

**TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 8, 2015**

Mayor Sullivan called the Regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham to order at 7:32 PM.

Adequate Notice of this meeting of the Township Committee was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Notice was given to both The Chatham Courier and the Morris County Daily Record on January 7, 2015; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 7, 2015; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on January 7, 2015.

Roll Call

Answering present to the roll call were Committeeman Kelly, Committeewoman Swartz, Committeeman Gallop, Deputy Mayor Ritter and Mayor Sullivan.

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

Honoring John Pacelli

**RESOLUTION 2015-176
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
CHATHAM HONORING JOHN G. PACELLI FOR HIS YEARS OF FAITHFUL AND
DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, John G. Pacelli began his employment with Chatham Township as an Assistant Water Pollution Control Serviceman on January 4, 1982 at a probationary salary of \$11,870 or \$5.71 per hour, and

WHEREAS, John was eventually transferred to the mechanics shop in the Department of Public Works and was promoted to the position of Buildings and Grounds Foreman, and

WHEREAS, John became the Assistant DPW Manager in 2008 and was appointed to the position of Director of the Department of Public Works on February 1, 2011, and

WHEREAS, John is retiring effective November 1, 2015 after having completed 33 years and 10 months of service, and

WHEREAS, John Pacelli distinguished himself as an outstanding employee of the Township of Chatham, consistently demonstrating the highest levels of professionalism, leading a department that often faces adverse conditions, working through the night in the dead of winter, fighting freezing rain, snow and ice followed months later by the scorching sun and heat of summer, and the occasional October storm or hurricane, and

WHEREAS, John Pacelli saw many changes to Chatham Township over the past 33 years and was a major contributor in improving the Department of Public Works and in making the Township a better place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that we hereby, recognize, and extend our deep appreciation to **John G. Pacelli** upon the occasion of his retirement and extend to him and his wife Paula and their children Elizabeth and Kathryn and grandchildren Eva, Grace and Dylan our best wishes for a long, healthy and happy retirement.

Mayor Sullivan spoke on behalf of Mr. Pacelli and the excellent work he has done as Director of Public Works.

Committeewoman Swartz also spoke on Mr. Pacelli's efforts, particularly with the maintenance of recreation facilities.

Committeeman Kelly said that it has been a pleasure to work closely with Mr. Pacelli this year, and it has been a very professional experience. Committeeman Kelly also congratulated Mr. Pacelli on his retirement.

Committeeman Gallop said that the new Director has big shoes to fill.

Deputy Mayor Ritter echoed the comments made by the other members of the Township Committee. He also said that pictures of the Public Works crews posted on the Township's Facebook page receive the most comments of appreciation. Deputy Mayor Ritter also expressed his appreciation for all the hard work performed by Mr. Pacelli and the Public Works Department.

Mayor Sullivan read aloud Resolution 2015-176.

Committeeman Kelly moved to pass Resolution 2015-176. Committeewoman Swartz seconded the motion.

Roll call: Committeeman Gallop, Aye; Committeeman Kelly, Aye; Committeewoman Swartz, Aye; Deputy Mayor Ritter, Aye; Mayor Sullivan, Aye.

Administrator Ciccarone expressed his appreciation for everything Mr. Pacelli has done for the Township over his career.

Appointing Public Works Director

RESOLUTION 2015-175 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM APPOINTING RICHARD YOUNG PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR AND ESTABLISHING SALARY THEREFOR

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that Richard Young be, hereby, appointed Director of the Department of Public Works at an annual salary of \$105,000 effective October 16, 2015.

Committeewoman Swartz moved to pass Resolution 2015-175. Committeeman Kelly seconded the motion.

Roll call: Committeeman Gallop, Aye; Committeeman Kelly, Aye; Committeewoman Swartz, Aye; Deputy Mayor Ritter, Aye; Mayor Sullivan, Aye.

The Township Committee took a 30 minute recess commencing at 7:45 PM.
The Township Committee returned to public session at 8:17 PM.

Reports

Committeewoman Swartz reported that the Senior Center had their Welcome Back Picnic, and welcomed several new members to the Board of Trustees and the Senior Center staff. The annual Flu Shot Clinic for Seniors will be held on October 14th from 1:30 to 3:00 in the gym at the Municipal Building. The Senior Center is also holding a Shred Event on October 17th at Lafayette Avenue School from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. A walking tour of Radio City Music Hall and Lincoln Center is being held on November 17th, and anyone interested can contact the Senior Center. Mrs. Swartz further reported that the Environmental Commission discussed the Township's qualifications for Sustainable Jersey, and they would welcome volunteers for the subcommittee.

