

**MINUTES OF ORGANIZATION MEETING
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CALL TO ORDER

The January 7, 2020 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 Catherine J. Wilson
Deputy Mayor Jeffrey Grayzel
Township Committee Member John D. Arvanites
Township Committee Member Mark J. Gyorfy
Township Committee Member Peter V. Mancuso

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Timothy F. Quinn, Township Administrator
Scott L. Carson, Township Attorney
Cathleen Amelio, Township Clerk

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INVOCATION

Pastor Timothy Daniels, Newbridge Nazarene Church

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America the Beautiful (Solo) sung by Abby Daniels

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 5, 2019 General Election, wherein Peter V. Mancuso elected to a three year term, i.e., January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022 as Members of the Township Committee, was duly filed.

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ADMINISTRATION-OATHS OF OFFICE-TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER

Senator Anthony M. Bucco administered the Oath of Office and Oath of Allegiance to re-elected Township Committee Member Peter V. Mancuso with the assistance of his wife Lois and son Peter

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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, Catherine J. Wilson was elected, by the vote of 4-1-0 as Mayor for the ensuing year, after which the Oath of Office was administered by Amalia Duarte, Committeewoman of Mendham Township, N.J., with the assistance of her son Robert.

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ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

With standard selection procedures being observed, Jeffrey Grayzel 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 Senator Joseph P. Cyran with the assistance of his son Jacob and mother Mrs. Eleanor Grayzel holding the Bible.

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INTRODUCTIONS IN AUDIENCE

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

Congresswoman Miki Sherrill was represented by Shalena Gagliprdi, State Senator Anthony Bucco, Senator Joseph Cryan, Assemblywoman Aura Dunn, Freeholder John Krickes, Madison Mayor Robert Conley, Mendham Township Committeewoman Amalia Duarte, Chatham Borough Mayor Thaddeus J. Kobylarz, former Township Committeeman Members: Richard Watson, and Kathleen Hyland, 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 and QPA, James Slate, Township Engineer, Virginia Murphy, Assistant to the Administrator, Ilene Ruggerio, Secretary to the Administrator, Jen Mantek, retired Fire Chief Craig Goss, Morris County Democrat Chair Chip Robinson, Morris County Republican Chair Laura Ali.

MAYOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS - MAYOR CATHERINE J. WILSON

Good Evening Friends, Family, Staff, Colleagues, and Welcomed Guests.

Thank you all for coming out this evening to celebrate our first meeting of a new year — and a new decade.

I'm honored, I'm humbled, and I'm THRILLED to serve as Morris Township's mayor in the coming year. I love that my term will coincide with the 100th anniversary of women getting the right to vote! Count me in to do my part to keep that trajectory moving in a positive direction!

A few words of thanks and recognition to begin...

All of us look forward to working together with you in the year ahead.

Thank you to my dear friend, Mendham Township Committeewoman, Amalia Duarte, for swearing me in. Mendham Township is lucky to have you!

Thanks, also, to my AWESOME son — Rob Wilson — for making time in your super busy schedule to be here tonight and to hold that well-worn bible for my swearing in. You're the best!

A shout out to my dad — my Papa! — Ed Beimfohr and his wife, my stepmom, Silvie Netter for their wonderful encouragement and support. At the last minute, they were not able to make the trip from Florida, but they will be watching on video. I love you guys!

A big thanks also to my brother — Larry Beimfohr, who lives in Mendham Borough, NOT Township! I know you would never in a million years attend the swearing-in of any other Democratic mayor - so I am GENUINELY honored that you're here!

Finally, I want to thank my colleagues for your friendship and support. We're a great team! I love working with you.

A special word of thanks to Jeff. Jeff did a wonderful job as mayor last year, and you were a great mentor to me. I look forward to continuing our "dynamic duo" work together in the days ahead.

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MAYOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS - MAYOR CATHERINE J. WILSON (CONTINUED)

Turning to the present moment, and the year that lies ahead: All I can say is WOW!!! It's amazing what happens when you're passionate — and persistent — in pursuing values you REALLY believe in!

If you had told me 10 years ago that my life journey would lead to this moment tonight — I would have said NO WAY.

It was never my ambition to run for office, let alone serve as mayor.

My passion has always been on the citizen side of things. I taught civics for many years. I love our "of the people, by the people, for the people" system of government. It's a work of genius!

