

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**April 13, 2015 MINUTES**

Mayor Bruce A. Harris called the Regular Council Meeting of the Borough of Chatham to order on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, 54 Fairmount Avenue, Chatham, New Jersey.

**SALUTE TO FLAG**

The Mayor and Borough Council led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Harris asked for a moment of silence for those who have given their lives for our country.

**STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE**

Robin R. Kline, Municipal Clerk, read the following statement of adequate notice:

Pursuant to the requirements of R.S. 10:4-10, 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 the Municipal Building, emailed to the Independent Press, 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 2, 2015.

**ROLL CALL**

On a call of the roll the following officials were present:

- Mayor Bruce A. Harris
- Council Member James J. Collander
- Council Member James Lonergan
- Council Member Victoria Fife
- Council President Gerald J. Helfrich
- Council Member Alida Kass
- Robert J. Falzarano, Borough Administrator
- Diane Hickey, Borough Attorney
- Robin R. Kline, Borough Clerk

Council Member John Holman was absent.

Mayor Bruce A. Harris opened the meeting by asking Council Member Alida Kass to proceed with the Proclamation Celebrating Arbor Day on April 24, 2015.

Council Member Kass read the following Proclamation:

**PROCLAMATION  
CELEBRATING ARBOR DAY ON APRIL 24, 2015**

**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**, I, Bruce A. Harris, Mayor of the Borough of Chatham, together with the Borough Council, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2015 ARBOR DAY in the Borough of Chatham and encourage all citizens to join together to celebrate the benefits of community trees and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands for the well-being of present and future generations.

Mayor Harris presented the Proclamation to Mr. Patrick Carroll, Chairman of the Shade Tree Commission. Accompanying Mr. Carroll was Mrs. Fran Drew of the Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Carroll thanked Mayor Harris and the Borough Council for the Arbor Day Proclamation and reported that the Shade Tree Commission will be planting 57 trees throughout the Borough this year and looks forward to celebrating Arbor Day later this month.

Mayor Bruce Harris proceeded with Resolution #15-159, commemorating the Armenian Genocide.

Mayor Harris read Resolution#15-159 as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION #15-159**

#### **RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE**

**WHEREAS**, this year, 2015, marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the historic episode referred to as the Armenian Genocide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Armenian Genocide, which spanned the period from April 1915, and continued through 1923, during World War I and its aftermath, resulted in approximately 1.5 million Armenians perishing in their ancestral lands of Asia Minor and while fleeing from those lands as the Ottoman Empire collapsed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Armenian Genocide is one of the many episodes in mankind's history of violence against an ethnic minority; and

**WHEREAS**, many of those who survived the Armenian Genocide did so with the assistance of courageous, defiant and selfless people within Asia Minor and elsewhere in the Middle East, in Europe and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, many survivors found safe haven in the United States of America, which opened its arms and raised its lantern with the proclamation, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free"; and

**WHEREAS**, Armenians, in the light of Armenian freedom, settled and built families in the United States of America and today, cherishing the opportunities afforded by our great nation, thrive in myriad occupations and positions of leadership in our communities, business, government and institutions; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Borough Council that they hereby encourage residents of Chatham Borough to honor Friday, April 24, 2015 as "Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day"; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we honor the memory and legacy of those who perished in the Armenian Genocide one century ago; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we make this commemoration an opportunity for all of us not to turn a blind eye to genocide, a scourge that has not yet been stopped.

Council Member James Lonergan moved to approve Resolution #15-160. The motion was seconded by Council Member James Collander. A voice vote was taken and Resolution #15-160 was approved unanimously.

Mayor Harris presented Resolution #15-159 to Mr. Roy Stepanian, a Borough resident and Chairperson for the Genocide Remembrance Committee of St. Mary Armenian Church in Livingston.

Mr. Stepanian, on behalf of the parishioners of the St. Mary Armenian Church in Livingston and Armenians living in Chatham Borough, thanked Mayor Harris and the Borough Council for issuing the Proclamation commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Armenian genocide.

### **RESOLUTION #15-160**

#### **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 23, 2015

**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 9, 2015

March 23, 2015

Council Member Victoria Fife moved to approve Resolution #15-160. The motion was seconded by Council Member James Collander. A voice vote was taken and Resolution #15-160 was approved unanimously.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**School District Budget** – Dr. Michael LaSusa, Superintendent for the School District of the Chathams, and Ms. Jill Critchley Weber, President of the School District of the Chathams Board of Education, presented an overview of the 2015/2016 School Budget and Referendum. Also in attendance were School Board Members Mr. Thomas Belding, Ms. Michelle Clark, and Mr. Richard Connors, and Mr. Peter Aquila, Business Administrator.