Committeeman Kelly reported that the harvest is pretty much in from the Community Garden, and the gardeners are beginning to make plans for next year. Those who are interested in having a plot next year can submit an application, and forms are available on the Township website.

Committeeman Gallop reported that fall sports are in full swing. He also suggested that the Township Committee adopt an ordinance to prohibit private citizens from carrying guns on municipal property. Deputy Mayor Ritter suggested that the matter be referred to the Public Safety Committee for a recommendation.

Deputy Mayor Ritter reported that it is Fire Safety Week, and residents are reminded to check & replace the batteries in their smoke alarms. The Green Village Fire Department recently hosted

an ice cream social, and the Chatham Township Fire Department has an upcoming event. The Township recently hosted a black bear seminar. If residents see a bear, they are asked to call the police non-emergency number. Deputy Mayor Ritter also reported on the Neighborhood Watch program, and anyone looking to launch a program in their neighborhood can contact Officer Bloom in the Chatham Township Police Department.

Public Hearing/Final of Ordinances

Ordinance 2015-16

ORDINANCE 2015-16

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER III, ADDING SECTION 3-12.1 ET SEQ REGARDING CERTAIN REGULATIONS OF DRONE TECHNOLOGY AND UNMANNED AIRCRAFT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham deems it appropriate, necessary, and proper for the good government, order, the protection of persons and property, and for the preservation of the public health, welfare, and safety of its inhabitants to adopt certain regulations pertaining to the use of drone technology and unmanned aircraft on government owned property; and

WHEREAS, drone technology includes “drones,” which are unmanned aircraft that can fly under the control of a remote pilot or via a geographic positions system guided autopilot mode, can fly at altitudes below the navigable airspace (generally 400’), and are equipped with surveillance technologies (e.g., high definition cameras, night vision cameras, and infrared-see-through scopes); and

WHEREAS, as a result of its declining cost, drone technology and unmanned aircraft have become increasingly available to private citizens for personal, recreational, and other potential uses; and

WHEREAS, drones and unmanned aircraft can be used to fly above Township owned properties in a manner that is inherently dangerous to the public health, welfare, and safety; and

WHEREAS, the federal government and the State of New Jersey have not adopted specific and comprehensive restrictions on the use of drone technology, the federal government has only issued general guidelines regarding restrictions on the use of the type of unmanned aircraft designated as “model aircraft,” and the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) is presently scheduled to adopt drone technology regulations in fall 2015, and, therefore, at this time there are no meaningful regulations protecting the public, health, and welfare from drone technology and unmanned aircraft particular to and specific to the needs of Township.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that:

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Chapter III, by adding certain and specific regulations of drone technology and unmanned aircraft in Township to protect the public health, welfare, and safety.

Chapter III. DRONE AND UNMANNED AIRCRAFT REGULATIONS

Article II

Drones and Unmanned Aircraft

3-12.1. Definitions

“Data collection” means the acquisition of information by use of one or more sensing devices.

“Drone” means an unmanned aircraft that can fly under the control of a remote pilot or by a geographic positions system (“GPS”) guided autopilot mechanism, and that is equipped with any sensing device or capable of any data collection.

“Sensing device” means a device capable of acquiring data from its surroundings. Sensing devices include, but are not limited to, cameras, microphones, thermal detectors, chemical detectors, radiation gauges, and wireless receivers in any frequency (including cellular, WiFi, or other data frequencies).

“Unmanned aircraft” means an unmanned vehicle or device of any size that is capable of remote-control flight by any means and that does not possess any sensing device and is not capable of any data collection.

3-12.2. Regulations

- A. Except as otherwise provided in §12.3, drones and unmanned aircraft are prohibited from being launched from any government or public buildings, property, or parks within the Township or landing on any government or public buildings, property, or parks within the Township.
- B. Except as otherwise provided in §12.3, drones and unmanned aircraft are prohibited from operating or flying in any airspace below 400 feet within the airspace over any government or public buildings, property, or parks within the Township.

