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THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE HELD ON
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CALL TO ORDER

The July 17, 2019 Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeffrey Grayzel at 7:04 PM in the Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue, Morris Township, New Jersey.

ATTENDANCE

ELECTED OFFICERS

GOVERNING BODY

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

APPOINTED OFFICERS

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

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PRESIDING OFFICER'S STATEMENT OF DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. John Mills, III, Attorney announced that in accordance with the resolution adopted (No. 105-19) this date authorizing the conducting of this "Closed Meeting"; discussion would be limited to "Legal and Personnel Matters".

PRESIDING OFFICER'S STATEMENT RE: ADEQUATE NOTICE – O.P.M.A. – (RECORD INSERT)

Mayor Grayzel issued the following statement of Adequate Notice:

"Adequate Notice" of this meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Morris was given as required and defined by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows:

Written Notice was given on July 12, 2019 to the official newspaper, Daily Record, and to the additional newspaper, Star Ledger by email at least 48 hours prior to the date of this meeting, and a copy of the Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building of the Township of Morris by the Township Clerk. A copy of the Notice was likewise filed in the Township Clerk's Office, and copies of this Notice were mailed by Certified Mail to all persons who have requested individual notice, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-19, all of which Notices were given at least 48 hours prior to the date of this meeting, and I hereby hand to the Township Clerk a copy of the Notice which was given as above, set forth for appropriate retention in the "Municipal Files".

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jeffrey Grayzel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

At this time, the Township Clerk presented for approval the following minutes: June 19, 2019 CLOSED/ REGULAR MEETING.

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried by the vote as hereinafter indicated, the reading of the above-specified minutes was waived, the minutes approved as circulated, and placed on file in the Office of the Township Clerk:

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

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PRESENTATIONS

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD-CHARLIE ARTEGLIER

Deputy Mayor Catherine Wilson presented the following:

Certificate of Recognition for Community Service: To: Charles Arteglie

The Mayor and Township Committee extend our grateful recognition and commendation to Charles Arteglie for his remarkable record of service.

On behalf of the residents of Morris Township, we extend our appreciation for all your selfless and untiring work in military service to our country from 1948 to 1952. Mr. Arteglie served in Japan and received five (5) battle stars in his service during the Korea War where he achieved the rank of Sergeant.

Mr. Arteglie has also been a member of Hillside Hose Company No. 1 since 1955. During his over sixty years of service to the Township, Mr. Arteglie has served as President and Captain of Hillside Hose Company. He also served as Captain of the Morris Township Board of Fire Wardens. In 1982, he was named Morris Township's Fireman of the year.

In addition to his volunteer service as a member of Hillside Hose Company, Mr. Arteglie is a member of the Morris Township Relief Association, the NJ State Firemen's Association, the NJ State Exempt Firemen's Association and is also a volunteer for "Meals on Wheels" and was named Volunteer of the Year in 2005.

Mr. Arteglie, has lived in the area of Western Avenue since 1954. Both he and his extended family continue to give back to the community they live in.

The Township of Morris hereby recognizes and extends congratulations to Charles Arteglie "Community Service Award," July, 2019.

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PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD-CHARLIE ARTEGLIER

Committeewoman Wilson, Chair of the Fire Committee presented the award to Mr. Arteglie. Committeeman Gyorfy presented Mr. Arteglie with an American Flag that was flown over the Capitol Building at the bequest of Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill.

The Committee thanked Mr. Arteglie for his service not only to our country, but for his years of volunteer services to the Morris Township Fire Department.

Mayor Grazel called for the five (5) minute recess at 7:12. Meeting was called back to order at 7:18.

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JACOB GRAYZEL – RECEIVED THE BRONZE MEDALS IN THE WORLD JUMP ROPE CHAMPIONSHIP

Committeeman Mancuso presented the following:

Jacob is a senior at Delbarton School and will be attending Northwestern University in the Fall. What most people do not know about Jacob is that he is a world-class athlete in the sport of jump rope.

Jacob started jumping rope at age 7 while attending elementary school. He and a few friends started a team called the Lightning Bolts based in Morristown. At age 9 Jacob participated in his first U.S. Junior Olympic Competition, and subsequently went to eight of these Junior Olympic tournaments held in a different city around the country each year. At age 14, Jacob competed in his first U.S. national Championship competition, which he has now competed in four times. The local team disbanded after the coach retired, and Jacob now jumps with a team called Zero Gravity based in Southampton Pennsylvania.

Jacob's jump rope career culminated this month with his very first participation in the World Jump Rope Championship held in the Country of Norway. Seven members of the Zero Gravity team traveled to Norway to compete. During this five-day tournament Jacob participated in many events. He won a bronze medal in two of the events, meaning his performance was third-best in the entire world in those categories.

Jacob thanked the Committee for the recognition and that attending the World Jump Rope Championship was a great experience.

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PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN, PAUL DeNOON, EDAC CHAIRMAN

Chairman Paul DeNoon and Committee Member Ken Bariahtaris

Chairman DeNoon presented the Morris Township EDAC Strategic Plan is attached hereto and is made part of the official minutes of this meeting.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Arvanites – Noted that the presentation expresses passion and professionalism and the presenter did a great job on the plan.

Ms. Wilson – Thanked Mr. DeNoon and Mr. Bariahtaris for the preparation and presentation of the plan and that the plan is extraordinary. Great strategy points were made.

Mr. Gyorfy – Great job.

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PUBLIC COMMENT/INQUIRY

Mayor Grayzel, in accordance with standard procedure, opened the meeting for comments by the general public. The name, address and summary of comments and responses, as appropriate, follows:

Harvey Klein – 18 Hawthorne Court-Presented the history of the Declaration of Independence: The Declaration of Independence was the first formal statement by a nation's people asserting their right to choose their own government.