Ms. Weber opened the presentation by reporting that the school district's priority is to continue to maintain its level of educational excellence, continue to maintain the correct class sizes, and to deliver a budget to taxpayers at the lowest possible cost. The School District of the Chathams per pupil budgetary cost is \$12,954, which she reported to be the second lowest per pupil cost of all Morris County school districts. (County average is \$14,568; state average is \$14,783.) Ms. Critchley Weber further reported that the student AP class participation rate is among the highest in the state.

#### **PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET**

The school district's proposed 2015/2016 Total Operating Budget is \$62,360,059, which would create a local tax levy of \$58,767,459 and a 1.77% proposed tax levy increase over the 2014/2015 Adjusted School Budget. The estimated annual tax impact for an average home assessed at \$700,000 is projected to be a \$106.62 increase for Borough taxpayers and a \$195.67 increase for Township taxpayers.

#### **PROPOSED REFERENDUM**

Ms. Weber reported that the proposed \$24,838,000 referendum does not add to the operating budget nor is factored in to the 2% mandated budget cap. The last school district referendum was presented to voters in 2005. The estimated annual tax impact for an average home assessed at \$700,000 is projected to be a \$178 increase for Borough taxpayers and a \$172 increase for Township taxpayers. The interest rate on the total referendum cost of \$24,838,000 is estimated at 3.50%.

Ms. Jill Critchley Weber reported that the projects proposed under the \$24,838,000 would include the renovation and rehabilitation of the auditoriums at the Chatham Middle School and Chatham High School, STEM labs at the Chatham Middle School, new classrooms at the Milton Avenue School and Washington Avenue School, Cougar Field improvements and a new turf field at the Chatham High School. Lastly, school district administration offices would be moved and relocated into the School District of the Chathams property.

The school district is currently pursuing funding through the state's Energy Savings Investment Plan (ESIP) Program for other long-term capital facility improvements, which would be financed outside the operating budget and outside the tax levy. The application for ESIP program financing is before the Board of Public Utility for approval.

Dr. LaSusa reported that student enrollment trends have remained flat over the past few years. He further reported that the school district is currently tracking Kindergarten enrollment to project future trends.

The School Election is Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Monuments/Memorials Policy** – Council Member Victoria Fife reported that a draft Policy and Procedure for the Installation of Monuments and Memorials has been distributed to the Mayor and Borough Council for review and comment. The policy defines a monument as “a structural memory of a person or event, such as a stone tablet or statue.” A memorial is defined as “serving as a remembrance, such as a plaque, tree, or bench that is donated by a family member or friend to remember an individual.” As proposed, the Borough Council would review, and authorize or deny, all requests for the installation of monuments. The Borough Administrator would review, and authorize or deny, requests for the installation of memorials.

Mayor Harris and the Borough Council discussed the need to designate and develop a list of proposed memorial sites throughout the Borough that would be suitable for the placement of benches and the planting of trees on Borough property. They also questioned the long-term obligation and associated costs that would be needed to maintain and/or replace memorials and were in agreement that the Borough should not be obligated or responsible for replanting memorial trees that may die or to maintain or replace benches that age over time. Mayor Harris expressed further concern that the draft Memorial policy indicated that a memorial may only be made or established for an individual who has contributed to the community in some way.

The draft Policy and Procedure for the Installation of Monuments and Memorials will be revised and redistributed to address all concerns expressed by the Mayor and Council.

Before closing discussion, Council Member Fife reported that two residents have approached her with an interest in donating a memorial bench that are time-sensitive in nature and inquired whether the Council would consider approving their requests prior to the finalization of the draft Policy and

Procedure. Mayor Harris and the Borough Council recommended that a Resolution to approve the two memorials should be presented on the April 27<sup>th</sup> agenda for consideration.

**Florham Park North Passaic Avenue Sports Dome** – Ms. Diane Hickey, Esq. presented an overview of the Florham Park Sports Dome and Events Center LLC site plan application before the Florham Park Borough Planning Board. The Developer proposes to construct two permanent buildings, an outdoor pool, and one inflatable dome over a sports field, and install related site improvements including parking, in order to use the property as a sports and events center. Ms. Hickey reported that because the applicant did not correctly provide notice to the Borough with respect to prior Planning Board hearing dates, the applicant needed to re-notice the public hearing, which is taking place tonight. She further reported that the Borough’s Attorney and Borough Engineer are attending the Planning Board hearing on behalf of the Borough. Lastly, Ms. Hickey advised that discussion concerning potential traffic impacts due to the proposed project, as well as, potential impacts to the water and sewer utilities would be discussed in closed session.

## **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.

Mayor Harris opened the meeting to the public.

