

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE HELD ON
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CALL TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE

ELECTED OFFICERS

GOVERNING BODY

Township Committee Member John Arvanites (via virtual)
Deputy Mayor Jeffrey Grayzel
Township Committee Member Mark Gyorfy (via virtual)
Township Committee Member Peter V. Mancuso (via virtual)
Mayor Catherine J. Wilson

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Timothy F. Quinn, Township Administrator
Scott Carlson, Esquire (via virtual)
Cathleen Amelio, Township Clerk (via virtual)
Mark Daily, IT Administrator

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

Mayor Wilson 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 September 11, 2020 to the official newspaper, Daily Record, 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 emailed 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”.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Catherine Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wilson stated that it has been 19 years since September 11, 2001, an event in our history that killed three (3) thousand people that included six (6) residents of Morris Township. The Township of Morris commemorates and remembers those who perished and those who survived. 243 (two hundred and forty-three) Firefighters died while saving others on this day 19 years ago.

The Township paid tribute to those who perished on this day 19 years ago, in tribute a video and song entitled “The Bravest” that was written and sung by Ms. Liz McNicholl. Liz McNicholl is an accomplished musician living in the New York area. A few weeks after the 9/11 tragedy, Liz recorded this song with permission of “The Bravest” song writer, Tom Paxton.

Mayor Wilson called for a moment of silence.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

At this time, the Township Clerk presented for approval the following minutes: August 19, 2020 Closed/Regular, Special meetings: August 26, 2020 and September 3, 2020.

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	MR. GRAYZEL	YES
	MAYOR WILSON	YES		

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MAYOR INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Mayor Wilson announced that In recognition of September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, all are invited to join Morris Township Mayor Cathy Wilson, Chatham Borough Councilman, Len Resto, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and the Moms Demand Action Morris County Group at a virtual event to raise awareness for suicide prevention on Thursday, September 24th 7:00-8:30 p.m.. Additional Information on this presentation can be found on the Township Website.

PROCLAMATION - SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, September is known around the United States and globally as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, The goals of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month include: raising the visibility of mental health resources and suicide prevention services available in our community; removing the stigma from talking about mental health and suicide; building understanding of the causes of suicide and how to prevent it; and helping those in need get appropriate support services; and

WHEREAS, according to statistics from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention: suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among young people (aged 10-34) in the US; 48,344 people died by suicide across the United States in 2018 (more than twice the number of homicides), and active military and veterans account for 13.5% of all suicides nationally; and

WHEREAS, Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, race, orientation, income level, religion, or background;

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, anxiety and stress have increased dramatically over fear of getting sick; worries about lost income and unemployment; social isolation; challenges around schooling; and overall uncertainties about the future; and

WHEREAS, calls to New Jersey's suicide prevention hotlines have escalated as a result of the pandemic, and according to the CDC, in a report issued in August, one in four young adults, between the ages of 18-24, said they had considered suicide in the past month because of the pandemic, and more than 40% of those surveyed indicated they have experienced a mental or behavioral health condition connected to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with our values as a stigma-free community the Township of Morris, chooses to publicly state and place our full support behind local educators, mental health

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PROCLAMATION - SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH (CONTINUED)

professionals, athletic coaches, pack leaders, police officers, and parents, as partners in supporting our community in simply being available to one another; and we encourage all residents to take the time to inquire as to the wellbeing of their family, friends, and neighbors and to offer them support and resources because a simple gesture of caring can go a long way toward helping someone realize that they are not alone and suicide is not the answer.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Morris Township Committee does hereby proclaim our recognition and support of September 2020 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

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

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ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

The Township Clerk advised that each Ordinance scheduled for public hearing at this meeting had been duly posted on the legal notice bulletin board in the Municipal Building, published in the Daily Record, as supported by proof of publication which had been received and placed on file, and further, that copies of the Ordinance had been provided to the members of the General Public on request.

Mr. Scott Carlson, Esquire summarized the following Ordinances as directed by Mayor Wilson:

19-20 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 10401, LOT 3 LOCATED ON EAST HANOVER AVENUE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS

Mr. Paul Phillips, Township Planner summarized the history of this redevelopment, which included a presentation.

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris they being the governing body thereof as follows:

SECTION ONE:

WHEREAS, on APRIL 5, 2017, the Township Committee of the Township of Morris adopted a Redevelopment Plan for Block 10401, Lot 3 Located on East Hanover Avenue in the Township of Morris (the “Redevelopment Plan”); and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2018 the Township Committee of the Township of Morris adopted an amended Redevelopment Plan for Block 10401, Lot 3 Located on East Hanover Avenue in the Township of Morris (the “Redevelopment Plan”); and

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ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION (CONTINUED)

**19-20 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 10401, LOT 3
LOCATED ON EAST HANOVER AVENUE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS (CONTINUED)**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Morris seeks to amend the Redevelopment Plan to revise the permitted uses and site features, bulk standards, and land control regulations contained therein; and

WHEREAS, said amendment has been prepared by the firm of Phillips Preiss Grygiel, LLC (the “Planning Consultant”) and is appended hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has reviewed and carefully considered the amendment to the Redevelopment Plan and has found it to be acceptable as to form and content, and now desires to adopt this Ordinance; and

SECTION TWO. The amendment to the Redevelopment Plan, a copy of which is annexed hereto and made a part of this Ordinance, is hereby adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.

SECTION THREE. This ordinance constitutes an amendment to the zoning district map included in the Morris Township Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION FOUR. A copy of this Ordinance and the Redevelopment Plan shall be forwarded, after introduction, to the Planning Board for a Master Plan consistency review in accordance with Section 7e of the LRHL.