3-12.3. Exceptions

- A. This Chapter shall not prohibit the constitutional use of drones and unmanned aircraft by any law enforcement agency or emergency services organization of or servicing the Township, the State of New Jersey, or the United States of America for lawful purposes and in a lawful manner.
- B. This Chapter shall not prohibit any federal, state, county or municipal agency from the use of drones and unmanned aircraft for any lawful and authorized purpose pursuant to applicable regulation.
- C. This Chapter shall not prohibit the use of unmanned aircraft by any federal, state, county or municipal agency, including, but not limited to, law enforcement and emergency services agencies, for lawful purposes and in a lawful manner.

**Article III
General Provisions**

3-12.4. Violations and penalties.

A violation of this Chapter shall be punishable as provided in Chapter I, General Provisions, Article 1-5, General Penalty.

3-12.5. Repealer.

All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent with this Chapter are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

3-12.6. Severability.

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

3-12.7. Effective date.

This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.

Mayor Sullivan opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2015-16.
Seeing no public comment, Mayor Sullivan closed the Public Hearing.

Committeewoman Swartz commented that the issue of drone security has been in the media a lot lately, and she is glad to see the Township ahead of the curve on this matter before there are any incidences.

Committeewoman Swartz moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-16. Deputy Mayor Ritter seconded the motion.

Roll call: Committeeman Gallop, Aye; Committeeman Kelly, Aye; Committeewoman Swartz, Aye; Deputy Mayor Ritter, Aye; Mayor Sullivan, Aye.

Ordinance 2015-20

**ORDINANCE 2015-20
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 7-20 OF THE REVISED GENERAL
ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP, TITLED “STOP INTERSECTIONS”, BY**

INSTALLING “STOP SIGNS” AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF SANDY HILL ROAD WITH ABERDEEN ROAD, OVERLOOK ROAD AND WARWICK ROAD, AND A “STOP SIGN” AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAPLE STREET AND SCHOOL AVENUE

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham Chief of Police recommended the removal of “YIELD” signs on Sandy Hill Road at its intersection with Aberdeen Road, Overlook Road and Warwick Road, and to install four (4) way “STOP” signs on Overlook Road and Warwick Road at their intersection with Sandy Hill Road, and to install a “STOP” sign at the intersection of Maple Street and School Avenue and a “STOP” sign at the intersection of Sandy Hill Road and Aberdeen Road on Sandy Hill Road; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham desires, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-140, to follow the recommendations of the Chief of Police to promote the health, safety and welfare of its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Section 7-20 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Chatham, titled “Stop Intersections”, is hereby amended to designate the following as “STOP” Intersections:

<u>Intersection</u>	<u>STOP Sign on:</u>
Sandy Hill Road and Aberdeen Road	Sandy Hill Road
Sandy Hill Road and Overlook Road	Sandy Hill Road and Overlook Road
Sandy Hill Road and Warwick Road	Sandy Hill Road and Warwick Road
Maple Street and School Avenue	School Avenue

Section 2. All other provisions of Section 7-20 remain in effect.

Section 3. Severability.

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

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.

Mayor Sullivan opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2015-20. Seeing no public comment, Mayor Sullivan closed the Public Hearing.

Deputy Mayor Ritter moved to introduce Ordinance 2015-20. Committeeman Gallop seconded the motion.

Roll call: Committeeman Gallop, Aye; Committeeman Kelly, Aye; Committeewoman Swartz, Aye; Deputy Mayor Ritter, Aye; Mayor Sullivan, Aye.

Ordinance 2015-21

ORDINANCE 2015-21

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 7-21 OF THE REVISED GENERAL
ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP, TITLED “YIELD INTERSECTIONS”, BY
REMOVING THE “YIELD” SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAPLE STREET
AND SCHOOL AVENUE ON SCHOOL AVENUE**

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham Chief of Police recommended the removal of a “YIELD” sign on School Avenue at the intersection of Maple Street and School Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham desires, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-140, to follow the recommendation of the Chief of Police to promote the health, safety and welfare of its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Section 7-21 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Chatham, titled “Yield Intersections”, is hereby amended to remove the following as a “YIELD” Intersection:

Intersection
Maple Street and
School Avenue

YIELD Sign on:
School Avenue

Section 2. All other provisions of Section 7-21 remain in effect.

Section 3. Severability.

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

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.

Mayor Sullivan opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2015-21.
Seeing no public comment, Mayor Sullivan closed the Public Hearing.

Committeewoman Swartz moved to introduce Ordinance 2015-21. Deputy Mayor Ritter seconded the motion.

Roll call: Committeeman Gallop, Aye; Committeeman Kelly, Aye; Committeewoman Swartz, Aye; Deputy Mayor Ritter, Aye; Mayor Sullivan, Aye.

Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION 2015-177

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLLS, SCHOOL TAXES AND COUNTY TAXES**

BE IT RESOLVED that bills in the total amount of \$992,461.59 and the prior month’s payroll of \$398,846.87 Current Fund, \$46,509.32 Sewer No. 1, \$9,098.21 Sewer No. 2, and \$11,696.16 Police Private Employment be paid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that taxes due to the School District of the Chathams, for the month of October 2015, in the amount of \$2,890,596.00 be paid.

RESOLUTION 2015-178

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
APPROVING MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham acknowledges receipt of and approves the minutes of the Township Committee meeting held on September 24, 2015.

RESOLUTION 2015-179
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
APPROVING EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham acknowledges receipt of and approves Executive Session minutes of the Township Committee meeting held on September 24, 2015.

RESOLUTION 2015-180
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, IN
THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
REFUNDING OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

WHEREAS, an overpayment of property taxes or sewer utility fees has been made for the following properties; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has recommended the refund of such overpayment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that the following refunds be made:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME & ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
48.10	12	Kathleen & Joseph Popovich 96 Westminster Ave Chatham, NJ 07928	\$869.00 State Judgment Year 2014
34	22.10	Thomas & Valerie Haverty 25 Valley Road Madison, NJ 07940 Re: 5 Molino Drive Chatham, NJ 07928	\$2,687.75 – Year 2012 \$4,425.29 – Year 2013 \$4,513.59 – Year 2014 \$11,626.63 – Total State Judgment
68	12	Stalios & Helene Juvelis 352 Fairmount Ave Chatham, NJ 07928	\$3,803.24 Totally Disabled Veteran

RESOLUTION 2015-181
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, IN
THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
REFUNDING COLONY POOL FEE

WHEREAS, a registration fee was paid for a Colony Pool Membership; and

WHEREAS, a refund of the registration fee has been requested;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that the following refund be made:

<u>NAME & ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Phyllis Chung 88 Southern Blvd Chatham, NJ 07928	\$400.00

RESOLUTION 2015-182
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, IN
THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
REFUNDING SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM AT SBS CAMP FEE

WHEREAS, a registration fee was paid for the Summer Recreation Program at SBS; and

WHEREAS, a refund of the registration fee has been requested;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that the following refund be made:

<u>NAME & ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Nikki Cyganovich	\$175.00

175 Hillside Ave
Chatham, NJ 07928

RESOLUTION 2015-183
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
REFUNDING OVERPAYMENT OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has considered the request submitted by the Construction Official with regard to the fee that was paid for a construction permit that was overpaid in error;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that the following amount be refunded to the depositor of record:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PERMIT #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Ryan Inc 741 Lehigh Avenue Union, NJ 07083	15-0726	\$75.00

RESOLUTION 2015-184
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING ONE-DAY
SPECIAL PERMIT FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that the following permit for a One-Day Liquor License is hereby approved:

<u>Name of Organization</u>	<u>Dates of Social Affair</u>	<u>Place where Affair will be held</u>
Harding Township Education Foundation	October 23, 2015	Green Village Firehouse 529 Green Village Road Green Village, NJ 07935

Committeeman Kelly moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Committeewoman Swartz seconded the motion.

Roll call: Committeeman Gallop, Aye; Committeeman Kelly, Aye; Committeewoman Swartz, Aye; Deputy Mayor Ritter, Aye; Mayor Sullivan, Aye.

Hearing of Citizens/Petitions

Mayor Sullivan opened the Hearing of Citizens.
Seeing no comment, Mayor Sullivan closed the Hearing of Citizens.

Presentation

Engineer Ruschke gave a presentation on the proposed sidewalks on Lafayette Ave and Spring Street. He discussed the objectives of the Safe Routes to School Committee. Also presented were the travel plan recommendations submitted by TransOptions. The recommendations of the Walkway/Bikeway Element of the Master Plan were also referenced. Engineer Ruschke also discussed State and Federal regulations regarding sidewalks. He also reported on public opinion regarding the proposed project, both positive and negative. Engineer Ruschke also presented a proposed construction layout for the sidewalks. The presentation included slides showing a rendering of what sidewalks would look like in the proposed areas, and Engineer Ruschke noted spots where landscaping would need to be removed. Engineer Ruschke also addressed alternatives to installing sidewalks, such as reductions in speed limits or increased enforcement. Also addressed were the project scheduling and deadlines for the grant, as well as the Federal requirements.