When armed conflict between bands of American colonists and British soldiers began in April 1775, the Americans were ostensibly fighting only for their rights as subjects of the British crown. By the following summer, with the Revolutionary War in full swing, the movement for independence from Britain had grown, and delegates of the Continental Congress were faced with a vote on the issue. In mid-June 1776, a five-man committee including Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and Benjamin Franklin was tasked with drafting a formal statement of the colonies' intentions. The Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence—written largely by Jefferson—in Philadelphia on July 4, a date now celebrated as the birth of American independence.

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PUBLIC COMMENT/INQUIRY(CONTINUED)

Harvey Klein – 18 Hawthorne Court (CONTINUED)

America Before the Declaration of Independence

Even after the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did—like John Adams— were considered radical. Things changed over the course of the next year, however, as Britain attempted to crush the rebels with all the force of its great army. In his message to Parliament in October 1775, King George III railed against the rebellious colonies and ordered the enlargement of the royal army and navy. News of his words reached America in January 1776, strengthening the radicals' cause and leading many conservatives to abandon their hopes of reconciliation. That same month, the recent British immigrant Thomas Paine published "Common Sense," in which he argued that independence was a "natural right" and the only possible course for the colonies; the pamphlet sold more than 150,000 copies in its first few weeks in publication.

Did you know? Most Americans did not know Thomas Jefferson was the principal author of the Declaration of Independence until the 1790s; before that, the document was seen as a collective effort by the entire Continental Congress.

In March 1776, North Carolina's revolutionary convention became the first to vote in favor of independence; seven other colonies had followed suit by mid-May. On June 7, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies' independence before the Continental Congress when it met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia. Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee's resolution and called a recess for several weeks. Before departing, however, the delegates also appointed a five-man committee—including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of New York—to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain. That document would become known as the Declaration of Independence.

Thomas Jefferson Writes the Declaration of Independence

As Jefferson drafted it, the Declaration of Independence was divided into five sections, including an introduction, a preamble, a body (divided into two sections) and a conclusion. In general terms, the introduction effectively stated that seeking independence from Britain had become "necessary" for the colonies. While the body of the document outlined a list of grievances against the British crown, the preamble includes its most famous passage: "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

The Continental Congress Votes for Independence

The Continental Congress reconvened on July 1, and the following day 12 of the 13 colonies adopted Lee's resolution for independence. The process of consideration and revision of Jefferson's declaration (including Adams' and Franklin's corrections) continued on July 3 and into the late morning of July 4, during which Congress deleted and revised some one-fifth of its text. The delegates made no changes to that key preamble, however, and the basic document remained Jefferson's words. Congress officially adopted the Declaration of Independence later on the Fourth of July (though most historians now accept that the document was not signed until August 2).

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Harvey Klein – 18 Hawthorne Court (CONTINUED)

The Declaration of Independence became a significant landmark in the history of democracy. In addition to its importance in the fate of the fledgling American nation, it also exerted a tremendous influence outside the United States, most memorably in France during the French Revolution. Together with the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence can be counted as one of the three essential founding documents of the United States government.

RESIDENTS IN FAVOR OF A SIDEWALK ON JAMES STREET : (FUNDING-TOWNSHIP IS LOOKING INTO APPLYING FOR GRANT MONEY)

Richard Kasmin – 3 Exeter Lane
Adam Smith – 6 Exeter Lane
Michaela Brownstein – 8 Trent Court
Mayrev Smith – 6 Exeter Lane
Jo-Ann Emerson – 13 Foots Lane

Daniel Brownstein – 8 Trent Court
Thelma Achenback – 23 Sherwood Drive
Sujani Vasudevan – 10 Victoria Lane
Lee Goldberg – 10 Arrowhead Road

Charlene Anderson – 7 Emmet Avenue – Inquired as to the Collinsville Playground and if it is safe for children to use the equipment and requested a shade pavilion? Ans. Mr. Quinn advised Ms. Anderson that the playground is still being worked on and that the Township is waiting for fall surface to be installed that will complete the upgrade of the playground.

Jean McKay – 10 Walnut Street – Requested “speed bumps” be installed in the Collinsville area due to speeding and traffic. Ans. Mr. Quinn advised Ms. McKay that speed pumps are illegal on public roads and that a study by the Morris Township Police Department was done. Ms. McKay requested the date, time and day of the week the study was done. Ans. Mayor Grayzel requested a summary of the traffic study and will investigate other traffic calming methods. Ms. McKay stated that Corey Road, Walnut Street and portions of Cleveland Avenue is a cut through. Cleveland Avenue has cars parked on both sides the street and requested one side of the street parking and is dangerous. Ans. Mr. Quinn stated that there is a limited accident history on Cleveland, but will request that the Police review and provide the report. Ms. McKay noted that she sent letters requesting the filling of potholes and the roads to be repaved. Ans. Mr. Quinn will look into this matter tomorrow. Mayor Grayzel would recommend the repaving of Walnut Street.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC HEARING

RE:MORRIS COUNTY OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION TRUST FUND RE-FUNDING TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF OPEN SPACE PROPERTY, IN PARTICULAR 7.93 ACRES OF BLOCK 4601, LOTS 1, 1.03 AND 1.03 ON PICATINNY ROAD, KNOWN AS VALLEVUE FARM

Mr. Timothy F. Quinn, Township Administrator presented the following regarding the acquisition the Vallevue Farm Preserve Acquisition (Phase 2) – Morris County Open Space Trust Fund Application.

As authorized by the Township Committee on May 15th an application was submitted to the Morris County Open Space Trust Fund for Vallevue Farm Preserve Acquisition – Phase 2.

The Township of Morris made an acquisition of 21 acres of Vallevue Farm in 2014 /2015. This gave the Township the Community Garden and a large piece on the west end of the property and two (2)

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PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC HEARING (CONTINUED)

RE:MORRIS COUNTY OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION TRUST FUND RE-FUNDING TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF OPEN SPACE PROPERTY, IN PARTICULAR 7.93 ACRES OF BLOCK 4601, LOTS 1, 1.03 AND 1.03 ON PICATINNY ROAD, KNOWN AS VALLEVUE FARM (CONTINUED)

lots off Reed Road. A trail was established from the Community Garden through the west end lot to Reed Road.