As nerdy as it sounds, my passion for decades has been to encourage good, active, informed citizenship and to practice it myself. Our people (our citizens) are the LIFE BLOOD of our democracy. Putting the power of government in the hands of WE THE PEOPLE is a bedrock ideal that our forefathers (and foremothers) endured unimaginable hardships to preserve.

I find it awe-inspiring to think of those ideals taking root right here on the very ground we walk on today (in places like Washington Valley and Jockey Hollow).

And so, a few years ago, when I attempted to communicate with our elected officials about some issues that I felt were important to our community (which, to me, was an act of good citizenship), I was stunned by some of their responses:

I was ignored. I was scolded. I was even told publicly at one point that my concerns were noise.

Really?!? My response to that was: You guys: I'm not good with that!

And so, my passion to stand for good citizenship turned into a run (or should I say several runs) for office myself.

Like I said: It's amazing what happens when you're passionate — and persistent — in pursuing values you REALLY believe in!

Fast forward to the present moment: as we begin a new year, a new decade, and yes, early steps in a new chapter in Morris Township's history, here are my thoughts on where we're at and where we'd like to go:

All of us on this dais share a commitment to one basic goal: we want Morris Township be a beacon of excellence in everything we do.

What does it mean to be a beacon of excellence?

In some cases, such as our approach to working with taxes and the budget, it means continuing longstanding practices that EVERYONE who lives here values and appreciates:

Our town is extremely well run.

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Our taxes are among the lowest in the area.

Our municipal services are excellent.

These "beacon of excellence" values are so deeply ingrained in the history and culture of our town that I think of them as defining characteristics of who we are as a community.

You can rest assured that ALL of us on this dais are 100% committed to continuing these traditions. We totally get that these accomplishments reflect the contributions of many people, including:

All of our employees, particularly our Dept. chairs, who work very hard, day in and day out, to provide the quality services our residents have come to expect. We commend your talents and dedication, and THANK YOU for all that you do to make our community such a great place to live.

Likewise to our Township Administrator, Tim Quinn. Every year, Tim spends a countless number of hours to keep Morris Township working in every way you can imagine, especially through his work on our budget. We can't thank you enough for all you do to support our tradition of fiscal responsibility and to keep our town running so efficiently and so well.

In 2017, the winds of change swept our country and blew into Morris Twp. Widespread apathy turned to widespread engagement.

Excellence in this context is built on the premise made famous by Justice Louis Brandeis: "The most important office is that of private citizen."

Building on that assumption, a key goal we have is to ensure that our approach to governance is as user-friendly and inviting to citizens as possible.

This past year, we got off to a GREAT start in making Morris Township the beacon of excellence we envision. Our accomplishments in 2019 established a foundation that we intend to build on in 2020. Here are some examples:

Last year, we passed a flat budget with no tax increase. The year before, our budget included a slight tax decrease. While the outcome of our 2020 budget is in progress, and not yet determined, you can rest assured that it will reflect our town's enduring values and expertise and our longstanding commitment to fiscal responsibility.

In 2019, we established a new Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) which brings together residents and professionals to study, explore, and make advisory recommendations on ways to improve walking, bicycling, driving, and parking in Morris Twp. TAC will play a key role in the year ahead in making real progress on these quality-of-life issues that are so important to all of us.

Our Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) developed a written Strategic Plan which they are poised to begin implementing in the year ahead.

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Thanks to the work of our Environmental Commission and their coordination with our professionals and several other organizations and groups, we passed a ban on single-use, carry-out plastic bags which will go into effect in July. Expect to learn more from our EC on this topic — and many others - in the months ahead.

A quick comment on recycling: we know there are many questions about the changes this year in what can and cannot be put in recycling. You'll be hearing more about this from our Public Works Dept. and our EC in the days ahead. In the meantime, the main tip I have is: You can find answers to 99% of your questions right in here (municipal calendar).

Speaking of COMMUNICATION: we took MANY steps this past year, big and small, to ensure that residents have easy and timely access to the information they need to understand what's going on and plenty of opportunities to ask questions, share their views, and engage in dialogue with us and with each other.

Committeeman Gyorfy, who chairs our Communication Standing Committee, has done an excellent job leading our communication efforts and will tell you more about our plans and accomplishments during his remarks.

I do want to comment on two aspects of our communication work that are near and dear to my heart:

OFFICE HOURS

- We continue to hold monthly (2nd Wed.) Office Hours with residents. A Municipal Messenger reminder is sent the Friday before.
- Our 2020 Office Hours meetings will begin Feb. 12.

