotions, the lifesaving awards, and the officer of the year award. In addition, two weeks ago two members of our police department helped deliver a baby in a resident's home in the early hours of the morning. Congratulations to all of these police officers who help make Morris Township a great place to live – and please keep up the good work! We also thank

Captain Ed Conrads for his 30 years of service to Morris Township. We are losing an officer with long-term ties to the community and we will miss him patrolling our streets.

I am proud to be the latest Mayor to sign onto the Mayors Against Illegal Guns initiative! We are lucky to live in a state with some of the most restrictive gun laws in the country. So it is often the illegal guns in our communities and on our streets that can put both our residents and our police officers in harm's way. As I stated at our meeting: let us all continue to "push on the arc" of gun safety initiatives and "bend it towards justice" and making our society a safer place for all our citizens -- and for the safety of the police officers that protect us.

In an effort to shine a light on the good things people do for our community, I have committed to honoring someone at each of our meetings this year. This month we honored the Seeing Eye on its 90th anniversary and its Chief Executive Officer James Kutsch on his retirement after leading the organization for the past 13 years. Of note, Mr. Kutsch is also a graduate of the Seeing Eye! Located on Washington Valley Road, the Seeing Eye provides specially bred and trained dogs to guide people who are blind. Seeing Eye dog users experience greatly enhanced mobility and independence, allowing them to retain their active lifestyles despite blindness.

At our January meeting the Township Committee introduced a proposed ordinance to combat underage smoking and E-cigarette use (also known as "vaping"). This ordinance is a well-intentioned effort to tackle a growing epidemic of vaping amongst teens across our entire country. I am glad that this has sparked a broader discussion in our community about addressing this problem. We had planned to hold a public presentation by our Police Department and Health Department on this issue at our February 20 meeting. However, because that meeting was postponed our February 27 meeting conflicted with a school event the vaping presentation will now occur at our March 20 meeting. The Township Committee also agreed to postpone any further action on this ordinance to our May 15 meeting

Our next Township Committee meeting is on March 20. I urge the public to come and participate in our monthly meeting and to hear the presentation on "vaping". In the interim, residents may email me any comments they have to jgrayzel@morristwp.com

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Jeff Grayzel

Mayor, Morris Township

FEBRUARY 27, 2019 MORRIS TOWNSHIP MEETING RECAP

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.

The full meeting agenda can be found here:

https://www.morristwp.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_02272019-960

PRESENTATIONS

- IN RECOGNITION AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE [SEEING EYE ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY](#)
- IN RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION – [DR. JAMES A. KUTSCH, JR., PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE SEEING EYE ON HIS RETIREMENT](#)

PROCLAMATION – MARCH 2019 AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

SIGNATURE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IN SUPPORT OF MAYORS AGAINST ILLEGAL GUNS

POLICE – PROMOTIONS AND AWARDS CEREMONY

PROMOTIONS:

SERGEANT HEATHER GLOGOLICH TO LIEUTENANT
SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER TONGRING TO LIEUTENANT

AWARD PRESENTATIONS- LIFE SAVING

PATROLMAN JAMES LEZAK
PATROLMAN KRISTOPHER DAFONSECA

AWARD PRESENTATION – OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2018

PATROLMAN MARK OSTERHOUDT

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION

CAPTAIN ED CONRADS

ORDINANCES –INTRODUCTION

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

- 05-19 AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE RIGHTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS IN AND TO 0.036 ACRES OF UNIMPROVED ROW – FORMERLY A PORTION OF OAK PARK DRIVE.
 - FORMER CUL-DE-SAC
- 06-19 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS (LOCAL NO. 469) OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
 - THIS ORDINANCE ESTABLISHES SALARIES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS (LOCAL NO. 469) UNION

ORDINANCES –PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

The following Ordinances (with the exception of one) have been adopted:

- 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 **Public Hearing and adoption vote will be held on May 15, 2019. A bill has been introduced in the State Assembly addressing this matter.**
- 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 nineteen(19) Resolutions, which can be found in our [Agenda Center](#); be sure to click *February 27, 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:

- CONSENTING TO THE ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF, AND CONSENT TO TRANSFER, REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND FINANCIAL AGREEMENT-JMF/RD NJ PROPERTIES URBAN RENEWAL, LLC-COMMERCIAL REDEVELOPMENT AREA-EAST HANOVER AVENUE
- APPOINTMENT OF VINCENT BRENNAN JR. SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER-CLASS 3 MORRIS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019
- AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR RFQ-1-2019 – INSTRUCTIONAL YOUTH SPORTS CLASS AND CAMP PROGRAMMING TO US SPORTS INSTITUTE AND RFQ-2-2019 – INSTRUCTIONAL TENNIS CLASS AND CAMP PROGRAMMING TO US SPORTS INSTITUTE
- APPOINTMENT OF PAUL J. LUNA – PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER MORRIS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE MARCH 4, 2019
- AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS AND INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS, LOCAL 469
- PURCHASE OF TWO 2019 FORD UTILITY POLICE INTERCEPTOR SUV'S
- AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT MONIES AND EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,500 FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT PROGRAM

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

These include:

1. Granted municipal consent to the annual Miles for Melanoma to conduct a 5K run/walk and a two (2), mile walk fundraiser in the Township on Sunday, September 15, 2019 with setup time of 5:00 A.M. and a starting time of 9:00 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.
2. Granted permission, to Saint Virgil Church, 250 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, NJ to hold its' annual carnival May 8, 2019 - May 10, 2019 hours 6-10 P.M. and on May 11, 2019 hours 4-10 P.M.; granted permission to exceed 10 P.M. end time on May 11, 2019 for cleanup purposes. Additionally, the request for courtesy parking for their staff and carnival guests to park in the municipal lot on Speedwell Avenue from May 8 thru May 11, 2019 (**Note: Please advise those who will be parking in the Municipal lot that there is NO PARKING in space that are posted "Parking for Mario's Pizzeria ONLY" located on the West side of the parking lot and two (2) spaces posted as "Parking for Nugent's Meat Market". All violators will be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense no exceptions**).
3. Approved, the permanent appointment of Patrolman Kojo Yeboah who has successful completed his one (1) year of probation as per memo from Police Chief Mark DiCarlo, dated February 5, 2019.
4. Granted municipal consent to the Morristown Rotary, in conjunction with the Morris Township Recreation Department, to hold "the Original Music Fest" on Monday, May 27, 2019 at the Gazebo. Setup time will be 11:00 A.M. This event will have bands, crafts and games for children that will be run by the Rotarians; there will be two (2) food trucks.
5. Accepts with regret the resignation of Planning Board Member Mr. Rick A. Haan, as per letter of resignation, dated February 18, 2019 The Township Committee on behalf of the residents thank Mr. Haan for his years of service and wish him and his wife Linda the best.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- [COMMUNICATIONS PLAN](#)

COMMITTEEMAN MARK GYORFY,
CHAIR, COMMUNICATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT The Committee also voted to pay the bills for the month of January totaling \$8,733,202.18. 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 \$456,176 transfer to the Joint Library. This also includes \$1,588,193 in salaries/benefits, \$614,720 Insurance payment and \$1,295,913 in operating, and capital project expenses for the Township.

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

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