This grant application is for a passive recreation opportunity to complete a loop trail around the property from Reed Road back to the Community Garden along the Picatinny Road frontage. Additionally, the Township will own the pond on the north side of the property. A very nice amenity.

The purchase is primarily lot 1.03 a 6.02 acre parcel with frontage along Picatinny Road. The pond area is approximately .47 acres, a small connector to our previous purchase piece is .18 acres.

Additionally the Township wishes to purchase .94 acres that sits between the driveway and lot 1.03. The final piece is an easement for the driveway of .33 acres.

The appraised value for the purchase is \$1,042,800. In the application to the Morris County Open Space Trust Fund the Township has requested 75% of the acquisition cost (\$782,100), and the

Township would contribute 25% from the Morris Township Open Space Trust Fund for the acquisition cost (\$260,700) .

The Morris County Open Space Trust Fund application process requires a public hearing.

Mayor Grayzel opened the hearing to the public for commentary on the Open Space application. And the following appeared to be heard:

PUBLIC COMMENT – NO ONE APPEARED TO BE HEARD.

COMMUNICATIONS OF RECORD - NONE

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

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ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION

Each ordinance as hereinafter set forth was introduced, passed on first reading by the vote as hereinafter indicated, with a public hearing thereon scheduled for a regular meeting to be held on August 21, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. unless otherwise indicated:

22-19 AMENDING CHAPTER 9 ENTITLED “BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES”, ADDING A NEW ARTICLE TO BE KNOWN AS ARTICLE IX ENTITLED “TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE”

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris as follows:

SECTION ONE: There is hereby created a new chapter to be known as Chapter 9 “Transportation and Circulation Advisory Committee”

§ 9-1. Creation.

There is hereby established a Transportation and Circulation Advisory Committee.

§ 9-2. Title Designation.

Said Committee shall be known as the “Transportation and Circulation Advisory Committee.”

§ 9-3. Purpose.

The Transportation and Circulation Advisory Committee’s primary purpose is to explore, study, and make advisory recommendations to the Township Committee ways to improve travel and transportation modes to include walking, biking, driving and parking in Morris Township. In making recommendations, the Transportation and Circulation Advisory Committee will consider such factors as safety, convenience, accessibility and connectivity within Morris Township and the surrounding entities. A secondary purpose is to provide cost analysis and potential funding sources for any recommendations.

§9-4. Membership; Terms of Office.

The Transportation and Circulation Advisory Committee of the Township of Morris shall be composed of nine (9) voting members, Class I, Class II and Class III to be appointed as follows:

A. The Township Committee shall appoint seven (7) regular members; said terms to commence January 1 of the year of appointment. Within this class of appointees, there exist two groups, having staggered anniversary dates:

- (1) Class I – Group 1 consists of members who are Township residents appointed or their successors for a term designated as two (2) years and shall be constituted with three members.
- (2) Class I - Group II consists of members who are Township residents appointed or their successors for an initial term of one (1) year and each successive term designated as two (2) years and shall be constituted with three members.

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- (3) Class II - Consists of a member, being an individual who is knowledgeable in Transportation and Circulation and/or Traffic Engineering and who may reside outside the Township for a term designated as two (2) years and shall be constituted with one member.
- (4) Class III - Consists of the Chairman of the Transportation and Circulation Standing Committee of the Township Committee, and the Deputy Chairperson of Transportation and Circulation Standing Committee of the Township Committee. Each of their terms shall be for the calendar year, expiring December 31st.
- (5) Ex Officio members. The four (4) ex officio nonvoting members shall consists of the Township Administrator, or his or her designee, the Township Chief of Police, or his or her designee, the Township Engineer, or his or her designee, and the Township Director of Parks and Recreation, or his or her designee. Each of their terms shall be for the calendar year, expiring December 31st.

§9-5. Vacancies.

In the event that any member of the Transportation and Circulation Advisory Committee of the Township of Morris shall resign or be unable to serve for any reason as a member of said Committee, the vacancy created thereby shall be filled for the remainder of the term in the manner provided for appointments under § 9-4 above.

§9-6. Powers and Duties.

It shall be the duty of the Transportation and Circulation Advisory Committee of the Township of Morris to:

- (1) Make studies, surveys and recommendations to the Morris Township Committee with respect to Street Safety to address concerns of traffic and parking in conjunction with Education, Enforcement and Engineering.
- (2) Make studies, surveys and recommendations to the Morris Township Committee with respect to sidewalks, bike routes and trails to better connect residents with Township recreation, transportation, cultural, school, and business facilities, as well as contiguous municipalities.
- (3) Make recommendations to the Township Committee on any other matters which may be referred to the Committee by the Township Committee.
- (4) Prepare an annual report to be submitted to the Township Committee setting forth in detail its achievements and recommendations covering the preceding 12 months.

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- (5) The Transportation and Circulation Advisory Committee shall have no powers other than those set forth herein and shall not commit the Township of Morris to the commission or omission of any act or thing. It shall not establish any policy of the Township of Morris, nor shall it waive any policy, rules, regulations or ordinances previously established by the Township of Morris.

§9-7. Expenditures.

The Transportation and Circulation Advisory Committee shall have no authority to expend any money or incur any expense or commit the Township of Morris to the expenditure of any money unless and until the same shall have been specifically authorized and approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris.

§9-8. Meetings; Quorum, Officers.