SECTION FIVE. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any inconsistency.

SECTION SIX. If any section, subsection, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged to invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to such section, subsection, paragraph, clause or provision and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION SEVEN. This ordinance shall take effect upon the last to occur of the (i) filing with the Morris County Planning Board; and (ii) adoption and publication in the manner required by New Jersey law.

PUBLIC COMMENT – THE FOLLOWING APPEARED TO BE HEARD: Mayor Wilson advised the public that Mr. Phillips will be answering questions once the questions are completed:

Ms. Nicole Pettaluga – 22 Molly Start Drive – Is excited for this project and that this can be a partner with children. This everyday place in our community where children have the ability to learn in the various playful learning space that this project will include. This will be a great match and is important in enhancing the learning of children.

Mr. James O'Reilly – 50 Independence Way – Inquired East to West what is the distance? Where are the Commercial buildings? Is the Residential to the South? What is adjacent to the properties in reference to Zoning? Will there be the ability to turn into the park?

Ms. Jeannie McKay – 10 Walnut Street – Inquired if there will be left and right turns from or to the site? How will the entrance and exits work?

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ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION (CONTINUED)

19-20 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 10401, LOT 3
LOCATED ON EAST HANOVER AVENUE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS (CONTINUED)

PUBLIC COMMENT – THE FOLLOWING APPEARED TO BE HEARD: Mayor Wilson advised the public that Mr. Phillips will be answering questions once the questions are completed (CONTINUED)

Ms. Julie Houbout – 210 Mt. Kemble Avenue – Are the three (3) drive-thru restaurants? Types of trees? And what will be the facades?

Mr. Phillips – Thanked Ms. Pettaluga for her comments; Mr. O'Reilly's inquiry - the distance has 1500 foot frontage; commercial building are on East Hanover Avenue and will located at the front of the property, but that the map presented does not include the whole property. The land use component is mixed, residential, industrial, and commercial. Ms. McKay – There will be no left turn onto MLK? Mr. Phillips stated that this would require a traffic study and that there is no prohibition on left turns from the site. There will be a traffic analysis and the issue of traffic and access can be revised and dealt with by the Planning Board this will include issues involving movement of traffic. Ms. Houbout – Façades, landscape plan, lighting plan will be addressed during site plan review. There are three (3) separate restaurant drive throughs, two (2) separate and one (1) end cap.

COMMUNICATIONS OF RECORD - NONE

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT/INQUIRY

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

Mr. James O'Reilly – 50 Independence Way – Has there been any thoughts on purchasing the Market place property for open space? Ans. Mr. Grayzel advised Mr. O'Reilly that this piece of property is privately owned and purchasing this property would be expensive Mr. Grayzel advised Mr. O'Reilly that open space for the relocation of a Township ballfield has been made available by the developer.

Mr. Remo Caputo - 56 Canfield Road - That addressing questions on September 23, 2020 on the Abbey property is a frustration to the public. As stated at the last meeting this procedure is bizarre; as for the parking across the street was not answered last week in reference to the total of one hundred and twenty (120) trips by valet service has not been addressed; this situation in getting answers are not workable. Will there be an opportunity ask questions at the special meeting next week relating revision of the plans? Ans. Mayor Wilson advised Mr. Caputo that is in place and that if there are major amendments to the Redevelopment Plan then the ordinance would be required to be reintroduced, but if minor revisions those revision can be addressed during site plan review. Mr. Caputo inquired if there will be any amendments? Ans. Mayor Wilson stated that there have been two (2) meetings so far and many hours of public comment which has been concluded; The Committee on September 23, 2020 will be the continuation of the Committee's discussion on traffic, lighting and density. The Committee will be sharing their reflection on the Ordinance with the public and that there are no amendments at this time for discussion. Mr. Caputo – No public comment on changes? Ans. Mayor Wilson, yes. Mr. Caputo needs to have the final revisions and would like Mr. Phillips to answer questions.

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PUBLIC COMMENT/INQUIRY (CONTINUED)

Mr. James Dingler – 47 Crescent Drive – Agrees with Mr. Caputo that the format is not user friendly. Mr. Dingler does not feel that the residents bordering this property is provided with any protections and requested that this Ordinance be sent back to the Planning Board before they vote on this Ordinance. Questions on the lighting, parking, and setbacks can be further reviewed by the Planning Board; requested moving the parking location to the front of the property on Madison Avenue and that front yard parking has not been addressed by Mr. Phillips. The current location of the parking as indicated on the plan is undesirable. Mayor Wilson noted that the Planning Board has reviewed this Ordinance and that the Board's finding is that this Redevelopment Plan is consistent with the Morris Township Master Plan; the Committee has a good idea of the concerns of the neighboring property owners regarding the location of the parking. On September 3, 2020 Special Meeting of the Township Committee discussed moving the buffers from 15 feet to 20 feet and plantings of the buffer.. Questions on parking, plantings, buffers and setbacks will be asked as the Developer will be present at the Special meeting on the 23rd. Mr. Grayzel – advised Mr. Dingler that the Committee is reflecting deeply on the concerns expressed by the residents and if revisions are significant this Ordinance will be remanded back to the Planning Board, but noted that if this Ordinance is adopted then the Planning Board will be making the final determination during the Site Plan review. Mr. Dingler is concerned as the parking lot will have sixty (60) vehicles adjacent to Crescent Drive and should be relocated to Canfield and Madison Avenue. Mayor Wilson inquired if Mr. Dingler has looked at the buffers? Mr. Dingler stated yes but that the buffers are cosmetic and a band aid.

