

June 17, 2019



Neighbor,

As we head into the monthly meeting of the Township Committee this coming Wednesday I wanted to give our residents a brief recap of our May meeting which follows this brief introduction. 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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Our May meeting kicked off with our continuing efforts to recognize a member of our town at each meeting for their community service. This past month we recognized our former Mayor Kathleen Hyland for her many past and continuing contributions over a long period of time.

Another highlight of the meeting was the promotion of police officer Jason Lawlor to the rank of Lieutenant in our Police Department. Many in the community affectionately know him as Officer Jason or "OJ" for his years of service as our School Resource Officer at Frelinghuysen Middle School.

Many residents have shown an interest in the E cigarette / vaping ordinance that the Township Committee introduced back in January and came out to our public information session that we held in March. At our May meeting the Township Committee held a lengthy discussion on the merits of this ordinance before voting by a 4-1 margin to rescind it. Interested residents can watch the discussion of that portion of the meeting starting at the 7:25 minute mark of the following meeting video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3N0PCdrw77U>

Summer is here, and that means our Recreation Department has lined up many programs for our residents enjoyment:

- The swim pools are opening this Saturday and Streeter Pool is hosting a grand opening party with a DJ, food, games and lots of fun. See the flyer here: <https://www.morristwp.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=829>
- Our Summer Concert Series at the gazebo has been announced, and the first performance is tomorrow June 18! The full concert schedule can be found here: <https://www.morristwp.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=820>
- And a series of outdoor movies has also been scheduled starting with "Ralph breaks the Internet" on June 28. The full list of movies can be found here: <https://www.morristwp.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=819>

The Morris Township Committee Requests Your Input! The Township Committee is requesting resident input through the [Resident Engagement Survey](#). Your feedback through this brief online survey will allow the Township Committee to better target communications for residents. Enjoy receiving Municipal Messenger updates? Prefer to be contacted more or less frequently? This opportunity allows residents to voice their preferences in five short questions. You may also provide suggestions by filling out the open-ended portion at the end of the survey. Take the survey here: <https://forms.gle/BoCo1ewbKSBMJEt38>

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Lastly, the Township Committee is holding its June meeting this Wednesday June 19. The agenda is "light" with no new ordinances for introduction, so we will be getting to the public commentary portion of our meeting early in the evening. This will be a great opportunity for residents to come out and share their thoughts and ideas for our town with the governing body. I hope to see you this Wednesday!

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

Sincerely,

Jeff Grayzel

Mayor, Morris Township

May 15, 2019 MORRIS TOWNSHIP MEETING RECAP

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.

The full meeting agenda can be found here:

<https://www.morristwp.com/AgendaCenter>

PRESENTATIONS

[COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD – KATHLEEN G. HYLAND](#)

PROCLAMATIONS

MAY - MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

POLICE

PROMOTION- SERGEANT JASON LAWLOR TO RANK OF LIEUTENANT

ORDINANCES –INTRODUCTION

The following Ordinances were introduced and will be heard for final passage on June 19, 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

- 20-19 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS AUTHORIZING AS A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT OF THE CURBING OF BLOCK 8410 LOT 5, 1 CRESCENT DRIVE AND BLOCK 8405 LOT 1, 2 CRESCENT DRIVE
 - REPLACING CONCRETE BELGIAN BLOCK CURBING

- 21-19 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 88 ENTITLED, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" ARTICLE IIA, SECTION 88-2a.2 AND SCHEDULE II "HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES"
 - DESIGNATING HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES IN THREE(3) LOCATIONS

The full text of each of the ordinances for introduction can be found here:

<https://nj-morristownship2.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/6100/05-15-19-ORDINANCE-INTRODUCTION>

ORDINANCES –PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

The following Ordinances have been adopted:

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

- 14-19 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$2,700,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,570,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF
 - 2019 CAPITAL PROGRAM

- 15-19 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SWIMMING POOL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS, APPROPRIATING \$86,500 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$82,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF
 - 2019 CAPITAL PROGRAM

- 16-19 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,103,500 AVAILABLE IN THE SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PROVIDE FOR VARIOUS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
 - 2019 CAPITAL PROGRAM
- 17-19 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$25,000 AVAILABLE IN THE PARKING UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PROVIDE FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CONVENT TRAIN STATION HOUSE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
 - 2019 CAPITAL PROGRAM
- 18-19 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$507,500 AVAILABLE IN THE GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PROVIDE FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
 - 2019 CAPITAL PROGRAM
- 19-19 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$985,000 TO PROVIDE FOR THE WASHINGTON VALLEY ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
 - 2019 CAPITAL PROGRAM

The following Ordinance was rescinded:

- 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 (INTRODUCED 1/16/19)

The full text of each of the ordinances for adoption can be found here:

<https://nj-morristownship2.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/6099/05-15-19--ORDINANCE-FINAL>

RESOLUTIONS

The Morris Township Committee took action on fourteen(14) Resolutions, which can be found on the agenda (see link above). Resolutions are formally approved by the Township Committee on matters usually relating to professional services, the awarding of contracts, and to minor personnel matters.

Resolutions of note from May 15 include:

- Change order to the Collinsville Playground Project
- Purchase of one(1) 2019 Ford Utility Police Interceptor SUV
- Authorizing Old Glen Road pavement project through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council
- 2018 Annual Audit Governing Body Certification
- Award M. Sky Construction Co. contract for drainage, curb, & sidewalk improvements at various locations
- Police Sgt. Jason Lawlor promotion to Lieutenant
- Authorizing agreement with Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority to accept a contribution for the restoration of Old Glen Road
- Resolution designating 340 Mt. Kemble Ave an Area In Need of Redevelopment and authorizing Township Planner to prepare a Redevelopment Plan.
- Authorizing grant application to the Morris County Open Space & Farmland Preservation Trust Fund by the Twp. for the acquisition of a portion of Vallevue Farm Preserve Project on Picattiny Road.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On the Consent Calendar, the Township committee took several actions which can be found on the agenda (see link above). These include:

- Granted consent for the 2019 Tour de Summer Camp charity bike ride that will take place on Sunday, September 22, 2019. The ride will start at St Elizabeth's College and will be using the following Township Roads: James Street, Southgate Parkway, Laura Lane, Blackberry Lane and Spring Valley Road. Riders will obey the entire rules-of-the road and no road closures required. The riders will be passing through Morris Township at the end of the ride so they will be broken into small groups with no impact on local vehicle traffic.

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT

The Committee also voted to pay the bills for the month of totaling \$11,418,478.34. As "tax collector" for the Morris School District, County of Morris and Joint Morristown Morris Township Library, this figure includes a \$4,778,200 transfer to the Morris School District, a \$3,455,463.02 transfer to the County of Morris, \$1,761,175 in municipal salaries/benefits, \$1,423,640 in operating expenses, and miscellaneous capital project expenses for the Township.

NEXT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: Wednesday June 19, 2019 at 7:00pm.

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