- (1) Meetings shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined annually by the Transportation and Circulation Standing Committee. There shall be an annual meeting for Committee organization, to be held during January of each year.
- (2) There shall be elected at the annual organization meeting each year a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson, both of whom shall hold office for one year and be elected by a majority vote of the Committee. A majority of voting members shall constitute a quorum.
- (3) The Township shall provide a secretary to the Transportation and Circulation Advisory Committee. The secretary does not have voting rights.
- (4) The secretary shall be responsible for maintaining correspondence, memoranda, and preparing written minutes of all Transportation and Circulation Advisory Committee minutes. However, in accordance with Township policy, before any correspondence or memoranda is sent out under the auspices of the Transportation and Circulation Committee, any draft letter or memoranda shall be submitted to the Township Administrator for the review and approval of the governing body.

SECTION TWO: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional or unenforceable, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this ordinance.

SECTION THREE: All ordinances of the Township of Morris which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION FOUR: This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication thereof as provided by law.

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On motion made and seconded the title of this Ordinance 22-19 was revised from CREATING A NEW ARTICLE WITHIN CHAPTER 9 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE – BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES ARTICLE IX “TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE” TO “TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE.”

ROLL CALL:	MR. ARVANITES	YES	MR. GYORFY	YES
	MR. MANCUSO	YES	MRS. WILSON	NO
	MAYOR GRAYZEL	NO		

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COMMITTEE COMMENTS ON ORDINANCE 22-19

Ms. Wilson - Mark and I have been working with Tim to develop an ordinance that creates a new committee – the TCAC (Transportation and Circulation Advisory Committee).

The most basic issue we’ve struggled to resolve is the need to distinguish TCAC’s generic/ongoing responsibilities from its more specific responsibilities (or activities) that may change from year to year.

Current approach is to have an Ordinance that basically establishes this committee’s existence and have a separate Policy Paper that spells out what the committee will do.

I did agree to this separation when Tim and Mark and I last met. We do have differences in our thinking about what should go in the ordinance and what should go in the policy.

What I did not agree to is voting on the ordinance before seeing anything about the policy. To me, they go together. I find it hard to vote on one without seeing the other.

That’s why my preference is to postpone the formal introduction of this ordinance until August: this will allow us to see both of these documents at the same time before finalizing either one. To me, this makes for a better decision in the long run.

I’d like to mention a few key ideas that relate to what Peter so often refers to as our “thought process.”

There’s one key idea that’s very important to me: in my thought process, what we’re really trying to do with this committee is accomplish what I call a “paradigm shift.”

We’re trying to move from working with transportation through a SILO approach (separate departments, separate boards, separate towns) and encourage work that’s more collaborative and interconnected: across departments, across boards, across towns.

I think the Ordinance should reflect this shift. This ordinance says nothing about it.

Another example: Rationale. It’s very important to me that we communicate in writing – somewhere – WHY we’re establishing this committee in the first place. Because we recognize that transportation.

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COMMITTEE COMMENTS ON ORDINANCE 22-19 (CONTINUED)

Ms. Wilson

- Is a significant quality-of-life issue
- Includes many different topics
- Falls within the purview and interests of many different stakeholders
- Also, because we recognize the benefits of encouraging more people to travel by walking and biking – in part because of the health benefits and in part because of the decrease in traffic.

For all of these reasons, THEREFORE: we find that a need exists to work with transportation as a consolidated topic and to establish a forum that promotes information sharing and planning coordination across a variety of transportation issues and stakeholders.

To me, some statement of WHY we're establishing the TCAC belongs in the ordinance. If it's not going to be in the ordinance, I would like to see what the policy says about it before voting on the ordinance.

Responsibilities

My opinion is that TCAC's responsibilities should be spelled out more clearly than they are in the Ordinance that's before us tonight. Also, that TCAC's ongoing responsibilities should stem from WHY we're establishing this committee in the first place. Examples of responsibilities I'd like to see referenced (somewhere) include:

- 1) Develop a Transportation Plan for Morris Township that recommends ways to improve transportation in four major categories: walking (sidewalks and trails), bicycling (programs, routes, and pathways), driving (including traffic and speeding concerns), and parking.
- 2) Support information-sharing and collaborative planning among departments (Engineering, Parks & Recreation, Police, Public Works, Fire) and Township boards and committees (Environmental Commission, Economic Development Advisory Committee, Open Space, Planning Board, Board of Adjustment) in working to make advisory recommendations on transportation-related projects and issues.
- 3) Encourage resident participation. Ensure that residents have plenty of opportunities to ask questions, make suggestions, contribute actively, and get the information they need to better understand the issues. Utilize a variety of means to obtain public input such as attendance at regular TCAC meetings, written surveys, and other special meetings TCAC may choose to convene for specific purposes (such as obtaining information re: the specialized transportation needs of seniors).

TCAC Projects

I do see a need to reference certain specific responsibilities and projects that may change from year to year. To me, that is the main purpose of having a separate policy paper.

For example, I would like to see us ask TCAC to look into the special transportation needs of seniors and make recommendations for addressing them. I see this as a responsibility that's more specific than generic – and therefore I'm OK with NOT including it in the ordinance.

My bottom line is I'm not comfortable voting on the ordinance without seeing any information about the policy paper. Waiting until August allows us to see both documents at the same time before finalizing either. To me, that makes for a better decision in the long run.

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COMMITTEE COMMENTS ON ORDINANCE 22-19 (CONTINUED)

Mayor Grayzel – This standing committee is not operational in nature such as the Sewer Committee or the Parking authority. Rather, this committee was a new standing committee formed just this year and was tasked with coming up with a plan to address the issues of transportation, circulation, and the related elements of walking and Biking in our town. Thank you to Cathy and Mark for their good work which culminated in the introduction of our Transportation Advisory Committee tonight. At the next meeting there will be more discussion of the objectives of this Committee. And I hope that we might even make our first appointments to this new committee.

Mr. Mancuso – Admire the passion and thought process.