Committeeman Kelly asked about having the sidewalk on Spring Street on the north side rather than the south side. Engineer Ruschke said that the DOT would probably not object, as the modification to the original plan would not be a change in scope. Committeeman Kelly also asked if the grant money could be used to expand the Colony Pool parking lot as part of the proposed project. Engineer Ruschke said that it could be added as a supplemental bid item.

Mayor Sullivan opened the floor for public comment.

1. Amanda Feeman, 233 Shunpike Road, chairperson of the Safe Routes to School Committee, thanked Engineer Ruschke for his presentation. She also recognized the efforts of the Safe Routes to School Committee, and said that the Committee's focus is on the safety of children. Mrs. Feeman said that the comments that the SRTS Committee has been receiving are that measures to increase safety are needed. When the grant application was being developed, everyone agreed that Lafayette Ave was the best spot for a sidewalk. Mrs. Feeman also said that Lafayette Ave School and Chatham High School will be there for many years, and Lafayette Ave will be a travel route. She also said that the grant received by the Township is the highest SRTS grant in the state, and that the Township should use the money. Mayor Sullivan asked Mrs. Feeman to offer her opinions on the sidewalk on Spring Street. Mrs. Feeman said that she supports the grant as is, and there would be benefits to having the sidewalk on the north side of the street.
2. Tammy Haney, 6 Inwood Circle, has two children who would use the sidewalk if it is installed. Mrs. Haney offered statistics on traffic accidents. She also said that the Township should not wait until someone is injured to install the proposed sidewalk.
3. Janet Roffina, 52 Dellwood Ave, said that the traffic to and from the Chatham Middle School should also be considered as part of this application. She also said that the soft costs of the project are expensive, but the medical costs for an injured child would be higher.
4. Chris McHugh, 159 Lafayette Ave, has lived at the corner of Lafayette Ave and Oak Drive for 35 years. He also said that he is against the project. Mr. McHugh said that his son was the victim of a traffic accident. However, he does not see how the sidewalk would provide a direct safety benefit. Mr. McHugh said that he counted 203 people walking on Lafayette Ave from school between 1:45 and 3:45. He suggested that Washington Avenue would be a safer alternate route. Mr. McHugh also said that the street crossing at Fairview would create a greater hazard. He also raised a concern about children crossing the street to see their friends and not being careful when they do so. Mr. McHugh also raised a concern about icy conditions that would result from the sidewalks.
5. Noelle Hallahan, 189 Watchung Ave, suggested that the Township Committee should consider the needs of the future when deciding on this topic.
6. Karen Yeaw, 36 Inwood Road, said that all options should be considered before rushing to a decision. She also said that speed on Lafayette Ave should be lowered, and the effectiveness of the crosswalks should be ascertained.
7. Rosanne Maraziti, 50 Inwood Road, said that in the past ten years, not a single person has been injured on Lafayette Ave. She also noted that the project would incur costs not included in the grant, which would be passed on to the taxpayers. Mrs. Maraziti also commented on tree removal and potential drainage problems, and suggested that the Township reject the grant.
8. Clark Lattin, 36 Inwood Road, said that a sidewalk will not prevent a distracted driver from going off the road. Mr. Lattin also said that speeders would be deterred by the presence of police.
9. Beth Burton, 62 Fairview Ave, said that additional safe routes are necessary for the growing number of schoolchildren.
10. Kathy Abbott, 40 Wynwood Road, said that there was an incident on Lafayette Ave when a child was hit by a car, although he was not injured. Mrs. Abbott also addressed the parking lot at Colony Pool, and it has been maxed out for official parking spaces. She said that the drop off area for Southern Boulevard School has a social element. Mayor Sullivan said that a proposed drop off loop would not take away from the social factor, and Mrs. Abbott suggested that perhaps grant money should be used for the drop-off loop

as well if possible. Mrs. Abbott also said that all sidewalks face opposition, and the safety of the majority should outweigh the inconvenience of the minority.

11. Carole Ethridge, 15 Oak Drive, questioned why sidewalks were not installed on both sides of Lafayette Ave originally. With a growing population of school children, Mrs. Ethridge said that she is thrilled that the Township got a grant for sidewalks. She also pointed out that three of the current Township Committee members voted to submit the grant application. Mrs. Ethridge also said that there was not a big announcement that the grant was received. She would also like the sidewalk for all residents, not just the school children. Mrs. Ethridge also said that the Borough and the School District of the Chatham are in favor of the sidewalk.