Mr. Frank McKenna – 48 Crescent Drive – Concurs with Mr. Caputo and Mr. Dingler and requested a negotiations with Restoration Hardware and neighbors and in his opinion that there is no one in a leadership roll and to close the public comment on this ordinance when there is a need for additional discussing between the public and the Committee and that there should be a sit down for an open discussion, need a conversation and is astounded by the process. Mayor Wilson – noted that residents need to meet with Restoration Hardware and is not sure of her involvement. Will be in touch with residents on Crescent Drive and Restoration Hardware so as to have a conversation to express their concerns. Mr. McKenna stated that the burden of this development falls on the neighboring properties. Mayor Wilson – stated that she will make arrangements for a meeting between the property owners and Restoration Hardware and hopes that this conversation will occur prior to the next special meeting.

Mr. Remo Caputo - 56 Canfield Road - Requested that the Ordinance include the authority for the Planning Board to amend the parking location and density. The authority would be possible and reasonable and then could be addressed at the Planning Board level and noted that the revisions could be done now. Ans. Mr. Carlson, Esquire stated that can be deferred to the Planner and not sure if needed, Mayor Wilson stated that the Redevelopment plan works in reference to setbacks and are included. The Planning Board would recommend an amendment to the Ordinance in reference to parking, setbacks. Buffers can be changed at the Planning Board and that parking is part of the Redevelopment Plan. Mr. Caputo stated that the Committee does not understand.

Seeing no other inquires, on motion made and seconded the public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

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

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ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

The Township Clerk advised that each Ordinance scheduled for public hearing at this meeting had been duly posted on the legal notice bulletin board in the Municipal Building, published in the Daily Record, as supported by proof of publication which had been received and placed on file, and further, that copies of the Ordinance had been provided to the members of the General Public on request.

Mr. Scott Carlson, Esquire summarized the following Ordinances as directed by Mayor Wilson:

ORDINANCE NO. 17-20 AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE RIGHTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS IN AND TO A CERTAIN TWENTY FOOT WIDE PEDESTRIAN ROW EXISTING BETWEEN 26 AND 28 STONEHENGE ROAD - BLOCK 2201 LOT 13 AND 14

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris they being the governing body thereof as follows:

SECTION ONE: The Township of Morris is the owner of a certain Pedestrian twenty (20) foot right of way which is shown on a filed map identified as "Map of Section No. 1 Butterworth Farms, Township of Morris, Morris County, New Jersey filed in the Morris County Clerk's Office on October 29, 1962 as Map No. 2311".

The Township of Morris declares this land as no longer needed for public purposes and does ordain to vacate the public rights and title in said land to the abutting owners, two in number, each said owner to receive one half of the portion of said right of way abutting his, hers or their property. Both properties front on Stonehenge Road.

The abutting lands are now or formerly identified on the tax map of the Township of Morris as Block 2201:

Lot 13 (Lot 13 Block 252 on Map 2311)
Lot 14 (Lot 14 Block 252 on Map 2311)

This ordinance shall, upon adoption be recorded in the office of the Morris County Clerk.

SECTION TWO: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions 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 for by law.

On motion duly made and seconded the Public Hearing and Final consideration on this Ordinance will be continued to November 12, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. without further notice required.

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

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ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION (CONTINUED)

ORDINANCE NO. 18-20 AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE RIGHTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS IN AND TO A CERTAIN SEWER EASEMENT EXISTING ON 12 ASPEN WAY - BLOCK 6003 LOT 13

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris they being the governing body thereof as follows:

SECTION ONE: The Township of Morris is the owner of a certain 25’ storm sewer easement which is situated on Block 6003, Lot 13, formerly known and designated as Block 345A, Lot 34 on a map entitled “Final Plat, Section Two, Aspen, Tax Map Sheets 73, 75, 79 Block 345, Lot 46, Morris Township, Morris County, New Jersey”, made by Robert C. Edwards Associates, Inc., dated July 7, 1978 and revised September 7, 1979, and filed in the Morris County Clerk’s Office on August 19, 1980 as Map #3935, described as follows:

Beginning at a point approximately 100 feet northwest from the westerly sideline of Aspen Way and extending approximately 130 feet in a northerly direction to the property line.

The Township of Morris declares this land as no longer needed for public purposes and does ordain to vacate the public rights and title in said land to the legal owners of the subject property.

This ordinance shall, upon adoption be recorded in the office of the Morris County Clerk. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any documents required to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution.

SECTION TWO: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions 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 for by law.

COMMUNICATIONS OF RECORD - NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT – NO ONE APPEARED TO BE HEARD.

ROLL CALL:	MR. ARVANITES	YES	MR. GYORFY	YES
	MR. MANCUSO	YES	MR. GRAYZEL	YES
	MAYOR WILSON	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 October 21, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. unless otherwise indicated:

Mr. Scott Carlson, Esquire summarized the following Ordinances as directed by Mayor Wilson:

20-20 AMENDING CHAPTER 95 ZONING AND CHAPTER 57 LAND DEVELOPMENT OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris, Morris County, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1: Chapter 95, Article III, Use Regulations, is hereby amended as follows (additions are underlined and deletions appear as strike throughs):

§ 95-10. RA-130 Single-Family Residential Zone

C.(2) Churches and other Places of worship, including parish houses, Sunday school buildings and other similar uses as provided in § 95-37B.

(3) Public or private day schools as provided in § 95-37P.

§ 95-21. B-11 Business Zone

A.~~(2)~~ All conditional uses permitted in any residential zone. None.