Len Resto, 35 Center Street, commented on the school district’s referendum question presented on the School Election ballot. He noted that the referendum question is broadly stated and that the school district opted not to include an interpretative statement to facilitate a clearer understanding of the specific projects and associated project costs included in the referendum. Mr. Resto further commented that the referendum question should have been broken down into separate questions delineating specific projects and associated costs and allow to voters to choose which projects go forward. Lastly, Mr. Resto pointed out that the referendum question does not reference the much debated Performing Arts Center with its proposed cost of \$11.9 million. He urged voters to vote “No” on the referendum question.

Bernie Vella, 58 North Summit Avenue, commented on the School Election referendum question and questioned the lack of detail in its wording. He also expressed concern that the last part of the referendum question states that funds could be transferred among projects approved within the scope of the referendum and does not give voters any detail of the projects and project costs. Mr. Vella urged voters to vote “No” on the referendum question.

Patrick Carroll, 163 Hillside Avenue, commented on the School Election referendum question. He voiced his concerns that the presentation of both the proposed school budget and referendum are confusing and misleading. He commented that the economy and job market have not rebounded, people worry about their jobs, and yet the school district’s proposed referendum spending is extravagant. Mr. Carroll questioned the need for the school district to add additional classrooms given that student enrollment remains flat. He urged voters to vote “No” on the referendum question.

Fran Drew, 32 Inwood Road, commented on the School Election referendum question. She expressed her concerns that the excessive spending by the Board of Education with respect to the proposed referendum is irresponsible. She further commented that continued spending by the school district

would continue to increase property taxes and make Chatham unaffordable to many demographic groups. Mrs. Drew urged voters to vote “No” on the referendum question.

Joyce Martinson, North Hillside Avenue, commented on the School Election referendum question. She praised the school district for being a top-rated school district, however, voiced her concern that the Board of Education has not listened to the taxpayers who do not have children in the schools. She commented that a strategic plan must be developed by the school district in efforts to better control costs. Ms. Martinson further commented that the referendum question should have been broken down into separate questions delineating specific projects and associated costs and allow to voters to choose which projects go forward. She urged voters to vote “No” on the referendum question.

Jack Drew, 32 Inwood Road, questioned whether the Mayor and Council has veto power with respect to Board of Education spending and budget matters. Mayor Harris explained that the Mayor and Council have no such power.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Harris closed the meeting to the public.

### **ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING**

Mayor Harris asked Council Member Fife to proceed with Ordinance #15-04.

Council Member Fife read Ordinance #15-04 entitled:

#### **ORDINANCE #15-04**

#### **ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 165-76.2 OF THE BOROUGH CODE REGULATING GROUND-BASED MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT**

Which Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular Council meeting held on March 23, 2015.

Mayor Harris asked the Borough Clerk to provide a summary of the legal notice.

The Borough Clerk stated that a legal notice was published indicating that Ordinance #15-04 was introduced and passed on first reading at the March 23, 2015 meeting and further indicated that the second reading and public hearing would be held at 7:30 p.m. on April 13, 2015 for consideration of final adoption. Copies of this Ordinance were made available to the general public and posted in accordance with law.

Mayor Harris opened the public hearing on Ordinance #15-04. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Harris closed the public hearing.

Council Member Fife offered the Ordinance and moved its adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that this Ordinance as read by title on second reading, and after public hearing at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

Council Member James Lonergan seconded the motion.

Mayor Harris asked the Borough Clerk for a Roll Call Vote.

Name	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Collander			x			
Lonergan		x	x			
Holman						x
Fife	x		x			
Helfrich			x			
Kass			x			

Mayor Harris declared this Ordinance adopted and finally passed and requested that the Borough Clerk publish the proper notice of adoption of this Ordinance in the official newspapers and to permanently record the Ordinance.

## REPORTS

### COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Budget and Finance** - Council Member James Lonergan reported that the Budget and Finance Committee will meet next week. He further reported that use and management of the temporary field lights placed at Lum Field over the past weeks were managed very well and the lights have since been removed.

**Long Range Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Planning** - Council Member James J. Collander reported the committee will be meeting tomorrow, April 14<sup>th</sup>, and had nothing new to report at tonight's meeting.

**Public Safety & Emergency Services** - Council Member James J. Collander had nothing new to report at tonight's meeting.

**Personnel** - Council Member Victoria Fife had nothing new to report at tonight's meeting.

**Public Works Planning** - Council Member John Holman was absent.

**Shared Services & 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Agreements** - Council President Gerald Helfrich had nothing new to report at tonight's meeting.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bruce A. Harris had nothing new to report at tonight's meeting.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Robert Falzarano reported that the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority will recognize the Borough for its municipal recycling program at the MUA's 2015 Environmental Excellence Awards event scheduled later this month. Mr. Falzarano also reported that the Policy and Procedure for Planning & Zoning Board Application Process has been finalized and will be issued on April 15<sup>th</sup> and thanked everyone who was involved in the policy and procedure preparation and review process.

