

**MINUTES OF ORGANIZATION MEETING  
OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019, 7:00 P.M.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The January 2, 2019 Organization Meeting was called to order by Township Clerk, Cathleen Amelio, 7:00 P.M., in the Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue, Morris Township, New Jersey.

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**ATTENDANCES**

**ELECTED OFFICERS  
GOVERNING BODY**

Mayor Jeffrey Grayzel  
Township Committee Member John D. Arvanites  
Township Committee Member Mark J. Gyorfy  
Township Committee Member Peter V. Mancuso  
Deputy Mayor Catherine J. Wilson

**APPOINTED OFFICERS**

Timothy F. Quinn, Township Administrator  
John M. Mills, III, Township Attorney  
Cathleen Amelio, Township Clerk

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**IN REMEMBRANCE AND RECOGNITION OF RIGHT REVEREND ABBOT GILES  
(PETER) HAYES, O.S.B. OF THE COMMUNITY OF ST. MARY'S ABBEY  
DELBARTON SCHOOL**

Committeeman Peter V. Mancuso and Committeeman Elect Jeffrey R. Grayzel introduced Brother Paul of St. Mary's Abbey. Brother Paul thanked the Committee for honoring Abbot Giles and provided a biographical depiction of the monastic life of Abbot Giles (Peter) Hayes.

Committeeman Mancuso and Committeeman-elect Grayzel thanked Brother Paul for his presentation and related their experiences that they and their families have had over the years with Abbot Giles.

**INVOCATION**

Abbott Elias Lorenzo of Saint Mary's Abbey

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Timothy F. Quinn, Township Administrator, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**STATEMENT OF DETERMINATION**

A certified copy of the Statement of Determination of the Board of County Canvassers, relative to the November 6, 2018 General Election, wherein Jeffrey R. Grayzel and Mark J. Gyorfy were elected to a three year term, i.e., January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021 as Members of the Township Committee, was duly filed.

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**ADMINISTRATION-OATHS OF OFFICE - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS ELECT**

Mr. Charles Robinson, Esquire administered the Oath of Office and Oath of Allegiance to newly elected Township Committee Member Jeffrey Grayzel with the assistance of Noel Robinson holding the bible along with his wife Lynn, sons Jacob and Alex, and mother and father.

Congressman Albio Sires, U.S Representative of the NJ 8<sup>th</sup> District, administered the Oath of Office and Oath of Allegiance to newly elected Township Committee Member Mark Gyorfy with his mother Barbara, father John, fiancé Kelly Hall, family and friends assisting.

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Roll Call: **ELECTED OFFICERS- GOVERNING BODY**

Township Committee Member John D. Arvanites  
Township Committee Member Jeffrey R. Grayzel  
Township Committee Member Mark Gyorfy  
Township committee Member Peter V. Mancuso  
Township Committee Member Catherine J. Wilson

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**ELECTION OF MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE**

With standard Mayoral selection procedures being observed, Jeffrey R. Grayzel was elected, by the vote of 4-1-0 as Mayor for the ensuing year, after which the Oath of Office was administered by John M. Mills, Esquire , assisted by his father, mother, wife Lynn and sons Jacob and Alex.

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**ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

With standard selection procedures being observed, Catherine J. Wilson was elected by the vote of 4-1-0 for Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year, after which the Oath of Office was administered by John Mills, Esquire with Mendham Township Committeewoman Amalia Durarte holding the Bible.

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**INTRODUCTIONS IN AUDIENCE**

Mayor Grayzel recognized the dignitaries and employees of the Township of Morris who were present:

State Senator Anthony Bucco, State Assemblyman Anthony Bucco, former Township Committeeman Richard Watson, former Township Committeeman Raymond Snyder, former Township Committeeman Dan Caffrey, Police Chief Mark DiCarlo, Thomas Eschmann, Superintendent of Public Works, Fire Chief Jesse Kaar, Department Heads: Bill Foelsch, Parks and Recreation, Kathryn Viarengo, Tax Assessor, Francine DeAngelis, CFO, Rebecca Roth, Tax Collector, Kevin Breen, Health Administrator, James Slate, Township Engineer, Virginia Murphy, Assistant to the Administrator, Ilene Ruggerio, Secretary to the Administrator, retired Fire Chiefs Anthony Romano and Craig Goss, Morristown Council Members: Hiliari Davis, Stefan Armington, Robert Iannaccone, Alison Deeb, David Silva, Michael Elms, Morristown Mayor Timothy D. Timothy Dougherty, Tom Luby Former Township Republican Chair representing Assemblyman Michael Carroll, Committeewoman Amalia Durarte, Mendham Township.

**MAYOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS - MAYOR JEFFREY R. GRAYZEL**

Good Evening Neighbors, Friends, and Welcomed Guests.

So let me start off by simply saying WOW!

This day has been a long-time coming – and quite a journey. Thankfully, the King of Recounts did not need one this year.

Two people who have been nearby throughout the entire trip are Noel Robinson and Chip Robinson. Noel has been living in Morris Township for 33 years, and her son Chip was born and raised here. I am honored to have had them swear me in tonight. Thank you both for your help and guidance.

My family has also been at my side through this journey. Both my boys used to be my designated door-bell ringers during my early campaigns, which made things much easier when a resident was already waiting for me at their door with a piece of literature already in their hand as I came up their front walk. My oldest son is 17 now and going off to college soon. Needless to say, as teenagers, they let it be known this year that they were done ringing doorbells. I was on my own. Thank you to Lynn, Jacob, and Alex for being at my side through this journey.

And I am blessed to have both my parents healthy and still very much a part of my life. My two teenage boys don't like to take much advice from their Dad, but I want them to know that I would not be in this position tonight if my parents had not positioned me to do something like this. I am very lucky to have them here with us at this momentous occasion.

Tonight I am honored to take this center seat as the Mayor of this great town for 2019. I have waited a long time to sit in this seat. Now I have shown that persistence CAN lead you to your goals.