C.(2) Community buildings, clubs, social halls, lodges, fraternal organizations, and other similar quasi-public organizations places of assembly as provided in § 95-37E.

§ 95-27. OS-GU Open Space – Government Use Zone

A.~~(2)~~ Day schools, public or private.

A.~~(3)~~(2) Colleges in existence on January 1, 1994.

A.~~(4)~~(3) Single-family detached dwellings under the area, bulk and yard requirements prevailing in the RA-130 Zone, including accessory uses set forth in § 95-10B. Cluster residential redevelopment groups shall not be permitted.

A.~~(5)~~ Churches and other places of worship, provided that the minimum bulk and minimum yard requirements of the RA Zone apply, as modified by § 95-37B for the RA-130 Zone.

C.(2) Places of worship as provided in § 95-37B.

C.(3) Public or private schools as provided in § 95-37P.

§ 95-37. Conditional uses.

~~B. Churches and other places of worship. The Planning Board may authorize conditional uses only after determining that the proposed use meets the specifications and standards set forth in this chapter for the use and that it will comply, now and in the future, with the conditions and standards both as to location and operation for said use.~~

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ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION (CONTINUED)

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~~(1) Such uses shall be conducted on a lot with a minimum area as set forth in the following schedule, except that no lot shall be of a lesser area than the minimum required for the zone in which it is located:~~

Zone	Total Site Area Required Per Square Foot of Floor Area (square feet)	Minimum Percentage of Lot Area Open Space Required (including required yards)
RA-130	17.5	45%
RA-35	11.8	35%
RA-25	10.8	35%
RA-15	9.4	25%
RA-11	8.8	20%
RA-7	8.3	15%

- ~~(2) Minimum front yard and rear yard setbacks required for principal permitted structures in each such zone shall be maintained. Minimum side yards required for principal permitted use in each such zone shall be doubled for churches and other places of worship.~~
- ~~(3) Each property shall be appropriately landscaped, screened and buffered. Careful consideration shall be given to developing effective screening along property lines abutting residential uses. The Planning Board may require appropriate screening depending on site requirements.~~
- ~~(4) No parking shall be permitted in minimum required open spaces, including yards.~~
- ~~(5) Parking must be provided on the site as required by this chapter.~~

B. Places of worship.

Where a place of worship together with any accessory uses customarily associated therewith occupies two or more tax lots, the aggregate of such lots shall constitute the lot upon which all applicable standards established herein shall be calculated.

- (1) The following base standards shall apply where there are no separate buildings for any accessory use customarily associated with a place of worship as defined in Chapter 57 Land Development or where the only separate building is for the living quarters of the religious leader.
- (a) Minimum lot area: 3 acres
 - (b) Maximum building coverage: 15%
 - (c) Maximum impervious coverage: 60%
 - (d) Minimum front yard setback: 50 feet
 - (e) Minimum side yard setback: 40 feet
 - (f) Minimum rear yard setback: 100 feet

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- (g) Maximum height: the greater of 35 feet or 2-½ stories. Steeples, spires, belfries, minarets, and other similar building ornamentation shall not exceed 50 feet.
 - (h) Vehicular access shall be provided from roads other than local streets in accordance with the roadway classifications in the Circulation Element of the Master Plan.
 - (2) Where there are one or more separate buildings for any use customarily associated with a place of worship as defined in Chapter 57 Land Development other than the living quarters for members of the religious order, the base standards established under (1) above shall be cumulatively increased as follows: the minimum lot area shall be increased by 2 acres; the minimum front yard setback shall be increased by 25 feet; and the minimum side yard setback shall be increased by 20 feet.
 - (3) Where there are separate living quarters for members of the religious order, the base standards under (1) above and any cumulative increases required under (2) above shall be further increased as follows: the minimum lot area shall be increased by 2 acres; the minimum front yard setback shall be increased by 25 feet; and the minimum side yard setback shall be increased by 20 feet.
- E. Community buildings, clubs, social halls, lodges, fraternal organizations and similar uses-places of assembly. All buildings shall be a minimum of 30 feet from any property line, except where greater distances are otherwise required herein.
- (1) Minimum lot area: 3 acres
 - (2) Maximum building coverage: 15%
 - (3) Maximum impervious coverage: 60%
 - (4) Minimum front yard setback: 50 feet
 - (5) Minimum side yard setback: 40 feet
 - (6) Minimum rear yard setback: 100 feet
 - (7) Maximum building height: the greater of 35 feet or 2½ stories
 - (8) Vehicular access shall be provided from roads other than local streets in accordance with the roadway classifications in the Circulation Element of the Master Plan.
- P. Public and private schools
- (1) Minimum lot area:
 - a) Elementary: 10 acres
 - b) Middle: 20 acres
 - c) High: 30 acres
 - (2) Maximum building coverage: 15%
 - (3) Maximum impervious coverage: 60%
 - (4) Minimum front yard setback: 50 feet
 - (5) Minimum side yard setback: 40 feet
 - (6) Minimum rear yard setback: 100 feet
 - (7) Maximum building height: the greater of 35 feet or 2-½ stories
 - (8) Vehicular access shall be provided from roads other than local streets in accordance with the roadway classifications in the Circulation Element of the Master Plan.

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§ 95-54. Off-street parking requirements.

(c) Off-street parking requirements for particular uses.

