

**EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF ANY, BEGINS AT 7:00 PM**

THE Regular Meeting WILL BEGIN AT 7:30 PM  
OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regular Meeting of Town Council

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act

A. Roll-Call

Prior to the Roll Call of Council Members; the Town Clerk read the following compliance statement in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

"I, Kevin D. Harris, Town Clerk of the Town of Morristown, do hereby state that it is 7:39 p.m., on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, and that we are at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, 200 South Street, Morristown, New Jersey, and that adequate notice of this meeting was provided according to law, by written notice to the Morris County Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Town of Morristown, and to the Newark Star Ledger, both more than 48 hours ago, and posted on the bulletin board at Town Hall and filed with the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Morristown."

"I do further state that I shall enter into the Minutes of this meeting a statement that such notice was furnished as particularly described by me in this public announcement."

**Members Present:**

Council Member - Council President - Ward III Stefan Armington

Council Member - Vice President - At Large Toshiba Foster

Council Member - Ward I Robert Iannaccone

Council Member - Ward II Hiliari Davis

Council Member - Ward IV Alison Deeb

Council Member - At Large Michelle Harris

**Members Absent:**

Council Member - At Large Michael Elms

B. Moment of Silence

The Town Clerk asked the Assembly to please observe a Moment of Silence. Mayor Dougherty asked that all of the victims and their families of the recent tragedy at the Manchester (U.K.) concert be remembered.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Council President Armington led the Assembly in observing the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Consent Agenda

The Town Clerk informed the Council that there were three (3) items on the Consent Agenda for consideration this evening.

Council Member Iannaccone noted that in the past minutes, there were three (3) items of action and he asked that Council consider these items on the next agenda for Old Business. Specifically, Council Member Iannaccone would like to address:

- (1) Getting Willow Hall added to the list of historic places on the Town's website;
- (2) Having the County come in to review the gaps in the Greenway Plan; and
- (3) Working with race event sponsors to create a better route that would afford more flexibility.

Council President Armington asked Business Administrator Jillian Barrick if the Administration would be able to provide a response with respects to the items raised by Council Member Iannaccone. Ms. Barrick replied that if the items are listed; the Administration shall be prepared to address them.

Council President Armington directed the Town Clerk to list these items as Old Business for the June 13, 2017 Town Council Meeting.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stefan Armington, Council Member - Council President - Ward III
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Toshiba Foster, Council Member - Vice President - At Large
<b>AYES:</b>	Armington, Foster, Iannaccone, Davis, Deeb, Harris
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Elms

1. Request for Approval of Minutes - March 28, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting.
2. Request for Approval of Minutes - April 11, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting.
3. Request for Approval of Minutes - April 25, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting.

E. Public Hearing

The Town Clerk informed the Council that there were two (2) specific Public Hearings on for this evening.

1. Public Hearing by Students of Frelinghuysen Middle School - Bike Share Program.

The Town Clerk announced that there would be a Public Hearing regarding a Bike Share Program presented by students of Frelinghuysen Middle School.

Diego Salas, a teacher at the Quest Program addressed Council concerning the Bike Share Program. He then turned over the hearing to three students who spoke on the Bike Share Program.

- 1) Lucas Ha
- 2) Ricardo Nulman &
- 3) Nolan Odonnell

At the conclusion of the remarks made by Masters Ha, Nulman & Odonnell; the Town Clerk asked if any member of the Council had questions concerning the Bike Share Program as presented.

Council Member Harris asked if the students had contacted the Morris County Visitors' Bureau in an effort to work with them perhaps with co-sponsorship or posting brochures, and perhaps secure funding. The students replied that they had not but would look into the matter and thanked Council Member Harris for her suggestion.

Council Member Davis asked about the cost (i.e., User Price). The students replied that each Town would be able to set their own costs. Council Member Davis asked if the students had researched the costs from other municipalities. The students replied that this is something they would like to do and shall pursue Council Member Davis' recommendation and contact other municipalities.

Council President Armington advised the students that there are many resources that the students could utilize here in the Morristown area for Sponsorship and other information and asked if the students had done that. The students responded that they had looked at some programs that offer support.

Council Member Deeb commended the students on their presentation and asked if they had contacted Trans-Options. The students replied that they had not but they had the contact information.