I am grateful to the public for again electing me to the Township Committee. I promise our residents that I will try my hardest to implement the government values I have campaigned on. This will be my third term on the Township Committee being a steward of the public's trust. I have learned much in my previous 6 years on the Committee and now I am ready to lead our municipality as Mayor.

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I believe in the saying that you can't know where you're going if you don't know where you've come from. I learned a tremendous amount during my prior 2 terms which included a lot of institutional knowledge gleaned from my predecessors.

I have had the privilege of serving with many long-serving Committeemen and Committee women that had a lot of experience and knowledge. During my first term I served with Kathleen Hyland, Rick Watson, Bob Nace and Scott Rosenbush – all of whom had the title of Mayor multiple times during their years of service. I learned from all of them. More recently I have served with our Mayor Emeritus Peter Mancuso, who has already helped guide me as I take on these new responsibilities.

I must add that it is ironic and unfortunate that the person I learned the most from also chose to kick me when I was down after having lost my last election. Those of you who were here at that reorganization meeting several years ago may recall his harsh words. So I am hopeful that Scott Rosenbush will be watching this meeting after it is posted to YouTube – thanks to the efforts of our new Deputy Mayor Cathy Wilson – so Scott too can hear the great things we have planned for our town in the coming year.

We are all lucky to live in a town that is SO well run. Our administration and our employees do a great job. Business Administrator Tim Quinn runs a very efficient operation here at town hall. I see him as a combination of a captain steering our big ship as well as a mechanic who keeps that machine well-oiled. We are lucky to have him. Our attorney John Mills has given us good guidance through the years, always showing the utmost respect for me and everyone who he deals with, and I look forward to his continued counsel this year. And all our department heads are to be commended for the jobs they do on a day-to-day basis to provide the quality services that our residents have come to expect. Our residents should be ASSURED that they will see NO changes in the day-to-day operations of our town.

However, as I met with residents all over town this past year, it is clear that many residents DO want to see us change the way we do things on several other fronts. These include:

Communication, Overdevelopment, Traffic and speeding, And more shared services to help us reduce costs.

Fellow residents, we have heard you loud and clear, and I can tell you that THIS Township Committee WILL be addressing these concerns this year.

From day 1 when I started my first campaign I spoke about OPEN government. To me, that is more than just better communication with our residents – which we WILL do. It is also about seeking out resident input when we need to make tough decisions. That is true open government and we will do that too.

Our goal is to set a new gold standard in the way a municipality communicates with its residents and seeks their input prior to making big decisions. At our January 16 meeting we will lay out elements of our new communications plan, and you will get a preview of this tonight from Deputy Mayor Cathy Wilson. This plan includes televising Township Committee meetings on Cable TV and opening up these monthly meetings to provide more detailed explanations to residents about our ordinances and other items on our agenda that affect our municipality.

As for Overdevelopment, we are facing several large developments already underway or proposed. We need to ensure that these are properly integrated into the fabric of our town.

Additionally, better planning is so important to me that this year I will also take a seat on our planning board in addition to my responsibilities as Mayor. My goal is that any new development

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has an element integrated into its plan to get people out of their cars and onto their feet and bikes. We have enough cars on our roads and any new development will need to limit traffic impacts.

Related to the traffic issue, I am pleased to announce a brand new Standing Committee tonight that is titled "Traffic and Circulation". This will not only deal with cars, but also with bikers, hikers, walkers and public transportation. You will hear more about this from Cathy Wilson who is leading this effort.

And with regard to speeding, I am hopeful that Morris Township can finally follow the lead of Morris Plains and Morristown by starting a pilot program of testing speed humps on two or three streets.

As for shared services, we are going to formalize and expand this initiative by creating a new Standing Committee focused on shared services. We will build on our very successful joint court into other areas. We will not only be talking to surrounding municipalities, but also to the school district and the county government about sharing services.

We have many other initiatives that we will kick off this year. One is another brand new standing committee focused on what we are calling "Environment, Energy and Sustainability". Later this year will also be working on a multi-faceted initiative relating to our senior citizen community.

And we are not just going to start communicating more with our residents. We are also going to start communicating more with the towns that are around us AND our County government that is supposed to be helping all of us manage the burgeoning developments that are on Morris Township's own borders along county corridors. We would like the county to take a bigger role in mediating between communities where developments in one community adversely affect another community. As an example, the Park Avenue and Hanover Avenue corridors are already at gridlock for several hours a day – and there is still more development coming on each of those roads. We need to do better. To this end, we are expanding our previously titled "legislation" committee to now be titled "Legislation, Government Liaison, and Grants".

In addition, there used to be a working group called SEAMLESS which stood for Southeast Morris League for Strategic Solutions. This group acted as a forum for our adjoining municipalities to share issues, problems and solutions with each other on a wide range of topics. This group ceased meeting over 8 years ago. I have already spoken to Mayor Bob Conley of Madison and Mayor Bruce Harris of Chatham Borough about restarting this group and they have been quite receptive.

We will also have several challenges this year. As we heard over the past several months the Township came to an agreement with the NJ courts on our Affordable Housing requirements. We negotiated a good settlement and now need to implement that settlement by the year 2025. Incorporating these new affordable units into our community has meant that the Township has proposed large developments that accommodate a portion of their units as affordable in order to meet our obligation. I would like to explore possibilities of easing the density requirement of these new developments while still meeting our obligations.

We will also have some budget challenges this year. For example the state of NJ will be requiring increased pension payments from all the municipalities to help make up for the deficient state funding of our pension obligations. We will also have increased health care costs after two years of no increases. Recycling is also an issue across the United States. China used to take a tremendous amount of recycled materials from the United States. But they have stopped buying these materials and this has resulted in the bottom falling out of the market. So we used to get paid for our recyclable material but this year it will actually cost us money to

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dispose of the recyclable materials. There are other budget challenges as well which I will inform the public of over the next couple of month as we put the budget together.