Uses	Required Parking Spaces (GFA – gross floor area)
Churches and other p- <u>Places of worship</u>	<u>1 per 3 seats within the sanctuary or worship hall (or 1 per 72 inches of seating space when pews or benches rather than individual seats or chairs are used), or 5 spaces per 1,000 square feet of gross floor area (GFA) for all buildings on-site, whichever is greater.</u>
Community buildings, clubs, <u>social halls, lodges,</u> fraternal organizations, and <u>places of public assembly</u>	<u>1 per 2-3 seats, except where a specific amount of seating is undetermined, then 1 shall be required per 75 square feet of assemblage area or 5 spaces per 1,000 square feet of gross floor area (GFA), whichever is greater.</u>
<u>Public and private schools</u>	<u>Elementary Schools: 2 per classroom.</u> <u>Middle Schools: 1.5 per classroom.</u> <u>High Schools: 2.5 per classroom.</u> <u>For combined Elementary and Middle Schools, the parking requirements for Elementary Schools shall apply.</u>

Section 2 Chapter 57, Article I, Title: Purpose; Definitions, is hereby amended as follows: (additions are underlined and deletions appear as ~~strike-throughs~~):

§ 57-3. Word usage; definitions.

- A. Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated.
PLACE OF ASSEMBLY – A building or space intended for 50 or more persons to gather therein for political, social, recreational or entertainment purposes, whether for the purpose of financial gain or not, but not including a place of worship or a public or private school.

PLACE OF WORSHIP – A church, synagogue, temple, mosque or other space that is used for prayer and/or other religious observances and that is architecturally designed and particularly adapted for the primary use of conducting religious services on a regular basis, together with accessory uses customarily associated therewith, including, but not limited to facilities for the following: educational and/or religious instruction; child care; after school learning; ceremonies, special events and similar functions; workshops and study/support groups; living quarters for the religious leader; and living quarters for members of the religious order.

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ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION (CONTINUED)

20-20 AMENDING CHAPTER 95 ZONING AND CHAPTER 57 LAND DEVELOPMENT OF THE
CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS

SCHOOLS, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE – Schools through grade 12 providing primary and secondary
education in subjects and classes meeting the requirements of the State Compulsory Education laws.

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

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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:

RESOLUTION NO. 175-20 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	MR. GRAYZEL	YES
	MAYOR WILSON	YES		

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RESOLUTION NO. 176-20 AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND AND RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR CCM CONTRACTING INC. FOR CONTRACT OTE: 2019-04, WASHINGTON VALLEY ROAD, ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, a contract was awarded by the Township Committee at a meeting held on July 17, 2019 to CCM Contracting Inc. for Contract OTE: 2019-04, Washington Valley Road, Roadway Improvements, in the amount of \$649,953.00, Resolution No. 140-19; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 was adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting held on August 19, 2020 under Resolution No. 162-20 decreasing the contract by \$76,047.78, for a total not to exceed \$573,905.22; and

WHEREAS, the Maintenance Bond has now been received, reviewed, and approved by the Township Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Morris hereby accepts Maintenance Bond No. S-323844, which is on filed in the Office of the Township Clerk, and hereby authorizes the release of Performance Bond No. S-323844.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 177-20 AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND AND RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR M. SKY CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION FOR CONTRACT OTE: 2019-03, DRAINAGE, CURB & SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS, 2019 GENERAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, a contract was awarded by the Township Committee at a meeting held on May 15, 2019 to M. Sky Construction Corp. for Contract OTE: 2019-03, Drainage, Curb & Sidewalk Improvements, 2019 General Services, in the amount of \$662,364.00, Resolution No. 98-19; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 was adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting held on July 15, 2020 under Resolution No. 146-20 increasing the contract by \$40,624.50, for a total not to exceed \$702,988.50; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 2 was adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting held on August 19, 2020 under Resolution No. 163-20 increasing the contract by \$31,473.00, for a total not to exceed \$734,461.50; and

WHEREAS, the Maintenance Bond has now been received, reviewed, and approved by the Township Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Morris hereby accepts Maintenance Bond No. BX05467MB, which is on filed in the Office of the Township Clerk, and hereby authorizes the release of Performance Bond No. BX05467

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 178-20 RE: AUTHORIZING REFUND OF 2020 TAXES DUE TO AN OVERPAYMENT-BLOCK 7804, LOT 2

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has certified to the Township of Morris that a payment be refunded due to an overpayment made by the property owner; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has reviewed said certification and approved the same,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris, that payment is refunded as follows:

Block /Lot/Qualifier	Refund to:	Amount
Block 7804 Lot 2 23 Van Beuren Rd.	Fairleigh Dickinson University 1000 River Rd., H-DHI-01 Teaneck, NJ 07666	\$16,038.75

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 179-20 RE: PURCHASE OF 2020 FORD ESCAPE VEHICLE FROM ROUTE 23 AUTOMALL LLC THROUGH MCCPC CONTRACT #15-C ITEM 1-ADMINISTRATION - NTE: \$24,153.00

WHEREAS, the Township of Morris wishes to purchase a 2020 Ford Escape Vehicle for use by Administration; and

WHEREAS, the above item is available from Route 23 Automall, LLC, Butler, NJ, through the MCCPC Contract #15-C, Item 1; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in budget line no. 0-01-20-100-403 in the amount of \$24,153.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris, State of New Jersey, that a contract be awarded to Route 23 Automall LLC for the purchase of a 2020 Ford Escape Vehicle at an amount not to exceed \$24,153.00.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 180-20 RE: AUTHORIZING REFUND OF 2020 TAXES DUE TO AN OVERPAYMENT- BLOCK 203, LOT 2

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has certified to the Township of Morris that a payment be refunded due to an overpayment made by the property owner; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has reviewed said certification and approved the same,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris, that payment is refunded as follows:

Block /Lot/Qualifier	Refund to:	Amount
Block 203 Lot 2 128 W. Hanover Ave.	Darlene Fasciani 128 W. Hanover Ave. Morris Plains, NJ 07950	\$843.45

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 181-20 RE: AUTHORIZING REFUND OF 2020 TAXES DUE TO A PAYMENT MADE IN ERROR-BLOCK 6902 LOT 16

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has certified to the Township of Morris that a payment be refunded due to a payment made in error by the title company; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has reviewed said certification and approved the same,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris, that payment is refunded as follows:

Block /Lot/Qualifier	Refund to:	Amount
Block 6902 Lot 16 4 Peach Tree Way	Amrock 662 Woodward Ave. Detroit, MI 48226	\$3,161.24

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 182-20 RE: AUTHORIZING REFUND OF 2020 TAXES DUE TO A PAYMENT MADE IN ERROR BLOCK 7902 LOT1 Q4106

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has certified to the Township of Morris that a payment be refunded due to a payment made by the property owner; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has reviewed said certification and approved the same,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris, that payment is refunded as follows:

Block /Lot/Qualifier	Refund to:	Amount
Block 7902 Lot 1 Q4106 35 Davenport Pl.	Harris Brothers Condo LLC 40 Rowan Rd. Chatham, NJ 07928	\$1,906.69

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 183-20 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2020 FORD VEHICLE MODEL F-550 FOR THE DPW DEPT. THROUGH MCCPC CONTRACT 15C ITEM #17 FROM DFFLM, LLC, DITSCHMAN/FLEMINGTON FORD, 215 HIGHWAY 202, FLEMINGTON, NJ, IN AN AMOUNT NTE: \$38,879.00

WHEREAS, the Township of Morris wishes to purchase one 2020 Ford Model F-550 vehicle for use by the Department Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the above item is available through MCCPC # 15-C, Item 17 from DFFLM, LLC, of Flemington, NJ; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in budget line 0-0144-906-290;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee, Township of Morris, State of New Jersey, that a contract be awarded to DFFLM, LLC for the purchase of one 2020 Ford Model F-550 at a cost not to exceed \$39,879.00.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 184-20 AUTHORIZING AWARD OF THE PAVING & MILLING OF VARIOUS STREETS THROUGH THE MCCPC, CONTRACT NO. 6, ROAD RESURFACING, TO TILCON NEW YORK, INC., 9 ENTIN ROAD, PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$749,999.94

WHEREAS, the Township of Morris wishes to pave and mill various streets in Morris Township through the MCCPC, Contract No. 6, awarded to Tilcon New York Inc., 9 Entin Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054, 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 as follows:

FUND	LINE NO.	AMOUNT
Sewer Capital	S-06-55-014-100	\$ 749,999.94

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee, Township of Morris, State of New Jersey, that a contract be awarded to Tilcon New York Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$749,999.94.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 185-20 AUTHORIZING AWARD OF THE PAVING OF DALE DRIVE THROUGH THE MCCPC, CONTRACT NO. 6, ROAD RESURFACING, TO TILCON NEW YORK, INC., 9 ENTIN ROAD, PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$57,001.35.

WHEREAS, the Township of Morris wishes to pave Dale Drive through the MCCPC, Contract No. 6, awarded to Tilcon New York Inc., 9 Entin Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054, 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 as follows:

FUND	LINE NO.	AMOUNT
General Capital	G-04-55-610-300	\$ 57,001.35

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee, Township of Morris, State of New Jersey, that a contract be awarded to Tilcon New York Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$57,001.35.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 186-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NONFAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE KENNEDY ROAD, GREGORY AVENUE AND PINE TREE LANE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$92,270.00

WHEREAS, the Township of Morris has a need to obtain professional engineering services for the Kennedy Road, Gregory Avenue & Pine Tree Lane Roadway Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Dept. received a proposal from Van Cleef Engineering Associates, LLC, of Hillsborough, NJ for engineering services in the amount of \$92,270.00, for which funds are available in the accounts G-04-55-014-503 and S-06-55-916-503; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NJSA 19:44A-20.4 et seq, Van Cleef Engineering Associates, LLC, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Political Contribution Disclosure, which certifies that their company has not made any reportable contributions to a political party or candidate for the Township of Morris in the previous one year; and will prohibit their company from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Township Committee of the Township of Morris, authorizes the Mayor and the Township Clerk to award Van Cleef Engineering Associates, LLC, 32 Brower Lane, Hillsborough, NJ 08844, a contract for professional engineering services, in an amount not to exceed \$92,270.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file in the Office of the Clerk; and

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 187-20 AUTHORIZING RETURN OF MONIES REMAINING IN CLIENT'S ESCROW ACCOUNT ESCROW ACCOUNT NO. E-12-56-808-781

WHEREAS, the following escrow accounts have completed the Planning Board / Board of Adjustment applications process, and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has certified these escrow accounts may now be released, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee that the following escrow account(s) be closed and the balance of all monies returned to the applicant(s).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Escrow Account #</u>
Stonington Capital, LLC	\$3,391.07	E-12-56-808-781

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 188-20 RE: DENYING GRIEVANCE FILED BY MORRIS TOWNSHIP
FMBA Local #70 – GRIEVANCE NUMBER 20-01**

WHEREAS, the Township of Morris is in receipt of a grievance (20-01) filed by FMBA Local #70 grieving a written reprimand issued to a FMBA member; and

WHEREAS, the grievance was previously denied at Step 1 and Step 2 of Grievance Procedure as outlined in the Collective Negotiated Agreement with FMBA Local # 70; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee reviewed the written record of the grievance for Step 3; and