VIDEO — I can't tell you how much it warms my heart to highlight these accomplishments:

- A link to complete video of each TC meeting is now shared on the Township website and FB page and in the Recap that comes out a few days after the meeting.
- Morris Township now has its own YouTube channel: "Morris Township Videos."
- Our TC meetings are broadcast on Cablevision's public access channel (channel 21) from 7-9PM on Monday nights — a nice opportunity to flip channels during football viewing!

We are working to establish broadcast capability with Verizon. This would allow us to have our own channel which opens many exciting possibilities such as: live broadcast and a POTENTIAL to air resident-prepared videos - of community events, for example. More to come on this front — stay tuned!

I want to mention something that is not well known: May 2020 will mark the 5-year anniversary of the start of video coverage of the Morris Township Committee meetings. Video in Morris Township has been my doing. I have the battle scars to prove it!

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I am proud of the work I did to spearhead this effort! And I'm thrilled that responsibility for accomplishing this work has been almost completely transferred to the Township.

LAND USE ISSUES - I want to say a few words about development and land use issues which are topics of great concern to all of us.

Developing new ways of working with the public on land use issues is something that's very important to us.

Our goal is to be a beacon of excellence in how development decisions are handled in our community. While development raises issues that are notoriously complex, legalistic, and conflict-ridden, here's what you can count on from us:

We will do everything we can to ensure that communication with the public is as open, timely, complete, and transparent as possible.

We are also interested in exploring ways to engage our community in opportunities to proactively envision future possibilities together.

Last year we took several steps to accomplish these goals, and we have many plans in mind for the year ahead. Watch for details — and opportunities to participate.

As we work toward our goal of becoming a beacon of excellence in everything we do, there are so many other things I'd love to mention — like: the incredible work our Historic Preservation Commission is doing; the plans our Environmental Commission and our EDAC have for the year ahead; the specific projects our Transportation Advisory Committee will be working on; the presentations we have in mind for educating the public on land use issues; and last, but not least, the fact that pickleball HAS INDEED become A THING in Morris Township.

But I'll save all these topics for another day, and conclude by saying the following:

I am truly honored to serve as Morris Township's mayor this year. I promise to give this job everything I've got to serve the best interests of everyone who lives here and works here.

Today, January 7th, is the birthday of my late mother. My mom was one of the hardest working people I know. When she got passionate about something, she stayed with it. She was feisty about standing up for values she believed in. She trained me well.

If she were here — in person — I know what she'd say. She'd say: YOU GO, GIRL! And my response to that is: I will!

Here's to a great year — and a great decade — for all of us!

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RESOLUTION – GENERAL

RESOLUTION NO 7-20 - RESOLVED, that Scott L. Carlson, Esquire, of the firm of Carlson Siedsma, LLP, be appointed as Township Attorney for the Township of Morris for a one (1) year period, i.e., to December 31, 2020.

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

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OATH OF OFFICE – MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

Cathleen Amelio, Township Clerk swore in Municipal Attorney Scott L. Carlson, Esquire for a term of office expiring December 31, 2020.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 1-20

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.

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APPOINTMENT – 2020 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, Jeffrey R. Grayzel |
| 5. Engineering and Code Enforcement | *Jeffrey R. Grayzel, John D. Arvanites |
| 6. Finance, Insurance, and Tax Assessor | *Peter V. Mancuso, Catherine J. Wilson |
| 7. Fire | *John D. Arvanites, Catherine J. Wilson, |
| 8. Legislation, Government Liaison, and Grants | *Mark J. Gyorfy, Catherine J. Wilson |
| 9. Shared Services | *Jeffrey R. Grayzel, John D. Arvanites |
| 10. Personnel | *John D. Arvanites Peter V. Mancuso |
| 11. Police | *Peter V. Mancuso, Jeffrey R. Grayzel |
| 12. Parks and Recreation | *John D. Arvanites, Peter V. Mancuso |
| 13. Public Works | *Catherine J. Wilson, John D. Arvanites |
| 14. Sewer Utility | *Jeffrey R. Grayzel, Mark J. Gyorfy |