In closing, I would like to again thank everyone out there who helped me get to this point. I look forward to your continued support as we work our way through the many new initiatives we have planned for this year. I am very much looking forward to being your Mayor this year and working with the great group of colleagues I have on this Township Committee as well as the excellent employees we have working for us in our town.

Here's to a successful 2019. Thank you!

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-19**

**RE: RESOLUTIONS - STANDING COMMITTEES**

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be empowered to appoint fourteen (14) Standing Committees make the appointments as follows:

1. Infrastructure (Buildings, Street Lights, Parking Lots);
2. Communications & Information Technology;
3. Transportation and Circulation
4. Environment, Energy and Sustainability
5. Engineering and Code Enforcement;
6. Finance, Insurance, and Tax Assessor;
7. Fire;
8. Legislation, Government Liaison, and Grants;
9. Shared Services;
10. Personnel;
11. Police;
12. Parks and Recreation;
13. Public Works;
14. Sewer Utility.

**APPOINTMENT – 2019 STANDING COMMITTEES** \* Chairman

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|--|---|
| 1. Infrastructure                              | *Mark J. Gyorfy, Peter V. Mancuso       |
| 2. Communications & Information Technology     | *Mark J. Gyorfy, Catherine J. Wilson    |
| 3. Transportation and Circulation              | *Catherine J. Wilson, Mark J. Gyorfy    |
| 4. Environment, Energy and Sustainability      | *Catherine J. Wilson, Mark J. Gyorfy    |
| 5. Engineering and Code Enforcement            | *Jeffrey R. Grayzel, John D. Arvanites  |
| 6. Finance, Insurance, and Tax Assessor        | *Jeffrey R. Grayzel, Peter V. Mancuso   |
| 7. Fire  | *Catherine J. Wilson, Peter V. Mancuso  |
| 8. Legislation, Government Liaison, and Grants | *Mark J. Gyorfy, Catherine J. Wilson    |
| 9. Shared Services                             | *John D. Arvanites, Jeffrey R. Grayzel  |
| 10. Personnel                                  | *Peter V. Mancuso, Mark J. Gyorfy       |
| 11. Police                                     | *Peter V. Mancuso, Jeffrey R. Grayzel   |
| 12. Parks and Recreation                       | *John D. Arvanites, Catherine J. Wilson |
| 13. Public Works                               | *Peter V. Mancuso, John D. Arvanites    |
| 14. Sewer Utility                              | *John D. Arvanites, Jeffrey R. Grayzel  |

ROLL CALL:	MR. ARVANITES	YES	MR. GYORFY	YES
	MR. MANCUSO	YES	MRS. WILSON	YES
		MAYOR GRAYZEL		YES

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2-19**

**RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS - POSITIONS CREATED BY STATUTE AND/OR ORDINANCE**

<u>NAME OF APPOINTEE</u>	<u>BOARD/POSITION</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRING 12/31</u>
<b><u>BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</u></b>		
LEE GOLDBERG		2022
SAMANTHA ROTHMAN		2022
GEORGE QUILLAN, ALTERNATE #1		2020
<b><u>ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION</u></b>		
DANIEL FALKNER		2021
TILLY JO EMERSON		2021
SIVA JONNADA		2019
JOSHUA SAKS, ALT #1		2020
DANIEL KENNY, ALT. #2		2020
<b><u>PLANNING BOARD</u></b>		
JEFFREY R. GRAYZEL	MAYOR	2019
CATHERINE J. WILSON	COMMITTEE MEMBER	2019
EDWARD BENOIT, ALT. #1		2020
<b><u>OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE</u></b>		
MARK J. GYORFY, COMMITTEEMAN		2019
RICK WATSON		2020
MARY ELLEN DENOON		2019
PB LIAISON		2019
ENVIRONMENTAL LIAISON		2019
<b><u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u></b>		
KEN BARAIHTARIS		2020
PAUL DE NOON		2020
JASON NAVARINO		2020
ARA BARSAMIAN		2020
LIAM GALLAGHER		2019
PAMELA WATSON		2019
CATHERINE J. WILSON, MAYOR DESIGNEE		2019
TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR		2019
TAX ASSESSOR		2019
TOWNSHIP PLANNER		2019
<b><u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u></b>		
JEFFREY R. GRAYZEL		2021
MARK J. GYORFY		2021
TARA OLIVIO-MOORE		2021
DR. NICHOLAS A. BERTHA, DO, ALT. #2		2019
<b><u>MORRIS TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION</u></b>		
ERICH MORGAN HUHN	C	2023
CRAIG GOSS	B	2023
JUDITH BLISS	C	2023
CHARLES SCHMIDT	C	2019
<b><u>SANITARY SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u></b>		
JOHN D. ARVANITES, CHAIR		2019
JEFFREY R. GRAYZEL, MAYOR		2019

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2-19 (CONTINUED)**

**RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS - POSITIONS CREATED BY STATUTE AND/OR ORDINANCE(CONTINUED)**

<u>NAME OF APPOINTEE</u>	<u>BOARD/POSITION</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRING 12/31</u>
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**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

JOHN D. ARVANITES, COMMITTEEMAN	1	2019
CATHERINE J. WILSON, COMMITTEEWOMAN	1	2019
WILLIAM FOELSCH, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR(1YR)		2019
BRIAN GOSS	2	2020
THOMAS BUCHNER	2	2020
ROBERT BECHT	2	2020
SAM PAGANO	2	2020
BETTY MC KAY	2	2020
PAM SHELDRIK	2	2020
JEAN MC KAY	2	2020
RICHARD MAUER	2	2020
ROBERT DRUCKER	2	2019