Mr. Gyorfy – has been working on this Ordinance since January and this introduction is a major goal; Ms. Wilson and Ms. Gyorfy have been meeting at least twice a month with Mr. Quinn and agree on the goals of this new committee; if the concerns then maybe members of the Committee can provide guidance in achieving this goal; legislation is usually bare bones and generic and that policy should not be part of this Ordinance, bu will have a policy by the August meeting.

Mr. Arvanites – Understands the issue Ms. Wilson is having, but that the Ordinance can be revised.

On motion made and seconded Ordinance 22-19 was introduced, passed on first reading by the vote as hereinafter indicated, with a public hearing thereon scheduled for a regular meeting to be held on August 21, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.:

ROLL CALL:	MR. ARVANITES	YES	MR. GYORFY	YES
	MR. MANCUSO	YES	MRS. WILSON	NO
	MAYOR GRAYZEL	YES		

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BID REPORT

Mr. Timothy Quinn, Township Administrator summarized Bid Number OTE:2019-04 – WASHINGTON VALLEY ROAD – ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS - 2018 NJDOT LOCAL AID PROJECT. Rebecca Roth, Purchasing Agent received bids on July 2, 2019. All bids were reviewed for accuracy and completeness. Twelve (12) vendors picked up the specifications, and seven (7) submitted bids. Bids were reviewed by David Hansen, Assistant Township Engineer and Rebecca Roth, Purchasing Agent and they recommend award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder as follows: CCM Contracting, Green Brook, NJ in the amount of \$649,953.00 and the resolution of award is Resolution Number 140-19.

RESOLUTIONS

In the next matter of business, the following resolutions were duly offered, seconded, and adopted by the vote as indicated at the end of the text of the resolutions:

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RESOLUTION NO. 135-19 RE: AUTHORIZING THE CONDUCTING OF A "CLOSED MEETING" AS DEFINED IN THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT CONCERNING "LEGAL AND PERSONNEL MATTERS"

WHEREAS, this meeting is a duly and properly called meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Morris and adequate notice has been given as required by the "Open Public Meetings Act", and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary that this Governing Body consider matters involving "Legal and Personnel Matters", exceptions in the "Open Public Meetings Act", and which this Governing Body determines should be discussed at a "Closed Meeting".

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

That this body shall conduct a "Closed Meeting" concerning the above-expected matters, which are exceptions set forth in the said act, and upon which a public disclosure will be made as expeditiously as possible; said meeting to be held during a recess of this Regular Meeting at the Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 136-19 AUTHORIZING CREATION OF AN ENGINEERING INSPECTION FEE ACCOUNT-ST. ELIZABETH, BLOCK 8801, LOT 1

WHEREAS, the Township has need to perform site work to study and evaluate the condition of a sewer pumping station owned by the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has certified that Mott MacDonald a professional engineering company possesses the necessary qualifications to perform the sewer study and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee that the following escrow account(s) be created and funded by the Sisters of Charity for reimbursement of charges for engineering analysis during the study of the pumping station and related infrastructure..

Name	Address	Amount
Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth	PO Box 476, Convent Station, NJ 07961-0476 Block 8801, Lot 1	\$12,400.00

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 137-19 AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, CHANGE ORDER DECREASING CONTRACT OTE 2018-05, OAK LANE AND KENILWORTH RD.-ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, FROM \$388,063.75 TO \$361,188.95, WHICH IS A DECREASE OF 6.9%, AWARDED TO M. SKY CONSTRUCTION CORP ON AUGUST 15, 2018 – OVERALL DECREASE IN CONTRACT; TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$361,188.95

WHEREAS, a contract was awarded by the Township Committee at a meeting held on August 15, 2019 to M. Sky Construction Corp. for Contract OTE: 2018-05 Oak Lane and Kenilworth Rd., Roadway Improvements, in the amount of \$388,063.75, Resolution No. 171-18; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that certain changes and modifications are needed; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, has provided documentation indicating the need for this change order; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 decreases the amount of the contract by 6.9% or \$26,874.80; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Morris hereby authorizes Change Order No. 1 to this contract in the decrease amount of \$26,874.80 for a total not to exceed \$361,188.95.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 138-19 AUTHORIZING AWARD OF THE 2019 CRACK SEAL PROGRAM THROUGH THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL, CONTRACT NO. 6, ROAD RESURFACING, TO MICRO PAVE SYSTEMS INC, P.O. BOX 207, ROSELAND, NJ 07068 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$90,000.00

WHEREAS, the Township of Morris wishes to proceed with the 2019 Crack Sealing Program through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, Contract No. 6, awarded to Micro Pave Systems Inc., P.O. Box 207, Roseland, NJ 07068, and

WHEREAS, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided to the Township Clerk by the Chief Financial Officer, certifying that funds for said contract are available in General Capital Line No. G-04-55-014-401 in the amount of \$90,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee, Township of Morris, State of New Jersey, that a contract be awarded to Micro Pave Systems Inc. for the 2019 Crack Sealing Program, for the total amount not to exceed \$90,000.00.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 139-19 RE: AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SPECIAL AGREEMENT (TWO (2) YEARS) FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER WITH THE MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 TO AUGUST 31, 2021

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Morris, after consultation with the Chief of Police does hereby authorize the Mayor, Chief of Police and Township Clerk to enter into a two (2) year agreement, with a thirty (30) day cancellation clause, with the Morris School District for the purpose of supplying to the Morris School District a Police Department School Resource Officer.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 140-19 AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT THROUGH A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR BID NO. OTE: 2019-04, WASHINGTON VALLEY ROAD, ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO CCM CONTRACTING INC., 336 ROUTE 22, GREEN BROOK, NJ 08812 – IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$649,953.00

WHEREAS, the Township of Morris has, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey, received bids for the following:

OTE: 2019-04 WASHINGTON VALLEY ROAD, ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS; and

WHEREAS, after review by the Engineering Department and recommendation from the Qualified Purchasing Agent, it appears that the contract should be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder:
CCM CONTRACTING INC., 336 ROUTE 22, GREEN BROOK, NJ 08812