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2-20

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>
	<u>BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</u>	
PAUL WOODFORD		2023
WILLIAM KRAMER, ALTERNATE #1		2020
	<u>ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION</u>	
DANIEL KENNY, Chairman		2022
SIVA JONNADA		2022
JOSHUA SAKS		2021
JARAUN WRIGHT, ALT #1		2021
ALEX AMBROSE, ALT.#2		2020
	<u>PLANNING BOARD</u>	
CATHERINE J. WILSON, MAYOR		2020
JEFFREY R. GRAYZEL, DEPUTY MAYOR		2020
JESSE KAAR		2023
LINDA MURPHY		2023
GEORGE QUILLAN		2023
CHARLENE ANDERSON, ALT. #1		2020
PAUL DeNOON, ALT. #2		2021
	<u>OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE</u>	
MARK J. GYORFY, COMMITTEEMAN		2020
MARY ELLEN DENOON		2021
STEVE TRACTENBERG, ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION LIAISON		2020
	<u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u>	
JEFFREY GRAYZEL, DEPUTY MAYOR (MAYOR DESIGNEE)		2020
JESSICA BRENNAN		2021
RANDY EMOND		2021
LIAM GALLAGHER		2021
ROBERT BERNS		2021
TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR		2020
TAX ASSESSOR		2020
TOWNSHIP PLANNER		2020

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**RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS - POSITIONS CREATED BY STATUTE
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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

<u>NAME OF APPOINTEE</u>	<u>BOARD/POSITION</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRING 12/31</u>
CATHERINE J. WILSON, MAYOR		2020
MARK GYORFY, COMMITTEE MEMBER		2020
DAVID CURNOW		2021
RICHARD BYE		2021
RANDALL EMOND		2021
TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR (OR DESIGNEE)		2020
POLICE CHIEF (OR DESIGNEE)		2020
TOWNSHIP ENGINEER (OR DESIGNEE)		2020
DIRECTOR PARKS & RECREATION (OR DESIGNEE)		2020
<u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u>		
PETER V. MANCUSO		2022
DR. BONITA SUE PYLER, ALT. #1		2021

MORRIS TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

CHARLES SCHMIDT	C	2023
SARAH HARRIS	A	2023
CAROL BARKEN	C	2023

SANITARY SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MARK GYORFY, COMMITTEEMAN		2020
JEFFREY R. GRAYZEL, DEPUTY MAYOR		2020

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

JOHN D. ARVANITES, COMMITTEEMAN	1	2020
PETER V. MANCUSO, COMMITTEEMAN	1	2020
WILLIAM FOELSCH, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR(1YR)		2020
BARBARA BYRNES	2	2021
FRANK MORONSKI	2	2021
SAM PAGANO	2	2021
EDWARD THORNTON	2	2021
RICHARD WATSON	2	2021
KELLY HALL	2	2021
STEVE TRACTENBERG	2	2021
KATHLEEN HYLAND	2	2021

JOINT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF MORRISTOWN AND MORRIS TOWNSHIP

CATHERINE J. WILSON, MAYOR (EX-OFFICIO)		2020
PATRICIA MURPHY (MAYOR'S ALTERNATE)		2020
GEOFFREY BROOKS		2024

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVENUE SHARING COMMITTEE

TIMOTHY QUINN, TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR		2020
VIRGINIA MURPHY, TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE		2020
MELANIE HOSTETTER		2020

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CATHERINE J. WILSON, MAYOR		2020
JEFFREY GRAYZEL, DEPUTY MAYOR		2020
PAMELA WATSON		2020

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<u>NAME OF APPOINTEE</u>	<u>BOARD/POSITION</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRING 12/31</u>
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MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ETHICS

ERICA NAVARINO		2023
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**MORRISTOWNSHIP/MORRISTOWN JOINT MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2020**

PETER V. MANCUSO, COMMITTEEMAN
JOHN ARVANITES, COMMITTEEMAN
TIMOTHY F. QUINN, TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR
MARK DICARLO, POLICE CHIEF
ELIZABETH ZALME, BOARD OF HEALTH MORRIS TOWNSHIP
ALEXIS PIOMBINO, MORRIS TOWNSHIP RECREATION
MELISSA GIBSON, COORDINATOR
PATRICK TIERNEY
LINDA BERTUGLIA
RON GORAYEB
KYLEIGH TIERNEY
MELISSA SPIOTTA

**AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE
EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2020**

DAWN PARKOT		2020
GINA ANTON		2020
NICHOLAS URCIUOLI		2020

**MORRIS TOWNSHIP WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2020**

JEFFREY GRAYZEL , DEPUTY MAYOR
MARK DICARLO, CHIEF OF POLICE
THOMAS C. HUMBERT
STEVEN SUMMERER

**WHIPPANY RIVER WATERSHED ACTION COMMITTEE
EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2020**

ALEX AMBROSE , GOVERNING BODY DESIGNEE
MARY ELLEN MURRAY
SIVA JONNADA (ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION LIAISON)

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2020**

THOMAS ESCHMANN
CATHERINE WILSON, MAYOR
MELANIE HOSTETTER
DIANE HOLLAND
ELIZABETH KAAR
KELLY HALL
ROSEMARY MONOD

**SWIM POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2020**

MAURA BRAUN
RICHARD WATSON
HOLLY GERA
JEAN VIOTTO
BRAD MEHL
JOSHUA SAKS
KELLY HALL

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**LACKAWANNA COALITION (TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE)
EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2020**

<u>NAME OF APPOINTEE</u>	<u>BOARD/POSITION</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRING 12/31</u>
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JAMES O'REILLY

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 3-20-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, 2020:

Douglas Turner, David Peterson, Glen Johnson, Emmett McDowell, Jose Gonzalez, Jr.
Vincent Brennan, Jr.

RESOLVED, that the following be appointed as Police Matrons for a period of one (1) year, i.e., to December 31, 2020:

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, 2020

MINDY MARTIN

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 4-20 FIRE COMPANIES

RESOLVED, that the following Officers of Fire Companies be approved for the term of one (1) year, i.e., to December 31, 2020:

MT. KEMBLE

Captain
1st Lieutenant
2nd Lieutenant

Eric Meyer
John Romano
(vacant)

COLLINSVILLE

Captain
1st Lieutenant
2nd Lieutenant

(vacant)
(vacant)
(vacant)

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RESOLUTION NO. 4-20-FIRE COMPANIES(CONTINUED)

RESOLVED, that the following Officers of Fire Companies be approved for the term of one (1) year, i.e., to December 31, 2020:

HILLSIDE

Captain
1st Lieutenant
2nd Lieutenant

Jeff Davis
David Shuster
(vacant)

FAIRCHILD

Captain
1st Lieutenant
2nd Lieutenant

Melissa Alderton
James Behnke
Robert Keller

WOODLAND

Captain
1st Lieutenant
2nd Lieutenant

Darnell Richardson
Daniel Lovenberg
Kyle Myers

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 5-20 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, 2020:

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	MR. GRAYZEL	YES
		MAYOR WILSON	YES	

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RESOLUTION NO. 6-20

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

2. The award of each such contract is specifically conditioned upon receipt of a Business Entity Disclosure Certification in proper form, as required.

3. 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	MR. GRAYZEL	YES
		MAYOR WILSON	YES	

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RESOLUTION 7-20 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, 2020.

RESOLVED, that ACRISURE, LLC be appointed Risk Consultant for the Township of Morris for a one (1) year period, i.e. to December 31, 2020.

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, 2020.

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 Morris News Bee be designated as additional newspapers for the year 2020.

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

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RESOLUTION 8-20 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

RESOLVED, that meetings of the Township Committee for 2020 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	15th (5:30 PM CLOSED)
FEBRUARY	19th
MARCH	18th (5:30 PM CLOSED)
APRIL	15th
MAY	20th
JUNE	17th (5:30 PM CLOSED)
JULY	15th
AUGUST	19th
SEPTEMBER	16 th (5:30 PM CLOSED)
OCTOBER	21st
NOVEMBER	Thursday, 12th
DECEMBER	16th (5:30 PM CLOSED)
JANUARY	6th, 2021 (7:00 PM)

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

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RESOLUTION 9-20 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	Affinity Federal Credit Union	

(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>
Catherine Wilson, Mayor		_____
Jeffrey Grayzel, Deputy Mayor		_____
Francine DeAngelis, CFO/Director of Finance		_____
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	MR. GRAYZEL	YES
		MAYOR WILSON	YES	

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RESOLUTION NO. 10-20 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	Affinity Federal Credit Union		
 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.

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.

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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.