Mayor Dougherty stated that the students presented a very well thought out presentation; they did their homework and responded to every question thoroughly. Mayor Dougherty stated that he expects the students to follow up with his office and provide each of them with his business card.

There were no members of the Public wishing to be heard and Council President Armington closed the Public Hearing of Citizens concerning the Bike Share Program as presented at 7:54 p.m..

Masters Ha, Nulman and Odonnell received applause and ovation from the Council and the Assembly.

2. Public Hearing by Frelinghuysen Middle School Students - Hand Sanitizing Stations.

The Town Clerk announced that there would be a Public Hearing regarding Hand Sanitizer Stations presented by students of Frelinghuysen Middle School.

Diego Salas, a teacher at the Quest Program addressed Council concerning the Hand Sanitizing Stations Program. He then turned over the hearing to Corina Amarista who spoke on the Hand Sanitizing Station Program.

At the conclusion of the remarks made by Miss Amarista; the Town Clerk asked if any member of the Council had questions concerning the Hand Sanitizers Program as presented.

Council Member Harris suggested reaching out to the Morristown and Morris County Chambers of Commerce and perhaps Ms. Amarista may be able to obtain funding faster.

Council President Armington suggested that Ms. Amarista reach out to the Morristown Partnership and they would be able to assist in finding financing.

Council Member Deeb commended Ms. Amarista for her well-prepared presentation. Council Member Deeb asked Ms. Amarista to do some research to see if the dispensers could potentially be contaminated and how can be kept clean from a safety perspective. Ms. Amarista thanked Council Member Deeb and stated that she would do the research.

Mayor Dougherty commended Ms. Amarista and stated that it most be nice to have more than one suggestion of places to find possible funding. Mayor Dougherty also asked if the Plan called for the dispensers to be located inside or outside of stores. Ms. Amarista replied that they would be outside. Mayor Dougherty stated that many businesses keep them inside, but he likes the overall concept. Mayor Dougherty stated that if Ms. Amarista was on the TV show Shark Tank; they would be asking how they could take the concept further. Mayor Dougherty recommended that Ms. Amarista contact Business Administrator Jillian Barrick who provided Ms. Amarista with her business card.

At the conclusion of the remarks made by Council Members; the Town Clerk asked if any member of the Public wished to be heard concerning Hand Sanitizing Stations as presented.

There were no members of the Public wishing to be heard and Council President Armington closed the Public Hearing of Citizens concerning Hand Sanitizing Stations as presented at 8:01 p.m..

Ms. Amarista received applause and ovation from the Council and the Assembly.

3. Any other Member of the Public wishing to address Council on any issue.

Council President Armington opened the meeting to members of the public would wished to be heard on any issue. The Town Clerk asked that members wishing to address Council to please state their name, address and please limit their comments to 5 minutes or less. The Town Clerk announced that any offensive or derogatory comments shall be deemed out of order.

1) **Esperanza Porres-Field**, Morristown, New Jersey, addressed Council on behalf of several Limousine Service owners who are licensed in Town and fully comply with all of the licensing conditions. Ms. Porres-Field stated that despite their compliance; they are competing with "gypsy" limousines who are not licensed in town and who do not comply with licensing provisions.

2) **Ernesto Arias**, 9 Clinton Street, Morristown, is the Owner of Chispa Limo, 21 Spring Street in Morristown, addressed Council concerning the "Gypsy" Limousine issue and how it is not fair.

3) **Jaime Agudelo**, Owner of Cafe Limo, Morristown, addressed Council concerning the "Gypsy" cabs and limos. Mr. Agudelo stated that licensed owners are losing a lot of money and if he were to go to other towns and not be licensed he would be fined. Mr. Agudelo stated that he has spoken with the Chief of Police and to date very little has occurred. Mr. Agudelo stated that he hopes to get some response from the Town because licensed limousine owners are paying a great deal of money on insurance, maintenance costs and licensing fees. Mr. Agudelo stated that some of these "Gypsy" limos and cabs only have the minimum coverage of insurance and he hopes the Town shall be able to help.

After the remarks by Mr. Agudelo; Council Member Deeb asked if she could ask a question. Mayor Dougherty stated that he had several questions. Council President Armington stated that questions would be answered when the Public Hearing concluded.

