

AGENDA
April 11, 2016

Regular Meeting
Mayor and Borough Council

Borough of Chatham
54 Fairmount Avenue
Chatham, NJ 07928

**CALL MEETING
TO ORDER**

The meeting will be called to order at 7:30 p.m.

SALUTE TO FLAG

MOMENT OF SILENCE

**STATEMENT OF
ADEQUATE NOTICE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by including same in the Annual Notice, copies of which were posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board on the main floor of Borough Hall, emailed to the Daily Record, the Star Ledger, the Chatham Courier, the Chatham Patch, and The Alternative Press and filed with the Borough Clerk, all on January 11, 2016.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Bruce A. Harris
Council Member James J. Collander
Council President James Lonergan
Council Member Victoria Fife
Council Member Gerald J. Helfrich
Council Member Leonard Resto
Council Member Peter Hoffman
Robert J. Falzarano, Borough Administrator
James L. Lott, Jr., Borough Attorney
Robin R. Kline, Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION #16-162

CELEBRATING NATIONAL ARBOR DAY APRIL 29, 2016

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this special day, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world each year; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees also increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of our business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chatham, that April 29, 2016 shall be proclaimed NATIONAL ARBOR DAY in the Borough of Chatham and all citizens are encouraged to join together to celebrate the benefits of community trees and to support all efforts to protect our trees and woodlands for the well-being of present and future generations.

LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION #16-163

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CHATHAM BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE 2016 NATIONAL DISTRACTED DRIVING CAMPAIGN "U DRIVE. U TEXT. U PAY."

WHEREAS, driver inattention and distractions continue to be a major contributing factor in nearly 800,000 motor vehicle crashes from 2010 to 2014 in the State of New Jersey and nationally accounted for approximately 16% of motor vehicle fatalities; and

WHEREAS, distracted driving is any activity that could divert a motorist's attention away from the primary task of driving; thus endangering the driver, passenger(s), and bystander(s) safety; and

WHEREAS, five seconds is the average time a driver's eyes are off the road while texting, which, when traveling at 55mph, is enough time to cover the length of a football field; and

WHEREAS, to combat these troubling statistics, law enforcement agencies throughout New Jersey and the nation will be mobilizing to crack down on motorists who text and drive as part of the National Distractive Driving Campaign *U Drive. U Text. U Pay.*, which runs from April 4th through April 13th, 2016; and

WHEREAS, historically, the most effective tool used to change driver behavior are targeted law enforcement campaigns; and

WHEREAS, an increase in distracted driving enforcements will reduce distracted driving and will save lives on our roadways.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chatham that they hereby support the Chatham Borough Police Department's participation in the National Distractive Driving Campaign *U Drive. U Text. U Pay.*, which runs from April 4th through April 13th, 2016, and is a mobilization effort to crack down on motorists who text and drive.

APPOINTMENT

RESOLUTION #16-164

RESOLUTION APPOINTING RICHARD CARROLL, JR. AS A PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER FOR THE CHATHAM BOROUGH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chatham recognize the valuable contributions volunteer firefighters make to our community every day of every year; and

WHEREAS, Richard Carroll, Jr. has expressed interest in becoming a Probationary Firefighter with the Chatham Borough Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief and Fire Coordinator have recommended that Richard Carroll, Jr. be appointed as a Probationary Firefighter to the Chatham Borough Volunteer Fire Department, Engine Company 2.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chatham that Richard Carroll, Jr. is hereby appointed as a Probationary Firefighter to the Chatham Borough Volunteer Fire Department, Engine Company 2; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Richard Carroll, Jr.'s Application for Membership to the Chatham Borough Volunteer Fire Department is hereby approved.

RESOLUTION #16-165

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Chatham that the minutes from the following meeting are approved as prepared and shall be filed as a permanent record in the Borough Clerk's office:

March 28, 2016

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Chatham that the minutes from the following Closed Session meeting(s) are approved as prepared and shall be filed as a permanent record in the Borough Clerk's office:

March 28, 2016

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. School District Budget – Dr. Michael LaSusa
2. Farmers' Market Update – Ms. Janice Piccolo

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT TIME LIMIT

Hearing of citizens during the Public Comment section of the Agenda is an opportunity for any member of the public to be heard about issues which are/are not topics scheduled for Public Hearing tonight. To help facilitate an orderly meeting, and to permit all to be heard, speakers are asked to limit their comments to a reasonable length of time.