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	MR. GRAYZEL	YES
		MAYOR WILSON	YES	

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RESOLUTION 11-20 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 2019 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 2020, and

WHEREAS, 26.25 percent of the total appropriations in the 2019 Budget, less appropriations for Capital Improvement Fund, Debt Service and Public Assistance in the said Budget is as follows:

<u>General</u>	<u>\$8,849,046.75</u>
<u>Sewer Utility</u>	<u>\$1,727,423.39</u>
<u>Swimming Pool Enterprise</u>	<u>\$ 217,034.27</u>
<u>Parking Enterprise</u>	<u>\$ 65,264.25</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	MR. GRAYZEL	YES
		MAYOR WILSON	YES	

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RESOLUTION 12-20 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.

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RESOLUTION 12-20 ESTABLISHING INTEREST RATE-DELINQUENT TAXES AND SEWER FEES(CONTINUED)

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	MR. GRAYZEL	YES
		MAYOR WILSON	YES	

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Recognition of 2019 Chairs of Boards, Committees and Commissions (Deputy Mayor)

Committeeman Jeff Grayzel recognized the following Chairmen of Boards, Committees and Commissions. Mr. Grayzel wants to honor those in our community who are Chairmen of various Board and Committees who run these Boards. Without volunteer Morris Township would not be what it is today.

Recognized the following Chairs: Rick Watson, Open Space, Franz Vintsgar, Planning Board, Tim Kronk, Board of Adjustment, Dr. Robert Katz, Board of Health, Carol Barken, Historic Preservation, Pat Tierney, Community Partnership, and Paul DeNoon, Economic Development Advisory.

Mr. Grayzel stated that these Board members put in many hours and do wonderful work for the Township of Morris, and thanked them for volunteering.

Mr. Grayzel encouraged residents to volunteer and to send in their volunteer applications.

Mayor Wilson noted that committees are important and encouraged residents to attend meeting as it is a great opportunity to learn.

MEMBERS OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTARY

MR. GYORFY - First, I would like to congratulate Committeeman Mancuso on his reelection, our new Mayor Cathy Wilson and our new Deputy Mayor Jeff Grayzel on their appointments tonight. I look forward to working on behalf of our residents under your leadership this year. Good evening everyone and Happy New Year. My name is Mark Gyorfy and I have had the privilege of serving the Township after being sworn-in last year. I am a life-long resident of the Township, I've been a volunteer firefighter with our Fire Department for over ten years, and I am one of the many residents who commutes each day to work from Convent Station.

When I decided to run for the Township Committee two years ago, it was because I wanted to help ensure that the kids who are growing up in Morris Township today have the same opportunities that I had growing up. I felt an obligation to give back to the community that I was raised in and to protect the qualities of our town that we each hold dear. And that's the perspective I try to bring with me each and every day I serve on this Committee.

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MR. GYORFY (CONTINUED) Over the past year, I have had the opportunity to chair the Standing Committees Communications, Legislation, and Infrastructure. I have also had the opportunity to sit on other Standing Committees including: Transportation and Circulation, Environment, Energy, and Sustainability, and Personnel.

While attending meetings for these committees is important, I believe it is also important to go beyond just showing up in order to provide results for those we serve. The committees I was a part of put a lot of hours in in 2019. Over the past year year:

- The Communications Committee worked hard to bolster the amount of information the Township Committee provides to our residents to keep them informed of what we are doing. We have provided recaps of our monthly meetings, held monthly office hours, expanded notifications through the municipal messenger, introduced a monthly preview calendar for residents to see what events are happening in our town each month, provided a mailed newsletter to each household, sent out a resident engagement survey, and transitioned the video recordings of our meetings from a non-profit to become a township responsibility.
- The Legislation Committee introduced the ordinances establishing the new Transportation Advisory Committee to begin the work in addressing our community's transportation challenges and worked with our Environmental Commission to introduce our single-use plastic bag ban to help curb pollution and fight back against harmful micro-plastics from seeping into our drinking water
- The Infrastructure committee has made plans for improvements and upgrades to our facilities at Convent Station for our commuters and train riders

I am looking forward to continuing these initiatives this year and bringing forth new and innovative ways to advance the interests of our residents. I am also looking forward to continuing this hard work with my colleagues on the Township Committee, our dedicated staff here in town hall, and our volunteers who serve on our boards and committees to help make our Township the great place that it is to live.

MR. MANCUSO - First I would like to thank my wife Lois and my family for encouraging me to pursue this adventure to continue on the Township Committee. I thank all of you who have voted for me and am especially pleased by those who voted for me or my opponent. In that same vein, I would like to applaud Bud Ravitz, my rival for this seat for running a decent campaign without any anger, name calling and focusing on the issues. Thank you my friend.