WHEREAS, as per procedures as outlined in the Collective Negotiated Agreement - Grievance Number 20-01 was submitted to the Office of the Fire Chief on May 27, 2020 and at Step One (1) was denied by Fire Chief Michael Nunn on June 10, 2020, as per notice from Chief Nunn to Richard Lynch, President of FMBA Local # 70; Step two (2) of the grievance process was submitted to Timothy F. Quinn, Township Administrator and the Fire Standing Committee on June 24, 2020. A step 2 grievance meeting was held on July 1, 2020. A letter of denial of the grievance at Step 2 dated July 13, 2020 was sent to President Lynch. FMBA President Lynch on July 16, 2020 requested the grievance proceed to step three (3) and provided further documents and arguments in writing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris for the reasons set forth above and for those reasons expressed in the letter denials issued by Chief Nunn dated June 10, 2020 and Administrator Quinn dated July 13, 2020 which are incorporated herein by reference. The Township Committee upon review of the written record at Step 3 denies the grievance.

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

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RECEIVED FOR THE RECORD

At this time the Township Clerk presented information on what was received for the record, as noted and hereinafter set forth.

TAX APPEALS

TAX COURT OF NJ
BLOCK 2808, LOT 5 – 17 SPENCER DRIVE
BLOCK 90002, LOT 1 - VERIZON

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMITTEE COMMENTARY

At this time Mayor Wilson called upon the Members of the Township Committee for Standing Committee Reports/comments which are summarized as follows:

MR. ARVANITES – No comments at this time.

MR. GYORFY- LEGISLATIVE AND COMMUNICATION: Fall Newsletter coming soon and will include helpful information on updated recycling guidelines, plastic bag ordinance information, and other helpful updates.

LEGISLATION- The following Ordinances are being drafted: Electric Vehicles and the Bamboo ordinances are being drafted and will be meeting with Township Administrator Tim on Friday to discuss these proposals

INFRASTRUCTURE – Electric Vehicle grants filed for Cornine Field-Street Complex and thanked Jenny Mantek for putting together.

COMMENTARY – Marketplace - This amended redevelopment plan is a big win for our town and will set the precedent for the way future development projects are handled in the Township. I appreciate our efforts to increase the focus on pedestrians and amenities over blacktop and concrete.

The Electric Vehicle charging, pocket park, plazas, water, and stage will enhance the experience for residents and customers and is welcome relief from the style of the development we see sprouting up across the street and elsewhere on our borders.

The phasing requirements also added will help ensure it is constructed appropriately.

Again, I commend Mayor Wilson's efforts of bringing these changes to residents and seeking their input weeks ago on a public zoom call and I look forward to seeing a commercial retail development with more greenspace.

Hillside Food Drive will be held on October 3rd.

Thanked Mike Ryer for his work on documenting the history of Woodland Hook and Ladder Company with his newly published book. Is looking forward to seeing what other work he will do to help preserve the history of the other four (4) companies of the Morris Township Fire Department.

MR. MANCUSO – Noted that on September 11, 2001 when the Trade Center came down was surreal and the smell of decay was beyond recognition. Mr. Mancuso was a member on the NY Stock Exchange at the time and described the after effects that occurred in New York City noting that the emergency services in New York City were heroic during the rescue efforts during this horrendous event. Noted that election ballots will be going out for the General Election and noted that you must be registered to vote to receive a ballot. There will be fifteen (15) drop box sites in Morris County where completed ballots can be delivered. Mr. Mancuso has requested from Morris County Board of Elections that a drop box be located at the Township Municipal Building.

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Marketplace Commentary - The original plan for the mall and residential units was adopted in 2017. Late last year the developer of the already approved strip mall came to the Township Committee asking for modifications to the prior approvals. In my view, the strip mall that had previously been approved in 2017 was simply that, a NJ strip mall. So the Township Committee took the opportunity to engage the developer and request improvements to the project. Thankfully the developer was willing to work with us.

Committeeman Mark Gyorfy and I led the negotiations with the developer, and we were able to gain some significant public spaces within a modified design for the mall. We viewed this project as an opportunity to create a destination for our residents and a place for people to gather and hang out for a few hours. The pocket park in the rear will have a small performance stage and I am hopeful that we can have small performances there such as a jazz band or a magician for the kids. One of the two pedestrian plazas is being designed so that restaurants can have a dining area that faces inwards towards the plaza to create a real community feel. There is now connectivity to the Collinsville neighborhood that has been added to the plan as well as to the new residential units behind the mall. I think these are great improvements we negotiated for our residents.

I want the residents to understand that tonight's vote is NOT whether there will be a mall or not. The mall was previously approved in 2017 and will be built. The issue before us tonight is simply a vote on the improvements to the previously approved plans. I think the improvements we negotiated are a great improvement to the prior redevelopment plan.

Committee commentary- On Friday, September 4th, 2020, Chief Mark DiCarlo presented Patrolman James Lezak with 2 Life Saving Awards. The first Life Saving Award was for actions taken while off-duty where Ptl. Lezak observed a male about to jump off a bridge over the Passaic River in an attempt to commit suicide. Ptl. Lezak grabbed the male and pulled him from the bridge to prevent him from jumping. The second Life Saving Award was while on duty and again was for a male that had attempted to commit suicide via self-inflicted major injuries in which he and other officers provided enhanced medical services. Their quick and well-trained actions led to that male surviving his near-fatal wounds.