**JOINT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF MORRISTOWN AND MORRIS TOWNSHIP**

JEFFREY R. GRAYZEL, MAYOR (EX-OFFICIO)	2019
DONALD W. KIEL	2023
PATRICIA MURPHY (MAYOR'S ALTERNATE)	2019

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVENUE SHARING COMMITTEE**

TIMOTHY F. QUINN	2019
VIRGINIA MURPHY, ALT.	2019

**THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS/POSITIONS WILL BE MADE AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE THAT WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M..**

HOUSING ADVISOY COMMITTEE  
 MORRISTOWNSHIP/MORRISOWN JOINT MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP  
 AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE  
 WHIPPANY RIVER WATERSHED ACTION COMMITTEE  
 BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
 SWIM POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 MORRIS TOWNSHIP WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
 LACKAWANNA COALITION (TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE)  
 VACANCIES TO ESTABLISHED BOARDS OR COMMITTEES

ROLL CALL:	MR. ARVANITES	YES	MR. GYORFY	YES
	MR. MANCUSO	YES	MRS. WILSON	YES
	MAYOR GRAYZEL YES			

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**RESOLUTION NO. 3-19-RESOLUTIONS – POLICE DEPARTMENT**

RESOLVED, that the following be appointed as Special Police Officer Class 3 for a period of one (1) year, i.e., to December 31, 2019:

Douglas Turner	David Peterson
Leslie Hudson, Jr.	Glen Johnson
Emmett McDowell	Jose Gonzalez, Jr.

RESOLVED, that the following be appointed as Police Matrons for a period of one (1) year, i.e., to December 31, 2019: PATTI ROMANO

RESOLVED, that the following be appointed as a School Crossing Guard for a period of one (1) year, i.e., to December 31, 2019: MINDY MARTIN

ROLL CALL:	MR. ARVANITES	YES	MR. GYORFY	YES
	MR. MANCUSO	YES	MRS. WILSON	YES
		MAYOR GRAYZEL	YES	

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**RESOLUTION NO. 4-19**

RESOLVED, that the following Officers of Fire Companies be approved for the term of one (1) year, i.e., to December 31, 2018:

**MT. KEMBLE**

Captain	Eric Meyer
1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant	John Romano
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	(vacant)

**COLLINSVILLE**

Captain	(vacant)
1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant	(vacant)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	(vacant)

**HILLSIDE**

Captain	David Shuster
1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant	Jeff Davis
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	Edward Zinckgraf

**FAIRCHILD**

Captain	Melissa Alderton
1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant	James Behnke
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	Keith Lombard

**WOODLAND**

Captain	Darnell Richardson
1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant	Daniel Lovenberg
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	Pete Seggel

ROLL CALL:	MR. ARVANITES	YES	MR. GYORFY	YES
	MR. MANCUSO	YES	MRS. WILSON	YES
		MAYOR GRAYZEL	YES	

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**RESOLUTION NO. 5-19 RESOLUTION - OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

RESOLVED, that the following appointments be made to the Office of Emergency Management positions herein listed for a term of one (1) year, i.e., to December 31, 2018:

RESOLVED, that the following appointments be made to the Office of Emergency Management positions herein listed for a term of one (1) year, i.e., to December 31, 2019:

Deputy Coordinator – Fire	Fire Chief Jesse Kaar
Deputy Coordinator – Police	Mark DiCarlo, Police Chief
Deputy Coordinator – VEHICLES/ EQUIPEMENT	Deputy Fire Chief Michael Nunn
Deputy Coordinator – EMS	Captain Larry Gross
Deputy Coordinator – Communications	Kevin M. O’Shea
Deputy Coordinator – OEM Support	Clifford Holmes
Deputy Coordinator - Administration	Timothy Quinn
Deputy Coordinator - Liaison	Mark Gyorfy, Committeeman

ROLL CALL:	MR. ARVANITES	YES	MR. GYORFY	YES
	MR. MANCUSO	YES	MRS. WILSON	YES
		MAYOR GRAYZEL	YES	

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**RESOLUTION NO. 6-19 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZATION TO RETAIN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES VIS-A-VIS LOCAL CONTRACTS LAW - RESOLUTION OF FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, etc., known as the Local Public Contracts Law, requires that all contracts or agreements for the performance of any work, shall not be made or awarded unless public advertising for bids and bidding therefore is solicited; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 provides that any contract or agreement may be made, negotiated or awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, if the subject matter thereof consists of professional services, are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession or otherwise is for an extraordinary unspecified service; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Morris has need to acquire certain of said services by non-fair and open contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Morris has need for such services, which said services will be performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, or otherwise, in the case of an extraordinary unspecified service, by persons having the necessary training, expertise and reputation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris, as follows:

1. That, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq. as and where applicable, this Township Committee is hereby authorized to proceed with the awarding of contracts for the following enumerated services, without the advertising for and the receipt of bids for such work, inasmuch as same are “professional services” or “extraordinary unspecified services” as set forth in said

Statute:

- a. Municipal Auditor
- b. Municipal Attorney
- c. Special Engineering Services
- d. Physicians
- e. Special Legal Services
- f. Animal Warden Services
- g. Ordinance Codification and Printing
- h. Special Insurance Consultant

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(CONTINUED)**

- i. Towing and Storage
- j. Municipal Bond Attorney
- k. Information Technology Consulting
- l. Real Estate Appraisal Services

1. The award of each such contract is specifically conditioned upon receipt of a Business Entity Disclosure Certification in proper form, as required.
2. That the Clerk of the Township is hereby authorized and directed to forthwith publish the individual notice of award in the official newspaper of the Township of Morris.

ROLL CALL:	MR. ARVANITES	YES	MR. GYORFY	YES
	MR. MANCUSO	YES	MRS. WILSON	YES
		MAYOR GRAYZEL	YES	

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**RESOLUTION 7-19 RESOLUTIONS – GENERAL**

RESOLVED, that Blair Medical Associates be designated to provide physician services (Corporate Health Services) to the Township of Morris for a one (1) year period, i.e., to December 31, 2019.