Council Member Harris asked if those who spoke would be able to come back and respond after Council Members asked their questions. Mayor Dougherty stated that he would like the Police Chief present if there are going to be questions asked. Council President Armington suggested that since the Chief is not present at this evening's hearing that if the owners were passionate about their cause they could come back. Council President Armington further stated that there would be no back and forth discussion and if the owners present wanted to follow up with Council Members and the Administration; that they could do that outside of the meeting.

During the discussion, Police Chief Peter Demnitz entered the Council Room.

4) **Michelle Harris**, Morristown, stated that she met with a group of residents angry with the illegal packaging and transportation. Ms. Harris also inquired about a taxi/limousine medallion. Ms. Harris further stated that when the police are involved with this issue; who in the Administration is responsible for resolving these issues and reporting to Council. Ms. Harris further stated that she would like to see a Taxi/Limo Council Subcommittee as it existed in the past.

5) **Jeffrey Morton**, 322 Pond Road, Freehold, addressed Council about Ordinance O-14-2017 (the Ban on Puppy Mills Ordinance). Mr. Morton stated that he is in opposition to the Ordinance stating that the Ordinance does not stop the proposed abuse in dog breeding and animal trafficking it seeks to ban and is flawed by design. Mr. Morton urged Council to reject the Ordinance.

6) **Margret Brady**, 1 Franklin Place, Morristown, thanked Council for following their rules about Council Protocol and limiting Council addressed to 5 minutes and not allowing a "back and forth" discussion. Ms. Brady then addressed Council sharing a historic insight about Willow Hall and Willow Hall being placed on the list of historic places on the Town's Website.

7) **Larry Cohen**, volunteer with animal agencies, addressed Council attempting to respond to comments made by Mr. Morton. Mr. Cohen further referenced a report that addressed the Humane Society's view on agencies that violate the breeding laws. Mr. Cohen stated that he was disappointed that the Ordinance had been tabled from tonight's meeting and that he urges Council to adopt the Ordinance.

8) **Yvonne Barberio**, Morris Plains, addressed Council regarding Ordinance O-14-2017, stating that she opposed the Ordinance and urged Council to reject the Ordinance. Ms. Barberio stated that the problem is not with the pet store, but with regulation.

9) **Faith Earl**, addressed Council on behalf of father who is a veterinarian in opposition to O-14-2017. Ms. Earl read an email that her father sent to Council prior to this evening's meeting. Ms. Earl stating that this Ordinance shall not stop what it intends to regulate and urged Council not to adopt the Ordinance.

10) **Cindy Knowles**, owner Furrylicious Pet Store and Boutique in Whitehouse Station, addressed Council stating that her business is in full compliance with the laws concerning obtaining and selling pets. Ms. Knowles stated that she is in opposition to Ordinance O-14-2017 and attempted to provide Council with insight into the regulation process. Ms. Knowles urged Council to reject the Ordinance.

11) **Neil Kramer**, 5 Crestwood Road, Morristown, addressed Council about animals wildlife in the area in Foote's Pond. Mr. Kramer stated that there is an area of land next to Foote's Pond that would be a great addition. Mr. Kramer stated that he learned that the Town is attempting to get Green Acres grant funding to purchase the land and append it

to Foote's Pond stating that it would be great and he supports same. Mr. Kramer also commended the students who came out this evening and presented to the Council and how pleased Mr. Kramer was to see these students take an interest in the well-being of the Town.

12) **Stephanie Earl**, Morristown, who is associated with Furrylicious, addressed Council regarding Ordinance O-14-2017. Ms. Earl stated that the Ordinance does not ban Puppy Mills but pet stores themselves. Ms. Earl stated that the strict regulation is already there and this Ordinance does not make things better. Ms. Earl gave Council some insight that Ms. Earl states has already frustrated pet store owners including passing of the Assembly and Senate Bills that Governor Christie vetoed. Ms. Earl urged Council not to support this Ordinance.

Seeing no other Members of the Public wishing to be heard; Council President Armington closed the Public Hearing of Citizens at 8:54 p.m..

F. Council Response to Public Hearing Comments

The Town Clerk asked if any Council Members wished to comment regarding issues raised during the Public Hearing.

