

March 26, 2019

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In a continuing effort to better inform the residents of Morris Township about your local Government, please read the following recap of the March 20 Township Committee meeting. 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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We opened the meeting by swearing in 3 new police officers. Recently we had one retirement and two officers leave our police department, so these 3 new officers will fill those slots. I continue to be impressed with the quality of new recruits that our Police Chief Mark DiCarlo brings to our police force.

At this meeting we passed/adopted two ordinances that had previously been introduced. We also introduced six new ordinances. See below for the full list, and click on the agenda link above for more details (click on the word "ORDINANCES" on the agenda for the complete text of all the ordinances).

Next we introduced the 2019 municipal budget. A formal budget presentation with public Q&A will take place at our April 17 meeting. In the interim, the budget documents are now available online for the public to review:

<https://www.morristwp.com/DocumentCenter/View/5951/2019-Budget-Documents---introduction-3-20-2019>

At the first meeting of the year we introduced an E-cigarette/nicotine possession ordinance. As I stated then, this is a well-intentioned effort to tackle a growing epidemic amongst teens across our entire country relating to "vaping" (E-cigarette use). I have received many emails from members of the community about our proposed local ordinance, and I very much appreciate the opinions of our residents. I'm glad that this has sparked a broader discussion in our community about tackling this growing problem. Of note, further consideration of this ordinance has been postponed until our May 15 meeting.

We were originally supposed to have a public presentation on "vaping" at our February 20 meeting. Unfortunately, that was postponed by snow, so we held it at our meeting last week. Presentations were given by: Police Chief Mark DiCarlo; Lieutenant Heather Glogolich; Ellie Plutto, Substance Abuse Navigator, NJ Division of Family and Children assigned to Daytop New Jersey (substance abuse and mental health treatment facility); and Jessica Mondino, Youth Services Coordinator for Morris County Department of Human services. Our Township Health Department was represented by Nurse Kathy Whitehead who participated in answering questions.

The vaping presentation and Q&A lasted for over two hours! The community received some good learning from our professional staff, and the Township Committee got much good feedback from our residents. You can view the entire vaping presentation/discussion here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxS482sulq4FW35sWpcQEiQ/videos>

Lastly, I want to inform the public that we have two public meetings scheduled for **this Wednesday March 27**:

1. At 5:30 there will be a very brief "Special Meeting" of the Township Committee. The purpose of the meeting is to consider a single resolution relating to an office building that has been gutted, and we will be discussing the need to consider this site an area in need of redevelopment. We are doing this now so this matter can be immediately forwarded to the planning Board, who meets this coming Monday, to review the site.

2. At 7:00pm the Township will be hosting a **public presentation and educational session on Planning & Zoning Regulations**. This public information session will educate the public about our land use boards and discuss the differences in responsibilities between the Planning Board (PB) and the Board of Adjustment (BOA). The session will be conducted by Steve Warner, PB Attorney; Rich Oller, BOA Attorney; and Paul Phillips, Township Planner. Following this session will be a Question & Answer period. Please know that we will not be discussing any specific applications (either present or future) before either the PB or BOA. Please see this link for the flier with complete details on the event: <https://www.morristwp.com/DocumentCenter/View/5931/PB-and-BOA-Public-Pres-and-Edu-Session->

Both of these meetings on March 27 will take place at our Municipal Building at 50 Woodland Avenue.

If you have a question or comment to share with me please send me an email to jgrayzel@morristwp.com

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I encourage the public to come participate in our monthly meetings. The next Township Committee meeting will take place on April 17. I hope to see you there!

Jeff Grayzel

Mayor, Morris Township

MARCH 20, 2019 MORRIS TOWNSHIP MEETING RECAP

The Morris Township Committee convened for their third 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/_03202019-967

POLICE PRESENTATIONS

**AWARD PRESENTATION –
LIFE SAVING**

PATROLMAN JAMES LEZAK

SWEARING IN

PATROLMAN MOHAMED NASSAR
PATROLMAN CHRISTOPHER SAGES
PATROLMAN PAUL LUNA

ORDINANCES –INTRODUCTION

The following Ordinances were introduced and will be heard for final passage on April 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