RESOLVED, that John M. Mills, III, Esquire, of the firm of Mills & Mills, Esquires, be appointed as Township Attorney for the Township of Morris for a one (1) year period, i.e., to December 31, 2019.

RESOLVED, that ACRISURE, LLC be appointed Risk Consultant for the Township of Morris for a one (1) year period, i.e. to December 31, 2019.

RESOLVED, that Timothy Quinn, Township Administrator be appointed Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Township of Morris for a one (1) year period, i.e. to December 31, 2019.

RESOLVED, that, for Open Public Meetings Act Notice purposes, the Morris County Daily Record be designated as official newspaper for the Township of Morris, and that the Star Ledger and Morris News Bee be designated as additional newspapers for the year 2019.

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer establish an account to be known as “Township of Morris, Payroll Account”, and deposit from time to time warrants for the amount due the Payroll Account in accordance with “An Ordinance (CH. 16) Providing for the Establishment of a Payroll Account, etc.”, adopted January 04, 1942, and as amended.

ROLL CALL:	MR. ARVANITES	YES	MR. GYORFY	YES
	MR. MANCUSO	YES	MRS. WILSON	YES
		MAYOR GRAYZEL	YES	

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**RESOLUTION 8-19 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

RESOLVED, that meetings of the Township Committee for 2019 shall be held at 7 PM (Regular) or otherwise indicated (Closed Session at 5:00 PM) on the following dates at the Township of Morris Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue, Morris Township, New Jersey:

January 16th (5:30 PM CLOSED)  
February 20th  
March 20th (5:30 PM CLOSED)  
April 17th  
May 15th  
June 19th (5:30 PM CLOSED)  
July 17th  
August 21st  
September 18th (5:30 PM CLOSED)  
October 16th  
November 13th  
December 18th (5:30 PM CLOSED)  
Tuesday, January 7, 2020 (7:00 PM)

ROLL CALL:	MR. ARVANITES	YES	MR. GYORFY	YES
	MR. MANCUSO	YES	MRS. WILSON	YES
		MAYOR GRAYZEL	YES	

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**RESOLUTION 9-18 AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP TO CARRY ON BANKING MATTERS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, it is necessary, pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 40:5-1 et seq., to designate and authorize certain public officials of the Township of Morris to carry on banking matters on behalf of the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, being the Governing Body of said Township, as follows:

1. The Township of Morris is a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey (herein called "Corporation").
2. Deposits: That funds of this Corporation be deposited in one or more accounts in

The Provident Bank	Bank of America	Investors Bank	Valley National Bank	Wells Fargo Bank
HSBC Bank	JP Morgan Bank	PNC Bank	TD Bank	
Peapack-Gladstone Bank		Millington Bank		

(herein called "Bank") subject to the rules and regulations of said Bank; items for deposit may be received from any person and may be endorsed in the name of the Corporation by stamp or otherwise, and said bank may supply all missing endorsements.

3. Checks and other withdrawals: That any two (2) of the following officers of this Corporation:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE</u>
Jeffrey Grayzel, Mayor		_____
Catherine Wilson, Deputy Mayor		_____
Francine DeAngelis, CFO/Director of Finance		_____

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Michele SanFelice, Payroll \_\_\_\_\_

May, in the name of the Corporation, execute checks and other instruments for the withdrawal of said funds, and all checks and other instruments so executed may be paid to or received from any holder and for any purpose by the Bank, without inquiry, whether payable to the order of one or more of the signers, or otherwise.

4. The CFO/Director of Finance and the Chief Accountant is authorized to execute all documents or instruments necessary to make wire transfers without counter signature or co-signature and the Bank is authorized to honor such wire transfer request.

5. Authorization to Certify: That the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Morris furnish to the Bank a certified copy of this resolution setting forth the names and titles of the above described corporate officers, together with specimens of their signature and confirming that the Bank is authorized to rely on this resolution and such certificate until written notice of revocation or change thereof shall be delivered to the Bank.

ROLL CALL:	MR. ARVANITES	YES	MR. GYORFY	YES
	MR. MANCUSO	YES	MRS. WILSON	YES
		MAYOR GRAYZEL	YES	

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**RESOLUTION NO. 10-18 AUTHORIZING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN AS SUBMITTED BY THE MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris, County of Morris, that for the year 2017, the following shall serve as the Cash Management Plan of the Township of Morris:

1. Cash Management and Investment Objectives

The Township of Morris objectives in this area are:

- A. Preservation of capital.
- B. Adequate safekeeping of assets.
- C. Maintenance of liquidity to meet operating needs.
- D. Diversification of the Township's portfolio to minimize risks associated with individual investments.
- E. Investment of assets in accordance with State and Federal Laws and Regulations.

2. Designation of Official Depositories

1. The following Government Unit Depository Protection Act approved banks are authorized depositories for deposit of funds:

The Provident Bank	Bank of America	Investors Bank	Valley National Bank	Wells Fargo Bank
HSBC Bank	JP Morgan Bank	PNC Bank	TD Bank	
Peapack-Gladstone	Millington Bank			

2. Designated official depositories are required to submit to the Chief Financial Officer, a copy of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act Notification of Eligibility, which is filed semi-annually with the Department of Banking June 30th and December 31st of each year.

3. Designated official depositories are required to submit to the Chief Financial Officer a copy of the institution's "Annual Report" on an annual basis.

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3. Designation of Security Broker/Dealers
  1. The following are approved security broker/dealers.
  2. No designated firms at this time.
  
4. Cash Management
  1. All funds shall be deposited within 48 hours of receipt in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16.
  2. The Chief Financial Officer shall minimize the possibility of idle cash accumulating in accounts by assuring that the amounts in excess of negotiated compensating balances are kept in interest bearing accounts or promptly swept into the investment portfolio.
  3. The method of calculating banking fees and compensating balances shall be reviewed on a monthly basis.
  4. Investment decisions shall be guided by the cash flow projections prepared by the Chief Financial Officer.
  