Now I'd like to quote Police Chief Mark DiCarlo: "As an agency, we pride ourselves on the abilities of all our officers to show the utmost professionalism and care to all people we come in contact with whether it is emergency medical care that is life-saving or motor vehicle crashes and everything in between. Ptl. Lezak is a great example of our core mission and values as an organization. It should be noted that Ptl. Lezak has now received 3 Life-Saving Awards during his two and a half years with our agency."

On the sewer front, we had a discussion of the multiple agreements we have in place with the surrounding municipalities of Morristown, Morris Plains, Hanover, Harding, Randolph and Florham Park. We are going to be working on updating language in the agreements so they conform to each other.

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MR. JEFF GRAYZEL (COMMENTS CONTINUED) As for our Joint Municipal Court, I have previously mentioned that our Judge has announced his retirement effective the end of this year. Given that this is a joint court and not a simple municipal court, the appointment of a new judge is made by the Governor of New Jersey. As Chairman this year of the Joint Court Committee I am leading the vetting process for hiring a new judge. We have received 12 resumes from those interested and we will be conducting interviews next week.

General Comments - Last month the Township Committee wrote a letter to NJBPU about the power outages we had in the aftermath of the tropical storm. Other towns complained directly to JCP&L but we thought it best to lodge our complaint with the governmental agency that regulates utilities in the State of NJ. We have yet to receive a response from BPU and I encourage our Township Committee to send them a follow up letter.

The Morris County American Legion in partnership with the All Veterans Alliance will be conducting the 3rd annual POW/MIA 24-hour vigil at the Veterans Memorial located in Turkey Brook Park in Budd Lake. Ceremonies start at 4pm on September 18. During the vigil we will read the names of all New Jersey veterans from all wars still unaccounted for while maintaining a memorial fire and ringing of the Ascension Bell, 21 times, every hour on the hour. For more information please see the Legions Website: <http://www.legionmorriscountynj.org/>

I urge the public to remain vigilant with their health protections against Covid-19. Please get a flu shot so we can avoid the twin-demic.

Thank you to Mayor Wilson for organizing the discussion on suicide prevention next week. I know you have personally worked very hard to put this together and I laud your efforts to raise awareness of this important issue.

This weekend is the Jewish New Year holiday of Rosh Hashanah. I would like to wish all of our Jewish residents "Shannah Tovah" which are the Hebrew words for Happy New year.

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMITTEE COMMENTARY (CONTINUED)

MAYOR WILSON – ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY-TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY - The Commission are addressing many projects, noting that the plastic bag ordinance will take affect on October 1st. The Environmental Commission member can assist the various businesses in reference to the ban on plastic bags in order for them to be in compliance with the Ordinance. The Commission is working on a Bamboo Ordinance and is also reviewing the Tree Ordinance and is looking into possibly updating the Ordinance and will be submitting their recommendation to update the tree Ordinance in either October or November. Mr. Gyorfy who is also on the Transportation Advisory Committee is working with the subcommittee in reference to parking and walking. One of the members of this Committee is preparing an over view of sidewalks in and around Morris Township, and this a great step forward in developing a plan and will be looking forward for their recommendations, which is very exciting. Would like to see sidewalks throughout the Township making Morris Township walkable; The Transportation Committee after reviewing the Abbey redevelopment plan and walking the property has come up with a transportation sub committee in reference to traffic and parking and what could be done to reduce vehicles and encourage walking to the Abbey site, noting that patrons can also come to the Abbey location by train and has been suggested to Restoration Hardware to have shuttles buses to and from the train station for their guests; appreciated the resident participation that is important to the Transportation Advisory Commission. Residents to have their voices heard; the Commission is addressing the pedestrian safety concerns on Old Glen Road.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS – In reference to the August outages. There has been and will continued to have debriefing on the outages that occurred and that plans are important and has communicated the concerns raised by the public and the Committee to BPU; this debriefing includes Verizon and the cable companies' and a letter has been sent to the BPU. Thanked Mr. Gyorfy for the communication with the utilities and BPU; requested suggestion and comments from the residents prior to meeting with BPU; Vegetation management by the utilities is important and is an issue that is complicated and controversial. Falling trees are the cause of many of the outages that we experience during a storm.

Communicating with residents is important and is looking forward to meeting with Restoration Hardware.

Noted that the month of September is suicide prevention awareness month and is a public health concern as Mayor Wilson has experienced 2 people who took their own life and there is a cause and prevention that needs to be addressed.

Wished the Township Clerk a Happy Birthday.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Wilson, 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:

Mr. James O'Reilly – 50 Independence Way – Inquired about the tax appeals on the Consent Calendar. Ans. Mr. Quinn stated that the Township in addressing appeals and that the Township has an exposure of about \$1 million. Township is a good position in addressing appeals. Mr. Quinn explained the tax appeal process to Mr. O'Reilly. Mr. O'Reilly noted that the Township annual budget is \$35 million. Mr. Quinn, yes sir.

With no one to be heard, on motion made and seconded the public portion of the meeting 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 AUGUST, 2020 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	MR. GRAYZEL	YES
	MAYOR WILSON	YES		

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CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT - LIST OF BILLS AND VOUCHERS

Minute Book Attachment #1 (MBA #1) dated September 16, 2020 in the amount of \$9,350,096.38.

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 \$9,350,096.38 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	MR. GRAYZEL	YES
	MAYOR WILSON	YES		

CALL TO ADJOURNMENT

At 9:50 PM, with no further business to be considered, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, the September 16, 2020 meeting was adjourned; next to convene on September 23, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. for a Special Meeting, in the Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue, Township of Morris.



Cathleen Amelio
Township Clerk