Mayor Sullivan said that nobody questions the commitment, dedication or work that the Safe Routes Committee has put into this grant effort. However, the Township Committee did not have any discussion on the grant application prior to its submittal. Mayor Sullivan said that the residents who are directly impacted by the sidewalks should be heard as well.

12. Amanda Feeman said that the Township is in dire need of sidewalks. She also said that there is plenty of data to support having the sidewalk on Lafayette Ave. Mrs. Feeman also said that she is trusting the Township to do the right thing regarding the sidewalks.

Mayor Sullivan said that the sidewalk presentation will be posted on the Township website. He also said that the Township will be taking action on this matter soon.

13. Carole Ethridge said that the most powerful slide in Engineer Ruschke's presentation was the slide showing Lafayette Avenue to be a major collector, and that the DOT recommends having sidewalks on both sides of the street.

Administrator Ciccarone said that the survey that Mrs. Feeman passed along to the Township had comments from residents regarding sidewalks from Southern Boulevard to Longwood. He suggested that Mrs. Feeman make sure people understand that sidewalk supporters know that this stretch is not included in the scope of the proposal. Administrator Ciccarone also noted that residents of Spring Street spoke against a sidewalk on the south side of the street, but in favor of a sidewalk on the north side. He asked Mrs. Feeman to check with the Safe Routes to School Committee if they have an opinion on having the sidewalk on the north side rather than the south side.

Discussion

Best Practices Checklist

Administrator Ciccarone said that over the past several years, the State has required municipalities to answer several questions regarding budgeting and financial controls, called the Best Practices checklist. There are fifty questions, and the answers dictate whether a municipality will get 100% of their state aid or see a reduction. The Township received 44 points, and will receive full state aid. Administrator Ciccarone reviewed with the Township Committee those questions on which the Township lost points. One question is if the Township requires elected officials to attend training classes. Administrator Ciccarone offered his opinion that municipalities would not be able to make such a requirement. The checklist also asks if the Township participates in the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program, and if the Township is in the process of attaining a community rating system of at least class 9. The Township does participate in the rating system, but the Township does not need a class 9 rating. Another question is if the Township has a finance committee that meets at least quarterly. Although the Township does in fact have a finance committee, it meets as needed rather than requiring quarterly meetings. The checklist also asks if municipalities have a pay-to-play ordinance more restrictive than State regulations. Administrator Ciccarone said that the Township Committee has not adopted such an ordinance, and he offered his opinion that municipalities should not be penalized for not being more restrictive than statute. Another item asks if municipalities have a policy that disallows employees from receiving compensation for accumulated sick time. The Township does not yet have such a policy, but will seek to implement such a policy during contract negotiations. The Township is also asked if there is a limitation to workers compensation benefits for work-related injuries. The Township does not limit workers comp to

70% as statute allows. The State also has a requirement that contracts worth over \$10 million are supposed to be submitted to the State Comptroller for review and approval before awarding the contract. The Township failed to do so for one of the sewer contracts, but the paperwork will soon be submitted. Administrator Ciccarone noted that there was State oversight on that project, despite the failure to submit the correct paperwork to the State Comptroller.

Hearing of Citizens/Petitions

Mayor Sullivan opened the Hearing of Citizens.

Seeing no public comment, Mayor Sullivan closed the Hearing of Citizens.

Executive Session

**RESOLUTION 2015-P-12
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF CHATHAM IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING
CONFERENCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 of the Open Public Meetings Act permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - a. Personnel: Department of Public Works
3. It is anticipated that the minutes on the subject matter of the Executive Session will be made public upon conclusion of the matter under discussion; and in any event, when appropriate pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-7 and 4-13.
4. The Committee will come back into Regular Session and may take further action.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Committeeman Gallop moved to pass Resolution 2015-P-12 to enter Executive Session at 11:08 PM. Committeewoman Swartz seconded the motion.

Roll call: Committeeman Gallop, Aye; Committeeman Kelly, Aye; Committeewoman Swartz, Aye; Deputy Mayor Ritter, Aye; Mayor Sullivan, Aye.

Mayor Sullivan announced that the Township Committee would not be taking action following Executive Session.

The Township Committee returned to Public Session and the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 PM.

Gregory J. LaConte
Township Clerk