Council Member Harris expressed concern about the "Gypsy" cab/limo problem. Council Member Harris asked the Police Chief what has been done by the police to address the complaints regarding "gypsy" limos and cabs over the past few years. Police Chief Peter Demnitz replied that he has met with the limousine owners and he understands the concerns raised and in his opinion it is unfair. Chief Demnitz stated that the Police have attempted to address the issue; however, the police have met with resistance due to the "gypsy" cabs and limos getting help from residents. Chief Demnitz that they have attempted using undercovers; however, this is a problem that does not respond to tradition police techniques.

Council Member Harris asked if any officers have done any work on the issue this year. Chief Demnitz stated that he cannot say.

Council Member Harris asked if the Chief has recently met with the limousine owners to update them. Chief Demnitz replied that he has not; and he apologizes, but he has other areas to address and if he doesn't get complaints making him aware; he can't address it.

Council Member Harris recommended a meeting with the group and the reforming of the Taxi Council Subcommittee. Chief Demnitz stated that he welcomes the meeting. However, he cannot guarantee that results will be immediately forthcoming.

Council Member Harris again recommended a Council taxi subcommittee and asked the Town Attorney if the Town is liable if the Town has information that someone is operating in Town illegally and an accident occurs. Town Attorney Vijayant Pawar, Esq., replied that the Town is not liable.

Council President Armington asked if anyone is interested in serving on the Subcommittee. Council Member Deeb stated that she believes she served on it before and she is willing to serve again. Council Member Harris thanked Council Member Deeb for agreeing to do so.

Council Member Deeb asked as to the number of complaints the Police Department has received. Chief Demnitz replied approximately 12-14 cars that may be presented to him. Council Member Deeb asked if that was over a six year period. Chief Demnitz said to his knowledge - yes.

Council President Armington asked how Uber and Lyft were affecting this problem. Chief Demnitz stated that Uber and Lyft are helping because there are not enough licensed cabs and limousines in Town to accomodate individuals.

Council Member Deeb asked about the State legislation affecting Uber. Mr. Pawar stated that an update would be provided.

Council Member Deeb thanked the members of the Public who spoke on animal safety.

Council Member Harris stated regarding Puppy Mills if Council could be provided with supporting documentation for the Ordinance. Council President Armington replied that we received many supporting documentation that was provided to Council when the Ordinance was first proposed.

Council Member Iannaccone stated that more should be done to look at any Ordinance when the Ordinance is proposed.

Council Member Deeb stated that she would like to hear from our Animal Control Officer and Health Division on the Ordinance and proposed regulation. Ms. Barrick replied that effort would be made to provide same. Council Member Deeb inquired about dog waste bag dispensers in the parks... Ms. Barrick replied that there is plans to place dispensers in parks.

Council Member Harris if anyone wishing to weigh in on Ordinance O-14-2017 can provide documentation in support or opposition. Council President Armington stated that if anyone had any information they wished to provide to submit them to the Clerk.

There were no other questions or comments from Council Members about issues raised in the Public Hearing.

G. Mayor's Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Dougherty had no proclamations or presentations scheduled for this evening.

1. Morris County Tourism Bureau Presentation on Morristown Specific Advertising Campaign

This matter was tabled until the June 27, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting.

H. Report of Mayor and Town Officials



Mayor Dougherty updated Council Members on some events that occurred in Town since the last Council Meeting. Mayor Dougherty also informed the Assembly of some upcoming events.

Mayor Dougherty announced that this past weekend was the grand opening of Bubba Rose Biscuit Company, 84 South Street, Morristown.

Mayor Dougherty on the taxi issue addressed concerns and stated that Council passed an Ordinance last year waiving fees for taxis and limos on renewal. Mayor Dougherty stated that the Police Chief provided taxi and limousine drivers with direct numbers and it has been a while since Mayor Dougherty himself has received any complaints from any source.

Police Chief Demnitz provided his direct contact number and email on the record.

I. Council Liaison Reports

Council Member Iannaccone stated that the Parking Authority met this evening and they will be closing on a bond sale in early June 2017 which shall be beneficial. Council Member Iannaccone stated that the bonds are under a general guarantee of the municipality. Council Member Iannaccone also stated that the trial for free parking in the garages did not go as planned and shall be revisited. Council Member Iannaccone further informed Council that the Parking Authority recommended that when Council considers parking for new development that they look at a 500' distance as opposed to a 1000' as presently in the Ordinance.