WHEREAS, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided to the Township Clerk by the Chief Financial Officer, certifying that the funds for said contract are available in the following General Capital line in the amount of \$649,953.00

G-04-55-919-001	\$649,953.00
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris, being the Governing Body of said Township, as follows:

1. That the subject contract be awarded pursuant to a fair and open process to CCM Contracting, 336 Route 22, Green Brook, NJ 08812
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the contract and all other necessary documents in order to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.
3. The Township Engineer is authorized to make minor field modifications provided they do not affect the overall scope of the work of the contract subject to final approval by the Township Committee.
4. That the Certificate of Availability of Funds supplied by the Chief Financial Officer of this Township shall be attached to a copy of this resolution and kept on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 141-19 AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS THROUGH NJ STATE CONTRACT T-0109, 83909, RADIO COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES, IN AN AMOUNT NTE \$33,520.00

WHEREAS, the Township of Morris Fire Department wishes to purchase radios and equipment through the NJ State Contract T-0109, 8390, awarded to Motorola Solutions, 123 Tice Blvd., Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677, and

WHEREAS, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided to the Township Clerk by the Chief Financial Officer of this Township, certifying that funds for said contract are available in the following accounts:

FUND	LINE NO.	AMOUNT
General Capital	G-04-55-711-060	\$33,520.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee, Township of Morris, State of New Jersey, that a contract be awarded to Motorola Solutions for radio communication and equipment in the amount not to exceed \$33,520.00.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 142-19 AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT MONIES AND EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000 FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM FOR THE SHERMAN AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Township of Morris has need to make roadway improvements on Sherman Avenue and the intersecting roads of Raymond Road and Hathaway Road; and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the Township of Morris that the purpose for these improvements would qualify for Municipal Aid.

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

That the Township Committee formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

That the Township of Morris, shall, through its appropriate officers, make application to the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation through the NJDOT SAGE for grant funds in the amount of \$750,000 for the purpose of making the necessary road improvements on Sherman Avenue and the intersecting streets of Raymond Road and Hathaway Road.

That the Mayor and Clerk, upon award, are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Morris and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 143-19 AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT MONIES AND EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000 FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM FOR THE SOUTHGATE PARKWAY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Township of Morris has need to make roadway improvements on Southgate Parkway; and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the Township of Morris that the purpose for these improvements would qualify for Municipal Aid.

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

That the Township Committee formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

That the Township of Morris, shall, through its appropriate officers, make application to the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation through the NJDOT SAGE for grant funds in the amount of \$750,000 for the purpose of making the necessary road improvements on Southgate Parkway.

That the Mayor and Clerk, upon award, are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Morris and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.

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

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CONSENT CALENDAR AND RECEIVED FOR THE RECORD APPROVED AS CIRCULATED

At this time the Township Clerk presented the Consent Calendar and Received for the Record as hereinafter set forth.

On resolution duly offered, seconded, and adopted by the roll call as indicated (exceptions, if any, noted thusly*), the Consent Calendar and Received for the Record was adopted and thereby the Governing Body took the following actions:

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approved ProSight Insurance, 412 Mt. Kemble Avenue to hold an employee barbeque on August 2, 2019 from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. in the building/parking lot located at 412 Mt. Kemble Avenue.
2. Acknowledges that the annual bicycling fundraiser by the National MS Society known as the MS: Country Challenge. The riders will be riding through Morris Township, using Burnham Road and Washington Valley Road as part of the event on Saturday, September 14, 2019 and Sunday, September 15, 2019. Subject to the approval, if required, of the Police Chief Mark DiCarlo and Fire Chief Jesse Kaar, and the filing of a Certificate of Insurance naming the Township as an additional insured with a Hold Harmless Clause.

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CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

3. Accepts with regret the resignation of Planning Board Member Mr. Laurence D. Bobbin, as per letter of resignation, received July 10, 2019. The Township Committee on behalf of the residents extends their appreciation and thanks Mr. Bobbin for his many years of volunteer service to the residents of the Township of Morris.
4. Approved The Seeing Eye to host its annual Staff Picnic on Thursday, August 15, 2019, their annual Family Day Picnic for puppy raiser families on Saturday, August 17, 2019 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. (will be arranging an off-duty police officer to assist with traffic control and safety for Family Day), and Saturday, August 24, 2019 hosting a reunion for Seeing Eye graduates in celebration of their 90th anniversary. This request includes a 40'x40' tent for picnic lunch (no cooking done under the tent). This approval is subject to the approval, if required, of Police Chief Mark DiCarlo, Fire Chief Jesse Kaar, Health Administrator Kevin Breen, Construction Code Official Albert Mastrobattista., and Zoning Officer David Hansen
5. Approved Seaton Hackney Stables, 440 South Street to hold an Open House and Family Festival on Saturday, September 28th (rain date September 29th) from 12 noon to 5:30 P.M.. This approval is subject to the approval, if required, of Police Chief Mark DiCarlo, Fire Chief Jesse Kaar, Health Administrator Kevin Breen, and if there is an issue through pre-registration for the event with parking, the requests includes that the requestor will be required to obtain an application, and approval from Mr. William Foelsch, Parks and Recreation Director.
6. Acknowledges the removal of Junior Firefighter Alec Holmes from the rolls of the Morris Township Fire Department.
7. Acknowledges the new membership of Brittany Carrion who has met all the requirements of the Morris Township Office of Emergency Management as per memo, dated July 11, 2019 from Daniel S. Nunn, OEM Coordinator.
8. Acknowledges the new membership of Alec Holmes who has met all the requirements of the Morris Township Office of Emergency Management as per memo, dated July 11, 2019 from Daniel S. Nunn, OEM Coordinator.
9. Approved the temporary detour of East bound Mendham Ave. to Burnham Parkway for a two (2) hour duration for the annual Verizon Corporate Classic 5K run which will take place on Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.; a Police Officer will be hired to supervise the detour route and to ensure safety. This approval is subject to the approval of Police Chief Mark DiCarlo, and if required, Fire Chief Jesse Kaar.