REPORTS

Board & Commission Members & Liaison Reports

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

Mayor Bruce A. Harris
Council Member James J. Collander
Council Member Victoria Fife

Open Space & Historic Preservation Trust Advisory Committee

Mayor Bruce A. Harris
Council Member Leonard Resto

Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee Shade Tree Commission

Council Member James J. Collander
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Communications & Technology Advisory Committee Joint Recreation Advisory Committee Municipal Pool Advisory Committee

Council President James Lonergan
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Farmers' Market Advisory Committee

Council Member Victoria Fife

Mayors' Wellness Committee
MyChathamNJ Advisory Committee
Planning Board
Project Community Pride
Senior Center of the Chathams

9/11 Memorial Advisory Committee
Board of Education
Joint Municipal Court
Municipal Alliance of the Chathams

Environmental Commission
Joint Community Gardens Advisory Committee
Madison-Chatham Joint Meeting
Pilgrim Pipeline Advisory Committee
Public Arts Council Advisory Committee

Board of Health
Historic Preservation Commission

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MAYOR'S REPORT

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are considered to be routine by the Chatham Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

Resolution #16-166 through Resolution #16-169 have been placed on the Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTION[S] REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTE

RESOLUTION #16-

FINANCE

RESOLUTION #16-166

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

WHEREAS, vouchers for payment have been submitted to the Borough Council by the various municipal departments.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Chatham that all vouchers approved by the Finance Chairman be paid subject to the certification of the availability of funds by the Chief Financial Officer.

RESOLUTION #16-167

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND FOR PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector for the Borough of Chatham has advised that a duplicate payment was made by both the property owner and the mortgage service company resulting in an overpayment of property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has further advised that a refund for the duplicate property tax overpayment is to be made as follows:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>OWNERS/PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TAX QTR.</u>
45/14	Kahn-Viteri, Michael & Johanna 115 N. Hillside Avenue	\$2,521.58	2016 1st Qtr.

Please make check payable & mail to:
Corelogic Tax Services,
Refund Department
P.O. Box 961250
Westlake, TX 76161-0250

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chatham that it hereby authorizes the Borough Tax Collector to process a refund for the duplicate overpayment of property taxes as herein referenced.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

RESOLUTION #16-168

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JENNIFER COOPER AS A MEMBER TO THE MUNICIPAL POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy on the Municipal Pool Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Cooper has expressed interest in being appointed as a member of the Municipal Pool Advisory Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chatham that Jennifer Cooper is hereby appointed as a member of the Municipal Pool Advisory Committee, with such term expiring December 31, 2016.

OTHER

RESOLUTION #16-169

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE JACKSON AVENUE TRAIL RESTORATION EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT

WHEREAS, Matthew Piechnik of Scout Troop #8 has proposed to install French drains along the Jackson Avenue trail to help restore the trail and prevent erosion and has requested permission to construct and install this proposed Eagle Scout service project on Borough-owned property; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission has endorsed this Eagle Scout service project; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize that the proposed Eagle Scout service project would be beneficial to the community and enjoyed by many residents.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chatham that they hereby approve Matthew Piechnik's Eagle Scout service project to restore the trail and prevent erosion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council commend Matt Piechnik for his efforts in designing and building a project that will benefit the Chatham Borough community.

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:

Mayor Harris asks Council Member _____ to proceed with the Resolutions listed on the Consent agenda. Resolutions #16-166 through #16-169.

Council Member _____: I would like to make a motion to approve the resolutions placed on this evening's Consent Agenda by consent of the Council.

Seconded by Council Member:_____.

ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #16-170

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Chatham that it shall adjourn into closed session to discuss the following subject matter(s) without the presence of the public in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 10:4-12b:

Contract Matter: 1. Board of Education Shared Services Agreement – Mr. Falzarano
 2. Madison-Chatham Joint Meeting – Mayor Harris

Litigation Matter: 1. Affordable Housing Declaratory Action – Mr. Lott and Mayor Harris

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the matter(s) discussed will be made known to the public at such time as appropriate action is taken on said matter(s), and when disclosure will not result in unwarranted invasion of individual privacy or prejudice to the best interests of the Borough of Chatham, provided such disclosures will not violate Federal, State or local statutes and does not fall within the attorney-client privilege. The Borough Council will not return to public session after this closed session.

ADJOURNMENT