I'd like to congratulate Cathy Wilson for being named Mayor for 2020. I know her work ethic and know she will do a fine job in being our face to the public and helping all of us sort out the myriad situations we will encounter in the coming year. I look forward to working with her. To Jeff Grayzel, our former Mayor, thank you for all your hard work and leadership in helping all of us in steering this Township in the right direction. You have helped us focus on finance, development, personnel, impact from contiguous towns, traffic, etc.

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MR. MANCUSO (CONTINUED) We will continue to make the 24,000 residents living in our 13 square mile Town the center of our collective attention. We will, in every way possible, deal with all the problems that arise in a nonpartisan, nonpolitical manner while doing what is best for all the residents of Morris Township.

To John Arvanites, I commend you for all the work you have done for the Town by calling on your 11 years of experience in the Political Arena. Your experience has helped significantly in dealing with the daily issues that we all face. We are grateful for your presence.

To Mark Gyorfy, our youngest member, I would like to commend you on your grasp of municipal governance quickly and your ability to contribute in a very knowledgeable and understanding manner of your time and your expertise. We are proud to count you among us.

My Most Valuable Player award, once again, goes to our administrator Tim Quinn. Tim and I started together 8 years ago and there is probably not a better administrator in the State. Tim is especially hard working and extremely aware of how to help all of us run the municipality. His knowledge is broad based and he is never at a loss for a solution to or for an answer to the vast array of problems and difficulties we face. Thank you sir, we all thank you.

We pride ourselves in our ability to communicate with each other and have certainly reached a point where we can talk out issues and get things done in a bi-partisan manner, again all done solely for the benefit of the community.

I am honored and privileged to have served Morris Township for 18 years. I thank God that I live in the greatest country the world has ever known. God bless America. God bless New Jersey and especially God bless you all and Morris Township.

MR. GRAYZEL – Thank you to my family. My wife Lynn is away on business and my older son is back at college, but here tonight are my son Alexander and my mother Elinor Grayzel. Thank you for all your love and support.

I would like to thank Senator Joe Cryan for coming to Morris Township tonight. Some of you may not know Senator Cryan who is from Union NJ and represents legislative district 20. He was first elected to the Assembly in 2002 and to the State Senate on 2017. In the disputed election of 2006 I was involved in that ended up in a special election in 2007, Senator Cryan came to my aid in helping me to win that election. And eleven years later I had my turn to serve as Mayor in this town. I am grateful for his help and his friendship during my years on our Township Committee. Thanks again Senator Cryan.

Congratulations to our new Mayor Cathy Wilson. I am so happy for you. I look forward to our continued relationship as the dynamic duo. Congratulations to Peter Mancuso on his election victory. Thank you to the rest of the Township Committee for your hard work this past year. And thank you to our hardworking staff: Tim Quinn who is an A-one administrator and to Cathy Amelio who helps run our meetings efficiently. Welcome on board to our new attorney Scott Carlson.

I am thrilled with what we accomplished in Morris Township in 2019. We have an incredible team working on behalf of our residents, from our operational departments to our volunteer committees. We have many achievements to be proud of and we made very significant progress in our town on several additional fronts. At our December meeting we presented a

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MR. GRAYZEL (CONTINUED) partial list of accomplishments in the form of an infographic, and this can be found on our website. We have set ourselves up to accomplish even more in 2020!

Mayor Wilson already mentioned that we established our new Transportation Advisory Committee last year. I am hopeful that this new committee will not only be a beacon of light for Morris Township but that it will establish a best practice for other municipalities to evaluate transportation and circulation in their own communities.

Last year we reconstituted our Economic Development Advisory Committee. At our November meeting they presented the strategic plan they put together. I look forward to joining this committee this year and helping to implement that strategic plan.

This past year I pursued a personal initiative that is still in its infancy and has yet to be announced publicly. That initiative is to try to bring veterans housing to Morris Township. We created veterans task force that is comprised of mostly veterans and professionals related to veterans service. My goal this year is to put a framework around this project and to begin fundraising towards that goal. I hope to share more on this project later in the year.

I am a person who when he sees a problem wants to try to come up with a solution to address it. Some of you may have heard of the tragedy that occurred in Mendham a week ago when two teenagers were lost to suicide. This hit close to home as it was our neighboring community. A local teenager wrote an essay that was shared with me, and it really moved me to want to do something about this problem. So I decided yesterday that my personal initiative for this year is to form a task force to examine teen suicide and look at implementing an idea I have. I don't want to share the idea just yet but I hope to give more details soon after the task force is formed and reviews the idea.