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MATTERS RECEIVED FOR THE RECORD

The following items were officially received for the record and placed on file in the Office of the Township Clerk, to be retained in accordance with the related specific detail of the current record retention schedule promulgated by the New Jersey Bureau of Archives:

TAX APPEALS – TAX COURT OF NJ

1. BLOCK 90002, LOT 1 -VERIZON

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

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

At this time Mayor Grayzel called on the Committee members who have reports on their Standing Committee assignments, and is summarized as follows(** indicates Chairman):

MR. GYORFY- COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – The resident engagement survey which will foster a more engaged public and noted that there good public response and feedback. Will met with Mrs. Wilson to collaborate on a communication plan. Noted that Virginia Murphy has done a great job on the events calendar that will include all events that are taking place in the Township. Encouraged residents to visit the Township website for updates.

MR. ARVANITES–PARKS AND RECREATION AND SEWER – Noted the event that have been scheduled by the Recreation Department in reference to Township Movie Night, the events taking place and the Township Pools that encouraged residents to come out and enjoy the planned events that are provided by the Parks and Recreation Department.

MRS. WILSON – ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY, FIRE, TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION –

ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY - Update on Regional Plastic Bag Ban Initiative: we just received yesterday the “model ordinance” this regional coalition group has created. We will be looking at ways to tailor this ordinance to fit Morris Township and develop plans for doing outreach with our community; Recycling Education and Outreach – this is an important initiative that a subcommittee of the Environmental Commission continues to work on.

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MAYOR GRAYZEL – SEWER/ENGINEERING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT – announced that survey work for the James Street sidewalk and do to the various resident complaints on Mendham Avenue the Township has received names of hydrologists to see how the Township can best address the water issue that is being experienced by residents on Mendham Road.

MR. MANCUSO – INFRASTRUCTURE; FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND TAX ASSESSOR; PERSONNEL, POLICE, FIRE, PUBLIC WORKS - No report this month.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

At this time Mayor Grayzel called upon the Members of the Township Committee for comments which are summarized as follows:

MR. GYORFY – Congratulated Charlie Arteghier for his service to our Country and our Town and has known him for 10 years where Mr. Gyorfy from volunteering at the Hillside Fire Company and he has been a great inspiration and that this recognition is well deserved. Mr. Arteghier joined the Hillside Fire Company in 1960 and was awarded for his valor while serving during the Korean War and is well deserving of this recognition. Supports the Open Space Grant on Vallevue which will preserve land for future generation. Mr. Gyorfy encouraged residents to visit the Vallevue location; is looking forward to working on the Transportation Advisory Committee.

MR. MANCUSO – Expressed his condolences to the Remlinger family on the passing of Donald Remlinger, husband of Sharon who have been residents of Morris Township for over fifty (50) years; advised residents of the age of 50 to take care during the anticipated heat wave; recognized in the audience his son, Father Kenneth Mancuso who is visiting, and his grandson JJ.

MR. ARVANTIES – No comment.

MRS. WILSON – I'd like to comment on the Open Public Meeting Act (OPMA) and its connection with our work to establish TCAC. OPMA (better known as the Sunshine Law) has a major impact on our ability to communicate with each other outside of our regular TC meetings; OPMA allows us to communicate 1-1, but direct communication between more than 2 of us at the same time is not allowed; OPMA therefore requires us to communicate in ways that remind me of the old game of Telephone; the message changes with each transmission from one person to another; this form of communication is cumbersome and frustrating; especially in this case – where there's such a large number of complex issues to deal with; this communication requirement has led to a lot of confusion among us; stepping back, there's one thing that I find to be very uplifting: The message of OPMA is: we want you to carry out the public's business in public. We want your thought process and discussion to take place in the sunshine of a public meeting – so the public can see for itself what's going on; What you saw here tonight is a good example of the Sunshine Law in action; It was also an example of a core value that's really important to me: Disagreements are not the problem. Disagreements are fine. They're healthy; The real issue is how do you handle it when disagreements arise? Conversations about difficult issues are challenging enough in private – let alone in public; discussing our disagreements is not only the right thing to do. In the cases where the public's business is involved (as in setting up our Transportation Committee) – it's what the law requires us to do; I'm proud to see us moving in this direction.

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MAYOR GRAYZEL

Larry Bobbin- Last week we received a resignation letter from Larry Bobbin, a member of our planning board for many years. Larry is recovering from an illness and I appreciate his consideration when he said that his delayed return might hold up an alternate from serving full-time on the board. I would like to thank Larry for his many years of service to the community and I wish him well in his recovery.

I would like to express my condolences to Melissa Gibson and her two sons on the passing of her husband Greg Gibson at too young of an age. Melissa helps run a local program called the Municipal Alliance on behalf of Morris Township. Last Saturday I was honored to be able to say a few words prior to a memorial baseball game put on by the Babe Ruth league. The game I witnessed was truly amazing. Kyle Gibson is age 17 and loves baseball. Kyle is developmentally disabled, yet he plays Babe Ruth baseball. On this special day on a late Saturday in July twenty-six young men came out in a show of support for Kyle Gibson. These young men let Kyle pitch for the first time in his career and hit lead-off. With the support of his friends, Kyle pitched a shutout and was 3 for 4 including a triple. It was a truly heart-warming baseball game to watch and I laud all the young men who gave their time in that special game on behalf of their teammate, their friend, and neighbor. Well done Babe Ruth and well done young men!

Thank you again to Cathy Wilson for her preparation work which culminated in the introduction of our Transportation and Circulation Advisory Committee tonight. At the next meeting there will be more discussion of the objectives of this Committee. And I hope that we might even make our first appointments to this new committee. If anybody in the public is interested please let me or Cathy know, and make sure you submit your volunteer application to our clerk Cathy Amelio.