5. Permissible Investments
  1. Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America.
  2. Government money market mutual funds.
  3. Any federal agency or instrumentality obligation authorized by Congress that matures within 397 days from the date of purchase, and has a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or external factors.
  4. Bonds or other obligations of the local unit or school districts of which the local unit is a part.
  5. Any other obligations with maturities not exceeding 397 days, as permitted by the Division of Investments.
  6. Local government investment pools.
  7. New Jersey State Cash Management Fund.
  8. Repurchase agreements of fully collateralized securities
  
6. Authority for Investment Management
  1. The Chief Financial Officer is authorized and directed to make investments on behalf of the Township. All investment decisions shall be consistent with this plan and all appropriate regulatory constraints.
  
7. Safekeeping
  1. Securities purchased on behalf of the Township shall be delivered electronically or physically to the Township's custodial bank, which shall maintain custodial and/or safekeeping accounts for such securities on behalf of the Township.

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8. Reporting

1. The Chief Financial Officer shall report to the Township Committee all purchases of investments in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16.2.

9. Audit

1. The Cash Management Plan shall be subject to annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16.

10. Disposition of Abandoned Property

1. The Chief Financial Officer shall escheat to the State of New Jersey checks which remain outstanding for twelve or more months after the date of issuance.

ROLL CALL:	MR. ARVANITES	YES	MR. GYORFY	YES
	MR. MANCUSO	YES	MRS. WILSON	YES
		MAYOR GRAYZEL	YES	

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**RESOLUTION 11-19 TEMPORARY OPERATING BUDGET**

WHEREAS, 40A:4-19 Local Budget Act provides that where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2016 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided.

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty (30) days of 2018, and

WHEREAS, 26.25 percent of the total appropriations in the 2017 Budget, less appropriations for Capital Improvement Fund, Debt Service and Public Assistance in the said Budget is as follows:

<b><u>General</u></b>	<u>\$8,688,563.19</u>
<u>Sewer Utility</u>	<u>\$1,675,154.83</u>
<u>Swimming Pool Enterprise</u>	<u>\$ 190,906.96</u>
<u>Parking Enterprise</u>	<u>\$ 63,676.03</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris, County of Morris, that the following temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for her records.

ROLL CALL:	MR. ARVANITES	YES	MR. GYORFY	YES
	MR. MANCUSO	YES	MRS. WILSON	YES
		MAYOR GRAYZEL	YES	

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**RESOLUTION 12-18 ESTABLISHING INTEREST RATE-DELINQUENT TAXES AND SEWER FEES**

WHEREAS BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris that the rate of interest to be charged on delinquent taxes and/or delinquent sewer charges shall be as follows:

For taxes not in arrears, 0% for nine (9) calendar days following the due date. Taxes not paid during this ten day period shall be deemed to be in arrears as of the said first day of the month.

For taxes in arrears, 8% per annum on the first \$1,500 of the delinquency, 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500, both to be increased to the maximum allowed by law in the event of an increase in the statutory maximum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to NJSA 54:4-67, as amended, a penalty shall be charged to a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000 who fails to pay said delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year. The penalty so charged is hereby fixed at 6% of the amount of the delinquency; and if taxes are fully paid and satisfied for that calendar year by the holder of an outstanding tax sale certificate, the holder shall be entitled to receive the same 6% penalty as part of the amount required to redeem such certificate of sale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that interest on delinquent sewer charges will be at the same rate as for delinquent taxes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to NJSA 54:5-26, in lieu of any two publications, notice to the property owner and to any person or entity entitled to notice of foreclosure pursuant to section 20 of P.L. 1948, c. 96 (C.54-104.48) may be given by regular or certified mail, the costs of which shall be added to the cost of the sale in addition to those provided in R.S. 54:5-38, not to exceed \$25 for each notice for a particular property; and that the Township Committee has determined the fee to be established for each tax sale notice a particular property that is mailed in lieu of advertisement will be ten (\$10.00) dollars.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Collector of Taxes and the Collector of Sewer Fees be and is hereby directed to collect interest on taxes and sewer fees in accordance with the terms of this resolution.

ROLL CALL:	MR. ARVANITES	YES	MR. GYORFY	YES
	MR. MANCUSO	YES	MRS. WILSON	YES
		MAYOR GRAYZEL	YES	

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**MEMBERS OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTARY**

MR. GYORFY - First, I would like to thank my former boss, Congressman Sires, for coming out to Morris Township the night before his own swearing in in the House of Representatives. When I worked for the Congressman, he spoke many times about his work as Mayor of West New York. Learning about his time as Mayor and the work he did for his community was one of the reasons that led me to decide to run here in Morris Township. Working for the Congressman was an incredibly rewarding experience and I am looking forward to putting what I learned on Capitol Hill to work here on the Township Committee.

I would also like to thank the members of my family who dedicated much of their time this past year during the campaign: my fiancé, Kelly, and my parents, Barbara and John, my Aunt Sue and my Uncles Johnny and Conrad, and my siblings Alexandra and JT. As many in this room

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MR. GYORFY (CONTINUED) know first-hand, campaigns are just as taxing on the family members of the candidates, and I am incredibly grateful to have such dedicated and generous people in my life.

I also wouldn't be here without the army of campaign volunteers we had this year. It is truly remarkable how many neighborhoods we canvassed and doors we knocked throughout the course of the year. Tonight could not have been made possible without their efforts, dedication, and commitment. They are all dedicated residents of our town and are committed to not only giving back, but propelling Morris Township into the future. This was truly a team effort, and I couldn't have asked for better teammates.

I'd also like to thank Committeemen Mat Nunn and Bruce Sisler for their time spent serving the Township. As I stated during the December Township Committee meeting, as someone who was born and raised here, Mat and Bruce's stories resonate with me and I will always respect them for stepping up to serve the town they each grew up in. I commend them for their hard work and wish them the best of luck on what's next.