Council Member Davis stated that the Housing Authority met yesterday evening. However Council Member Davis advised that due to the absence of the Executive Director; all of the Resolutions had to be tabled. Council Member Davis asked the Town Clerk if he could obtain information and criteria on how the Town is raising money or funds to allow underprivileged children membership to the pool; and how they are coming up with the list for needy children. Mr. Harris stated that he would speak with Ms. Barrick to get same. Council Member Iannaccone stated that maybe Council should consider just waiving the fees for these children. Council Member Harris stated that there has to be a selection criteria. Council President Armington stated that the solution may be a daily fee which the Town does not presently have. Council Member Deeb stated that they would be a great idea. Council Member Iannaccone stated that the idea should be to give the children a place to go.

J. Calendar of Events

The Town Clerk asked if there were any events Council Members were aware of that they wished to bring forward to their Council colleagues and the Assembly.

Council Member Foster, 8th Annual "Our Youth - Their Future" Event at Caldwell Playground on Saturday, June 10, 2017.

K. Regular Business

1. Ordinances for Introduction

The Town Clerk informed the Council that there were two (2) ordinances being presented for introduction that evening.

**Ordinance No. O-15-2017**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$4,068,566 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,170,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Purpose: Provides for Capital Purchases listed in section 3. Down payment of \$898,566 from the Capital Improvement Fund with \$3,170,000 Bonds or Notes for a total of \$4,068,566.

The Town Clerk presented to the Town Council Ordinance O-15-2017 which is on the Agenda for Introduction this evening.

**On Discussion**

Council Member Iannaccone commented on language in the Ordinance; specifically that Morristown is a "Town", not a "Township". Ms. Barrick agreed and stated that the Ordinance had been revised. The Town Clerk further noted that he had commented the same to Bond Counsel who prepared the Ordinance.

There were no further questions or comments from Council Members concerning this Ordinance.

The Town Clerk announced that the date for public hearing and consideration for possible adoption of Ordinance O-15-2017 shall be on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at the Regular Town Council Meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m..

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED FOR INTRODUCTION [UNANIMOUS] Next: 6/13/2017 7:30 PM</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stefan Armington, Council Member - Council President - Ward III
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Toshiba Foster, Council Member - Vice President - At Large
<b>AYES:</b>	Armington, Foster, Iannaccone, Davis, Deeb, Harris
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Elms

**Ordinance No. O-16-2017**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN CHAPTER 7 "TRAFFIC", SECTION 40.2 "HANDICAPPED PARKING ON STREETS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENCES" TO ADD A DEDICATED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FOR A RESIDENT OF 20 CONDUCT PLACE

Purpose: Grants a dedicated handicapped parking space in front of residence of applicant whose minor son has been deemed qualified to receive same.

The Town Clerk presented to the Town Council Ordinance O-16-2017 which is on the Agenda for Introduction this evening.

**On Discussion**

There were no questions or comments from Council Members concerning this Ordinance.

The Town Clerk announced that the date for public hearing and consideration for possible adoption of Ordinance O-16-2017 shall be on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at the Regular Town Council Meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m..

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED FOR INTRODUCTION [UNANIMOUS] Next: 6/13/2017 7:30 PM</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stefan Armington, Council Member - Council President - Ward III
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Toshiba Foster, Council Member - Vice President - At Large
<b>AYES:</b>	Armington, Foster, Iannaccone, Davis, Deeb, Harris
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Elms

2. Ordinances for Adoption

The Town Clerk informed the Council that there were two (2) Ordinances for Adoption for Council to consider this evening. However, Ordinance No. O-14-2017 ("An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 5 "Animal Control") was tabled at the direction of Council President Armington until the June 13, 2017 Regular Meeting.

**Ordinance No. O-13-2017**

CALENDAR YEAR ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Purpose: Establishes a Cap Bank for future years use. Calculation on Sheet 3b(2) of the State Document.

The Town Clerk presented to the Town Council Ordinance O-13-2017 which is on the Agenda for Final Adoption.

**Public Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance O-13-2017**

Council President Armington opened discussion on Ordinance O-13-2017 to the public who wish to be heard as to Ordinance O-13-2017.

There were no members of the public wishing to be heard on this Ordinance and Council President Armington closed the public hearing on Ordinance O-13-2017.