The Township Committee continues to make improvements to resident communications. Our latest addition is the distribution of a monthly event calendar that pulls together all of our municipal meetings and activities all in one e saw the latest new resident communication from the Township Committee. This was sent via Municipal Messenger email and also posted to our website. Thank you to Mark Gyorfy on the communications Committee and Virginia Murphy in our Administrator's office for their good work in pulling this together.

Regarding the James Street sidewalk, I want to say thank you to Mayor Dougherty of Morristown for doing their part and installing the section of sidewalk from Footes Pond to the Morris Township border. Now it is time for Morris Township to do their part and connect the sidewalk to Footes Lane and ultimately I hope to connect it to Spring Brook Road and Southgate Parkway. We have taken the first steps by authorizing the municipal engineer to contract out for survey work for the road.

There is a heat wave coming this weekend, so I wanted to remind residents that there is still time to join our swim pools. Partial-season memberships are available. Morris Township has two beautiful pools that residents can take advantage of. If you are not a member, this weekend would be a great time to join. Please contact our Recreation Department for more information.

In speaking with Mr. Quinn yesterday, the topic of our playground programs came up. Mr. Quinn told me that we have 3 particular sites that he says are bursting at the seams. This is yet another of our wonderful recreation programs.

The County College of Morris (CCM) has been awarded a \$4 million grant from the United States Department of Labor. The grant program is called "Scaling Apprenticeship Through Sector-Based Strategies" and it focuses on advancing the development of apprenticeship programs in three areas:

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MAYOR GRAYZEL (CONTINUED)

advanced manufacturing, information technology and health care. The program supports partnerships among educational institutions and the private and public sectors. These partnerships will create apprenticeship models to close the skills gap by providing key training and job placement opportunities and strengthening pathways into the workforce.

As a grant recipient, CCM will lead a consortium of New Jersey community colleges to build a network of apprenticeship programs in advanced manufacturing. CCM was one of only 23 academic institutions nationwide to receive the USDOL grant.

Speaking if the Department of Labor, yesterday I was honored to represent Morris Township at a meeting of Northeast Elected Officials hosted by the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. The meeting took place in the historic Eisenhower building adjacent the White House, which houses the executive offices for the executive branch of our government. I was one of only two officials from Morris County that attended, the other being Freeholder heather Darling.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Grayzel, in accordance with standard procedure, opened the meeting for comments by the general public. The name, address and summary of comments and responses, as appropriate, follows:

Ms. Diane Holland – 26 Northbridge Place – Inquired as to the Resolution 136-19 creating Engineering inspection fee account for the St. Elizabeth property. Ans. Mr. Quinn advised Ms. Holland that the account relates St. Elizabeth's pump station and the property owners request to take over the existing pump station on their property; who is responsible for the transportation policy? Ans. Mr. Quinn stated that the Township Committee will develop a policy for this committee; Ms. Holland commend the Township with the new Messenger format; the EDAC presentation was wonderful; if plastic bags are banned requested that the Township develop bags with the Township logo that would promote the Township.

Mr. George Quillan – 7 Bishop Court – the Transportation Ordinance is tremendous and agreed with Ms. Wilson's comments and justification that it should be more specific. Ans. The guideline and policies would be on the Township Website; is glad to see that the Township created the Transportation and the new naming of the Ordinance; recommended sidewalks on James Street be extended to Southgate Parkway and as far as Spring Brook Road.

Mr. Lee Goldberg – 10 Arrowhead Road – Inquired as to what the name of the new Ordinance would be? Ans. Transportation Advisory Committee and that the Township Committee will be creating the policies for this Committee. The Mayor noted that the policy needs to be flushed out. Ms. Wilson indicated that Mr. Quinn is creating the policy and requested to see the policy. Mr. Quinn stated that this new Committee policy will model the Economic Development Advisory Committee. Does the Mayor have contact with neighboring towns in reference to traffic concerns and how can the Township vet applicants for new developments on Park Avenue? Ans. Mayor Grayzel is looking into a group of adjoining town Mayors to talk about applicants for new projects being considered. Has there been any discussion or consideration on a fly-over for Route 24 and the impact? Ans. Yes, is aware of proposal. Will the St. Elizabeth's pump station be used for future development of the area? Ans. There will be no expansion and will on serve current needs.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Public Comment period was closed.

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MONTHLY REPORTS

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following internal operational monthly reports as indicated were received, approved (by the vote as hereinafter indicated) and placed on file in the Office of the Township Clerk, to be retained in accordance with the specific detail of the current record retention schedule promulgated by the New Jersey Bureau of Archives:

THE FOLLOWING REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2019 ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK AND TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR: TAX COLLECTOR; FINANCE ; POLICE; JOINT COURT; JOINT LIBRARY; FIRE

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

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CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT - LIST OF BILLS AND VOUCHERS

Minute Book Attachment #1 (MBA #1) dated July 17, 2019 in the amount of \$8,766,807.99.

The Resolution as hereinafter set forth was duly offered, seconded, and adopted by the vote as hereinafter indicated:

WHEREAS, the Treasurer of the Township of Morris has prepared and has approved for payment the list of Vouchers attached to and hereby made a part hereof as Schedule A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Morris that the proper officers of the Township of Morris be and are hereby authorized and directed to draw checks of the Township of Morris for a total of \$8,766,807.99 for payment of the itemized Vouchers set forth on Schedule A, referenced as Minute Book Attachment No. 1, all of which have been approved by the several committees of the Township of Morris, and which are hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

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

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CALL TO ADJOURNMENT

At 10:16 PM, with no further business to be considered, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, that the July 17, 2019 Regular meeting was adjourned next to convene on August 21, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. to Closed/Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M., in the Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue, Township of Morris.


CATHLEEN AMELIO
TOWNSHIP CLERK