There are many reasons why everyone in this room is here tonight. Whether you are a neighbor, a Township employee, a friend, a family member, or a volunteer; regardless of our differences in backgrounds, or opinions, I think we all agree one thing: we want to ensure the success of Morris Township for years to come. From addressing traffic concerns, and promoting street safety. To investing in our playgrounds or preserving the character of the town we love. We all want what is best for Morris Township, and I am looking forward to working with the Township Committee to accomplish our shared goals for our residents.

In a time when the twenty-four hour news cycle and impacts public discourse so quickly, it is up to bodies like ours to lead the way in responsive governing. And in a community where people can put their differences aside for the common good, I look forward to working with those of differing opinion to reach a desired goal.

I am excited to begin working with Mayor Grayzel, Deputy Mayor Wilson, and Committeemen Arvanites and Mancuso to not only express our opinions on different issues, but coming together to reach a consensus for the betterment of our residents. And I look forward to focusing several key issues as Chairman of the Committees on Infrastructure, Communications & IT, and Legislation, Government Liaison, and Grants in addition to serving on the Standing Committee on Personnel with Committeeman Mancuso and the newly-established Committee on Transportation & Circulation.

Again, thank you for everyone who is here tonight, I look forward to meeting those of the public who I have not yet met, and getting to work with an impressive group of individuals over the course of the next year on the Township Committee.

MR. MANCUSO Congratulations to Mayor Jeff Grayzel and Deputy Mayor Cathy Wilson on their elections and congratulations to Jess and Mark on their election to the Township Committee. Also thank you John Arvanites for your service.

As the outgoing Mayor of the Township I look with hopeful anticipation to the continuance of our services and contributions in 2019. We all share a commitment to serving the 24,000 residents with continued unswerving dedication. As a result of many productive meetings and discussions I can say with confidence that I am pleased with the progress we have made.

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MR. MANCUSO (CONTINUED) Thank you to the previous Governing bodies for allowing me the privilege, honor and trust to serve as your Mayor for six of the past 17 years. I value the experience and look forward this year to Jeffrey and the Committees leadership and continued success in our endeavors and initiatives.

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My deepest gratitude to the extraordinary Township employees who support us daily. They are the backbone of our community, who by their outstanding efforts enhance our lives. We cannot thank them enough.

The past Holiday season, with an emphasis on goodness and light, is an opportunity for all to shed light from ourselves to others. We are all one people, living in the greatest country in the world. Our objectives are similar, understanding and compromise are vital to our success as a Town, a State and as a Country.

My best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year to all the families in Morris Township and above all God Bless America.

MR. ARVANITES I would like to begin by thanking all of the residents of Morris Township for having the confidence in me to serve as your committeeperson. 2018 began as a dream that many thought was just that a dream. A dream that not only had two democrats serve at the same time on the Committee, but more importantly that we were all able to work as a cohesive, unified unit to leave politics out so that we could do great things. Paul Velery said, "The best way to make your dreams come true is to wake up," and that is what we did. This past year, we all were unified in doing what was right for Morris Township. I would like to thank each committeeperson, employee and volunteers for their cooperation and their commitment, and I look forward to continued cooperation. Gary Koyen said, "If you don't do something differently, you'll end up where you are headed." We changed the direction of Morris Township and did it by showing that we all can work in a bi-partisan manner and work to better Morris Township and leaving the politics behind. It wasn't easy, but we were successful in not raising the municipal portion of our taxes, while providing the infrastructure improvements necessary. 2019 brings us new challenges for our budget. We are facing a 13% increase in statutory expenses, almost 7% increase in health insurance costs along with the fallout of the recycling market.

I look forward to continuing to build our bipartisan relationships in the future, not only in our Township, but with surrounding communities. To quote Ken Blanchard, "No one of us is as smart as all of us." Together, if we can work as a cohesive, unified unit, and leave political influence out, we can do great things. We face many challenges ahead, and I wish the new leadership well in navigating through the challenges. It has been said, "Those who expect moments of change to be comfortable and free of conflict have not learned their history." In closing, I would like to quote a former President of the United States, and it summarizes my goal for continued unity and not being guided by outside influences, "There are no problems we

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MR. ARVANITES(CONTINUED) cannot solve together and very few that we can solve by ourselves.” A happy and healthy New Year to all, and may God bless you, your families and our Township of Morris.

MRS. WILSON Thank you all for being here tonight. Thank you to my good friend, Committeewoman Amalia Duarte from Mendham Township, for holding our well-worn Bible. Thank you also to John Mills for administering the oath.

I'm HONORED to serve as Morris Township's Deputy Mayor in the coming year!

All of us are looking forward to working together as a TEAM to serve the best interest of ALL 23,000 residents of Morris Township.

Every new year – every Re-Organization meeting – is a new beginning. Especially this one!!!

When our children and grandchildren look back on the history of Morris Township, tonight will mark the beginning of a new chapter.

Clearly this is a time of great change. The one change that I personally love most is the amazing shift from apathy to engagement.

Encouraging people to pay attention and participate has been a passion of mine for decades – going all the way back to my early years teaching social studies and civics.

I'm a long-term proponent of that famous quote: “Democracy is not a spectator sport.” I love that so many people have woken up to this truth and are living it!

Before looking forward, a brief look back:

Our predecessors have governed Morris Township pretty much on their own for the better part of 3 CENTURIES. They've run a tight ship and done a good job:

- Our town is well run.
- Our taxes are among the lowest in the County.
- Our municipal services are excellent.

EVERYONE in Morris Township values these traditions. All of us on this dais pledge to continue them.

Turning to the future that lies ahead...

Communication tops our priority list. We envision Morris Township as a beacon of excellence, a role model for:

- Open, transparent practices
- Clear two-way communication between residents and officials
- Lively civic engagement

We intend to be PROACTIVE in making sure that residents get the information they need – when they need it – to know what's going on – and participate. We GET how important this is ALWAYS – but especially when it comes to high-impact land use projects.