- 08-19 RE: MODIFYING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 9 SECTIONS 39-46 - ENTITLED "ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE"
 - UPDATING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
- 09-18 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 88 ENTITLED, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" ARTICLE II, SECTION 88-2.7 AND SCHEDULE VI "NO PARKING SNOW-COVERED ROADWAY" LINDSLEY DRIVE – BOTH SIDES - ENTIRE LENGTH
 - ADDING STREET TO ORDINANCE
- 10-19 RE: ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$25,000 AVAILABLE IN THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF HVAC SYSTEM AT THE MT. KEMBLE FIRE STATION HEREIN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
 - TO REPLACE AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM
- 11-19 CALENDAR YEAR 2019-ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4 45.14)
 - REQUIRED BUDGET DOCUMENT
- 12-19 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS, COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 95 ENTITLED ZONING BY REPEALING AND REPLACING ARTICLE XII ENTITLED "SMALL CELL EQUIPMENT, WIRELESS CABINETS AND WIRELESS POLES IN THE MUNICIPAL RIGHT OF WAY" WITH NEW ARTICLE XII ENTITLED "RESERVED" AND REVISING SECTION 89(A)(IX) OF ARTICLE XIII ENTITLED "COLLOCATION ONTO EXISTING TOWERS AND BASE STATIONS."
 - UPDATE OF ORDINANCE TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE FCC RULING

- 13-19 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS BY ADDING NEW ARTICLE VI ENTITLED "SITING OF POLES, CABINETS AND ANTENNAS" IN CHAPTER 439 ENTITLED "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS"
- UPDATE OF ORDINANCE TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE FCC RULING

ORDINANCES –INTRODUCTION

The following Ordinance was tabled:

- 07-19 RE: ACCEPTING DEED OF EASEMENT LOT 13.01, BLOCK 6005, 8 OLD HARTER ROAD – GRANTEE: TODD PIERRO
- EASEMENT FOR SANITARY SEWER LINES

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.**
- 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

RESOLUTIONS

The Morris Township Committee took action on fifteen(15) Resolutions(61-19 tabled), which can be found in our [Agenda Center](#); be sure to click *March 20, 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:

- Group lease agreements for the use of the Morris Township Swim Pools with the following groups:
 - Community Development Corporation of Northern NJ Youth Enrichment Summer Camp(Y.E.S) Program, Seaton Hackney Farms, Greater Morristown YMCA Y-Zone Day Camp, Harding Twp. Rec Association Day Camp Program, Lakeland Hills YMCA, and Bright Horizon Children’s Centers at Novartis Early Learning Center
- Resolution authorizing a sorm-water access and maintenance agreement between the Township and 340 Mt. Kemble LLC, Onyx Equities
- After Royal Farms terminated their development application they were partially refunded their development application fee
- Lisa Thompson, ESQ. appointed Morris Township Municipal Prosecutor, Joint Municipal Court
- Authorizing an agreement between the Township and the Brownstones at Morris Township for certain municipal services
- Temporary budget amendment and self-examination budget resolution
- Compliance resolution, EEOC’s enforcement guidance on the consideration of arrest and conviction records in employment decisions

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Granted consent to Atlantic Health System for an Atlantic Ambulance helicopter to land on the field at Loantaka Park (has received approval from the Morris County Park Commission) for “Take Your Child to Work Day” on April 25, 2019. Landing will take place between the hours of 11:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.
2. Granted consent to The Morris County Golf Club to hold a fireworks display for members only, Punch Bowl Road, Convent Station, on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at 9:30 P.M. (rain date July 6, 2019).
3. Approved the membership of Curtis S. Fagan, a member of the Junior Program and will become a regular member at the Woodland Fire Company of the Morris Township Department as per memo from Fire Chief Jesse Kaar dated March 6, 2019.
4. Granted consent to conduct the “Gran Fondo NJ” bicycle event on Morris Township roads on Sunday, September 8, 2019. The event is a 107 mile bicycle tour beginning and ending in Morristown, NJ. It is a fundraiser for local charities, primarily for the Seeing Eye. The cyclists will share the roads with vehicle traffic. The event is not a race, no request for road closures. The roads that will be used will be: Mendham Road, Washington Valley Road, Whitehead Road, School house Lane, Gaston Road, and Sussex Avenue.
5. Granted approval to the FCUSA NJ Organization for the installation of temporary lighting at the Morristown Beard School softball field, Whippany Road. Temporary lighting will be used from 6:00 P.M.- 9:00 P.M. from Monday, March 25, 2019 through Sunday, July 28, 2019.

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT The Committee also voted to pay the bills for the month of totaling \$7,848,702.62. As “tax collector” for the Morris School District and County of Morris, this figure includes a \$5,105,159 transfer to the Morris School District s \$1,654,725 in salaries/benefits, and \$1,088,819 in operating, and capital project expenses for the Township.

NEXT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: April 17, 2019 at 7:00pm.

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