**On Discussion**

Council Member Iannaccone as a point of clarification inquired about the 3.5% Appropriation Rate and as the Municipal Rate was not being increased; Council Member Iannaccone asked if the the exceeding of the 2.0% Appropriation Cap was due to an increase in the amount allocated to schools. Ms. Barrick replied that it does not. Ms. Barrick stated that the purpose of this Ordinance is when there is a gap between what is in the Budget and what is allocated; it allows the Town to reserve monies for use in future years should the need arise.

There were no further comments or questions from Council Members concerning this Ordinance.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [5 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stefan Armington, Council Member - Council President - Ward III
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Toshiba Foster, Council Member - Vice President - At Large
<b>AYES:</b>	Armington, Foster, Iannaccone, Davis, Deeb
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Harris
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Elms

3. Resolutions for Adoption

The Town Clerk informed the Council that there were five (5) Resolutions on for Council consideration this evening.

**Resolution No. R-77-2017**

Resolution approving the submission of a 2018 Cooperative Marketing Grant.

Purpose: Resolution approving the submission of a 2018 Cooperative Marketing Grant for the marketing and advertising of the Morristown Festival of Books.

The Town Clerk presented to the Town Council Resolution R-77-2017 which is on the Agenda for Adoption this evening.

**On Discussion**

There was no discussion among Council Members concerning this Resolution.

There were no further questions or comments from Council Members concerning this Resolution.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stefan Armington, Council Member - Council President - Ward III
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Toshiba Foster, Council Member - Vice President - At Large
<b>AYES:</b>	Armington, Foster, Iannaccone, Davis, Deeb, Harris
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Elms

**Resolution No. R-78-2017**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUTY OF MORRIS AND CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES LOCATED THEREIN ESTABLISHING A COOPERATIVE MEANS OF CONDUCTING CERTAIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOME ACTIVITIES

Purpose: Authorizes agreement between the County of Morris and Morristown for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

The Town Clerk presented to the Town Council Resolution R-78-2017 which is on the Agenda for Adoption this evening.

**On Discussion**

Council Member Iannaccone inquired if there is any benefit to Morristown going this alone as to being part of a cooperative. Ms Barrick replied that she believes that the cooperative is the most beneficial in terms of being able to secure grant funding and other issues.

There were no further questions or comments from Council Members concerning this Resolution.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stefan Armington, Council Member - Council President - Ward III
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Toshiba Foster, Council Member - Vice President - At Large
<b>AYES:</b>	Armington, Foster, Iannaccone, Davis, Deeb, Harris
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Elms

**Resolution No. R-79-2017**

Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract to T. Fiotakis Construction, LLC for Kleitman Woods Park Improvements

Purpose: Authorizes the award of a contract to T. Fiotakis Construction, LLC for the Kleitman Woods Park Improvements

The Town Clerk presented to the Town Council Resolution R-79-2017 which is on the Agenda for Adoption this evening.

**On Discussion**

There was no discussion among Council Members concerning this Resolution.

There were no further questions or comments from Council Members concerning this Resolution.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stefan Armington, Council Member - Council President - Ward III
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Toshiba Foster, Council Member - Vice President - At Large
<b>AYES:</b>	Armington, Foster, Iannaccone, Davis, Deeb, Harris
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Elms

**Resolution No. R-80-2017**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING FROM THE MORRIS COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND PROGRAM AND THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE FOOTE'S POND / LOYOLA ACQUISITION

Purpose: Authorizes the Town of Morristown's application for grant funding from the 2017 Morris County Open Space Foundation Grant Program for the acquisition of the property on James Street, adjacent to Foote's Pond Wood and the Loyola Retreat House (Block 8901, Lot 3.02) in the Town of Morristown, County of Morris in order to maintain it as preserved open space. Also authorizes the Mayor to execute any and all necessary Agreements associated with same.

**Pursuant to County Regulations and Requirements, a Public Hearing is required on this Resolution. Should be removed for a separate vote.**

The Town Clerk presented to the Town Council Resolution R-80-2017 which is on the Agenda for Adoption this evening.

The Town Clerk announced that the Resolution and the Notice of Hearing on the Open Space Grant Application was published in the Daily Record on Wednesday, May 10, 2017.