I again congratulate Mayor Cathy Wilson. And I'm looking forward to working with the entire Township Committee to accomplish many more good things for Morris Township in 2020. Thank you.

MR. ARVANITES-Thank you Mayor Wilson. I will start by saying "if you don't know where you are going, you are never going to get there." Mayor Wilson you knew where you wanted to go and you got there.

Those of you who heard me speak last year, I like to use quotes, so I will be quoting some people again, mostly Mark Twain.

I like to thank the employees and volunteers who make up the best team in the country, not just the State or the County. They help us make our job on the Township Committee a lot easier. Big thank you Tim Quinn, Township Administrator for being the Captain of the ship in helping us navigate through the challenges that we face. Also like to thank my fellow Committee members for all the many more bi-partisan accomplishments that we achieved in 2019 and looking forward the achievements in 2020.

Would like to congratulate Cathy Wilson being our Mayor for 2020 and wish her luck in leading our Township.

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MR. ARVANITES (CONTINUED) Some of our accomplishments this year have been the continued support of our programs to improve our roads, upgrades to our sewer plants to increase performance, adding new youth sports programs, and making improvements to our pools such as, new heating systems and fencing and we also increased membership.

To quote Mark Twain, “Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority it is time to pause and reflect.”

At our last reorganization meeting I stated that together, if we work as a cohesive unit, and leave political influence out, we can do great things. For the most part I think we kinda did that.

We often hear about transparent government but it is a little disappointing that our elected officials are a bit hypocritical. They complain about pervious administration actions, but the current governing body has fallen into the same types of actions. When we were sworn in, we swore to faithfully, impartially, and justly perform all the duties of our office to the best of our ability. Outside political influence from the County levels and others have influence over our governing body to put individuals into positions because of donations and other involvements in campaigns. I don't believe this is a prudent way to governing our Township. It doesn't benefit all of our residents. I can't stay silent regarding this issue, especially when we put individuals into positions that may not have the necessary experience for such positions. We should be appointing the best of the best to each position. For any professional position, but also volunteers as well. It is what is expected from all our residents and we should expect that too.

Mark Twain said, “It is easier to fool people, then to convince them that they've been fooled.”

I won't stand for politics of deception, never have. It is not a fair game to play.

Mark Twain, also said “Always do the right thing.” This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.”

I hope 2020 brings us health, and we can astonish our residents by moving in a new direction. We face some challenges ahead, as Frederick Wilcox said, “Progress always involves risk and you can't steal 2nd base and keep your foot on 1st. Rest assure that this Committee has the ability to steal 2nd base with minimal risk.

It is an honor and privilege to serve as your committee person. I look forward to working with our community to astonish you. Thank you.

MAYOR WILSON - As you can see, we have a great team — and a lot of exciting plans for the year ahead.

As we begin a new year — and a new decade — I invite all of you to think about what it means to YOU to live in a community where we seek to be a beacon of excellence in everything we do. Different people will have different ideas of what that means and looks like.

The #1 most important thing to me is NOT that we agree. It's that we communicate. We seek to understand. And we treat each other with respect.

My own particular vision of what it means to be a "beacon of excellence" is that we model what it looks like when good government and good citizenship combine.

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MAYOR WILSON (CONTINUED) I'm grateful for the opportunity I now have as mayor to play a key role in making that happen.

Finally, I want to thank the two ministers who are with us this evening: Pastor Tim Daniels of the Newbridge Church which about a year ago moved into the Washington Valley Chapel, and Rev. Allison Miller of the Unitarian Fellowship whom I've known and admired for a LONG time. I very much appreciate the Spirit of reverence, and prayer and love you bring to this gathering. A big thanks also, to Abby, Tim's daughter, for sharing your beautiful singing voice with us.

There's a big part of me that wishes we could do this more often!

A reminder that everyone is invited to stay for the reception following this meeting. Thank you all for coming out this evening.

Here's to a great year and a great decade for all of us!

BENEDICTION

Benediction-Reverend Alison B. Miller, Morristown Unitarian Fellowship

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ADJOURNMENT

The January 7, 2020 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 15, 2020 (closed), Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M., in the Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue, Township of Morris.


CATHLEEN AMELIO
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