

**MINUTES
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2019**

Mayor Selen called the Special Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham to order at 6:01 P.M.

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 October 3, 2019; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on October 3, 2019; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on October 3, 2019.

The Flag Salute was led by Green Village resident Dan Miller.

Roll Call

Answering present to the roll call were Committeewoman Ness, Deputy Mayor Kelly and Mayor Selen. Committeewoman Swartz arrived a couple minutes late, and Committeeman Ritter was absent.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

Hearing of Citizens

Mayor Selen opened the Hearing of Citizens.

1. Dan Miller, 465 Green Village Road, said that ShopRite's corporate office has not been informed about the proposed ordinance banning single-use plastic bags, and Ace Hardware was told that details would be released at a later time. He also said that CVS had not been contacted. Mr. Miller asked that the Township Committee take the time to pass a workable ordinance, and that business leaders be involved in the process. He also said that people take it for granted that ShopRite will remain in Chatham Township. Mr. Miller further commented on potential punitive damages from the ordinance if people do not pay fines levied. He further stressed that the matter should be thoroughly thought out before action is taken.

Attorney Cruz noted that the penalties provision would cite businesses rather than customers for violations. Mr. Miller asked again that business leaders be consulted on the matter to ensure that compliance is possible.

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

Executive Session

**RESOLUTION 2019-P-18
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM IN
THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF 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. Litigation: In the Matter of the Township of Chatham for a Judgment of Compliance of its Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan Docket No. MRS-L-1659-15
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.

Deputy Mayor Kelly moved to adopt Resolution 2019-P-18 to enter Executive Session at 6:10 PM. Committeewoman Ness seconded the motion.

Roll call: Committeewoman Ness, Aye; Committeewoman Swartz, Absent; Committeeman Ritter, Absent; Deputy Mayor Kelly, Aye; Mayor Selen, Aye.

The Township Committee returned to public session at 7:25 PM.

Committeewoman Swartz moved to adjourn at 7:25 PM. Committeewoman Ness seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Gregory J. LaConte
Municipal Clerk