**Public Hearing of Citizens on Resolution R-80-2017**

Council President Armington opened discussion on Resolution R-80-2017 to the public who wish to be heard as to Resolution R-80-2017.

There were no members of the public wishing to be heard on this Resolution and Council President Armington closed the public hearing on Resolution R-80-2017.

**On Discussion**

Council Member Deeb thanked the Administration for pursuing this grant opportunity. Council Member Deeb also acknowledged Mr. Neil Kramer, who spoke in support of this Grant Application during the Meeting's Public Hearing of Citizens Open Session, but was not able to remain for the Public Hearing on this Resolution and grant application.

There were no further questions or comments from Council Members concerning this Resolution.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stefan Armington, Council Member - Council President - Ward III
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Toshiba Foster, Council Member - Vice President - At Large
<b>AYES:</b>	Armington, Foster, Iannaccone, Davis, Deeb, Harris
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Elms

**Resolution No. R-81-2017**

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCING AND APPROVING FOR INTRODUCTION THE 2017 BUDGET OF THE MORRISTOWN PARTNERSHIP SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

Purpose: Allows for the Introduction of the 2017 Budget of the Morristown Partnership Special Improvement District and schedules Public Hearing and Date for further consideration for possible final adoption.

**Should be considered for separate vote as Council may wish to hear from Executive Director, should the Executive Director desire to address Council regarding same.**

The Town Clerk presented to the Town Council Resolution R-81-2017 which is on the Agenda for Adoption this evening.

**On Discussion**

Jennifer Wehring, Executive Director of the Morristown Partnership addressed Council regarding the budget sharing some highlights of the Budget and changes for the previous Budget.

Council Member Deeb asked how many restaurants are in Town. Ms. Wehring replied that she believes over 100; however, Ms. Wehring stated that she believes the best location to obtain the number is from the Health Department in that all restaurants have to be licensed.

Council Member Deeb also asked if the Board membership had recently changed and if so; the Partnership website has not been updated. Ms. Wehring replied that it has been updated as of May 1, 2017.

There were no further questions or comments from Council Members concerning this Resolution.

The date for Public Hearing and possible final adoption shall be the Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, beginning at 7:30 pm.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that the Regular Business Agenda items were concluded.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stefan Armington, Council Member - Council President - Ward III
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Toshiba Foster, Hiliari B Davis
<b>AYES:</b>	Armington, Foster, Iannaccone, Davis, Deeb, Harris
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Elms

L. Unfinished (Old) Business

There was no Unfinished "Old" Business on the Agenda for this evening.

M. New Business

The Town Clerk informed the Council that there was one (1) item of New Business for discussion this evening.

1. Morris County Mental Illness "Stigma Free" Initiative (Requested by Council President Armington).

Council President Armington stated this was brought to his attention that Morris County has initiatives to assist municipalities in creating programs to create a stigma free environment for individuals dealing with mental illness. Council President Armington stated that there is a model Resolution and he urged Council Members to look at it and determine if Morristown should consider introducing and adopting same.

Council Member Iannaccone suggested that the Resolution be place on the Agenda for the June 13, 2017 meeting. Council President Armington directed the Town Clerk to do so.

- a. Morris County Mental Illness "Stigma Free" Initiative Toolkit.

N. Correspondence

There was no discussion regarding Correspondence this evening.

1. Notice from County of Morris - Re: Sale of County owned Property in Roxbury, New Jersey.
2. PSE&G Notice - Public Hearings Re: Electric & Gas Base Adjustments & EE 2017 Program.



3. PSE&G Notice - Public Hearings RE: Changes in Electric & Gas Societal Benefits Charge Rates.
4. Mine Hill Township Resolution - Support of A. 4532/S. 3049 Amending OPRA Law.
5. Notice of Meeting - Morristown Housing Authority on May 22, 2017.
6. Township of Morris - Synopsis of Annual Audit for Year Ending 12/31/2016.

O. Adjournment

Prior to adjourning; Council Member Foster extended birthday wishes to Bill Byrne and thanked him for coming out to spend his birthday at the Council meeting. Mr. Byrne received applause from the Council and the Assembly.

Council Member Deeb thanked Council for allowing her seeing eye puppy Heath to the meeting.

There being no further business before the Council; Council President Armington moved that the meeting be adjourned. The Motion was seconded by Council Foster and passed by acclamation on voice vote. The Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m..