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MRS. WILSON (CONTINUED) We also intend to be PROACTIVE in initiating the kind of regional communication – across towns and across levels of government – that we believe is essential for dealing with some of our most pressing problems, including especially TRAFFIC!

We GET that travel within our town and beyond our town is a top quality-of-life issue for residents. That's why we've established a new SC on Transportation & Circulation: this is a priority issue plus we want to make sure it gets the ongoing attention it needs.

On a related note: a quick shout-out to any of the Freeholders who are here tonight: the County's recently-completed Circulation Plan is EXCELLENT! I'm a fan. This plan provides a great foundation to build on. Consider us an enthusiastic partner in this work.

As with transportation, we envision Morris Township taking on a new – and proactive – role as a leader in working with environmental issues. That's why we've created a new Standing Committee for Environment/Energy/Sustainability: we want to ensure that these topics get the attention that we see as essential to moving our community forward.

Expect to see a new approach to working with economic development. We want to attract new business activity to Morris Township but we get the need to strike the right balance with quality of life considerations. Our Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) will be very intentional and strategic as it works to develop new plans and implement new actions.

So many interesting and exciting possibilities with our EDAC group! As with all of our Boards and Commissions: I encourage residents to come to these meetings – great way to get involved!

A couple other initiatives I'm excited about and want to mention just briefly before closing:

- Look for pickleball to become a "thing" in MT.
- Look for residents to recommend new ways for the Town and the Township to work together.
- Look for us to establish a new Seniors Advisory Group – which we envision as a forum for creative thinking, problem solving, and action.

Finally, I'm pleased to announce a new practice that begins tonight: links to video of this meeting – and all future meetings – will be now be posted on the Township's website.

It's not well known that students like Michael have been producing full video of these meetings since May of 2015.

Now, for the first time, residents will have ready access to video of these meetings in their entirety.

This is a big communication step forward for our community and another positive sign of tonight's new beginning.

Here's to a great year for all!

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Mayor Grayzel read excerpts from the following proclamation into the record:

Proclamation- IN RECOGNITION AND IN MEMORY OF RIGHT REVEREND ABBOT GILES (PETER) HAYES, O.S.B. OF THE COMMUNITY OF ST. MARY'S ABBEY DELBARTON SCHOOL

Whereas, the Township of Morris mourns the loss of Abbot Giles (Peter) Hayes who passed away on March 7, 2018; and

Whereas, Abbot Giles (Peter) Hayes was born on February 27th, 1939 in Newark, NJ. He was educated at Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament School and Delbarton School, from which he graduated in 1956. He attended St. Vincent's College (Latrobe, PA) and St. John's University (Collegeville, MN), where he received his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy; and

Whereas, Father Giles served in many positions at Delbarton School: coach, dean, guidance counselor, teacher, and two terms as Headmaster, from 1980-1985 and 1996-2000. As Headmaster, he attended as many athletic events, concerts, and plays as he could; and

Whereas, He was known to the St. Mary's Abbey and Delbarton community as a person who was always the first to affirm, compliment, and encourage others, personifying the teaching of St. Benedict: be the first to show respect to the others. He always had a kind word for everyone. Abbot Giles was also a lover of aphorisms, often having them printed on cards to give out to students, with sayings like "The other guy first"; and

Whereas, Abbot Giles is perhaps best summed up by a short piece from Thomas G. Ferguson Associates, Inc., written in celebration of the dedication of one of their conference rooms to him:

"With his unselfish humanity and his deep, abiding spirituality, Fr. Giles is truly a man for all seasons...He is an inspired leader, a selfless worker, a compassionate friend, and an obedient member of the Benedictine Order; and

Whereas, He also oversaw the agreement between St. Mary's Abbey and the Trust for Public Lands to convey part of the abbey property to the Morris County Park Commission and the Township of Morris. Delbarton facilities were also greatly improved during his tenure, most notably the Fine Arts Center and athletic fields; and

Whereas, during a crisis of health or of spirit, Father Giles' ready smile, open and fertile mind, and generous heart can always be relied upon for strength and support. He has a quiet courage of his faith, and the remarkable ability to bring hope into the lives of all those he touches.

Now, Therefore, by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris being the governing body, hereby recognize Abbot Giles (Peter) Hayes for his dedication to his faith, Delbarton School, his many friends, students, and our community.

**MAYOR'S GRAYZEL'S CLOSING COMMENTS**

As you can see, we have set some lofty goals for ourselves this year. I think this team we have up here on the dais has the ability to meet those challenges.

I previously spoke about governing with certain values. Openness and inclusiveness are two of those values. I believe I am up here in order to implement the will of the people. I will seek resident input into our decision making process.

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**MAYOR'S GRAYZEL'S CLOSING COMMENTS(CONTINUED)**

This year we are going to start exploring different ways to getting that resident input, your input. We hope to have a few neighborhood meetings throughout town and other initiatives that work towards that goal of having a gold standard in resident communications.

But the best way to voice your concerns and have a discussion about the issues is to come to our monthly meetings that take place on the third Wednesday of every month. So I hope to see all of you coming back here at our next meeting in two weeks on January 16.

But seriously, I really do want all of you to come to an occasional third Wednesday throughout the course of the year, and I look forward to many good discussions out in the open at our Township Committee meetings.

I wish all of you a wonderful 2019 and thank everyone for coming out tonight.

**BENEDICTION**

Benediction – Rabbi David Nesson, Morristown Jewish Center Beit Yisrael

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The January 2, 2019 Organization Meeting, with no further business to be considered, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously (5-0) adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 8: 18 P.M., next to convene at the 5:30 P.M., January 16, 2019 (closed), Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M., in the Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue, Township of Morris.



CATHLEEN AMELIO  
TOWNSHIP CLERK