### 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 #15-161 through Resolution #15-168 have been placed on the Consent Agenda.

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

None.

**FINANCE**

**RESOLUTION #15-161**

**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 Borough 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.

**LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY**

**RESOLUTION #15-162**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS FOR THE CHATHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT JUNIOR FIREMEN'S AUXILIARY COMPANY**

**WHEREAS**, Section 15-24 of the Borough Code establishes the Chatham Fire Department Junior Firemen's Auxiliary Company (hereinafter the "Auxiliary Fire Company"); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 15-25 of the Borough Code, the Borough Administrator upon the recommendation of the Fire Department Coordinator and the Fire Chief may promulgate regulations for the proper and efficient conduct of the Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of any municipality having established an Auxiliary Fire Company is required in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:14-98 to adopt rules and regulations governing for its operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator is recommending the promulgation of the regulations attached hereto as Exhibit "A" as the rules and regulations governing the operations of the Auxiliary Fire Company; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council wish to adopt Exhibit "A" as the rules and regulations governing the operations of the Auxiliary Fire Company.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chatham in the County of Morris and the State of New Jersey that the rules and regulations governing the operations of the Auxiliary Company, attached hereto as Exhibit "A," are hereby adopted as if fully set forth herein; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fire Chief is hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

**BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES**

**RESOLUTION #15-163**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR RECERTIFICATION FOR THE ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION'S TREE CITY USA DESIGNATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program recognizes communities across the country for their excellence in urban forestry management; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tree City USA program provides direction, assistance, and national recognition to communities by supporting the framework for a sustainable urban forest; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1909 the Borough of Chatham's Shade Tree Commission has actively been engaged in the planting and maintaining of trees along Borough streets, public rights-of-ways, municipal open spaces, and have been stewards of the health and safety of the Borough's "green infrastructure"; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to planting and maintaining Borough trees, the volunteers of the Shade Tree Commission take time out of their busy schedules to work on projects such as community outreach, education, reviewing residents' tree concerns and identifying planting locations for new trees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Chatham is desirous of submitting an Application for Recertification in the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program, having achieved the standards set forth by the Arbor Day Foundation.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Chatham that they hereby authorize the Mayor to execute an Application for Recertification for the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA Designation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all other Borough officials and employees are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

**PERSONNEL**

**RESOLUTION #15-164**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF THOMAS E. GRAY AS A CROSSING GUARD FOR THE BOROUGH OF CHATHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE APRIL 13, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police has informed that a vacancy currently exists on the Borough of Chatham's Police Department Crossing Guard roster; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police recommends the hiring of Thomas E. Gray to fill the vacancy.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chatham that they hereby authorized the hiring of Thomas E. Gray as a Crossing Guard for the Borough of Chatham Police Department effective April 13, 2015, with an hourly rate of \$20.76.

**RESOLUTION #15-165**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF MARGARET M. GRADY AS A CROSSING GUARD FOR THE BOROUGH OF CHATHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE APRIL 13, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police has informed that a vacancy currently exists on the Borough of Chatham's Police Department Crossing Guard roster; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police recommends the hiring of Margaret M. Grady to fill the vacancy.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chatham that they hereby authorized the hiring of Margaret M. Grady as a Crossing Guard for the Borough of Chatham Police Department effective April 13, 2015, with an hourly rate of \$20.76.

**OTHER**

**RESOLUTION #15-166**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A SOCIAL AFFAIRS PERMIT TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE CHATHAM EMERGENCY SQUAD PICNIC SCHEDULED ON MAY 16, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, the Chatham Emergency Squad will be holding its annual picnic at Shepard Kollock Park on May 16, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chatham Emergency Squad desires to submit an Application for a Social Affairs Permit to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control to dispense and serve alcoholic beverages for consumption at its May 16, 2015 picnic pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-74 and N.J.A.C. 13:2-5.1; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chatham Emergency Squad has submitted a completed *Reservation of Borough Facilities Application* for use of Shepard Kollock Park.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chatham hereby grant permission to the Chatham Emergency Squad to dispense and serve alcoholic beverages for consumption at its May 16, 2015 picnic contingent upon (i) approval of a Social Affairs Permit issued by the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, and (ii) issuance of a Reservation of Borough Facilities Permit by signed by the Borough Administrator and Recreation Coordinator; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all other Borough officials and employees are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

**RESOLUTION #15-167**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A SOCIAL AFFAIRS PERMIT TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE SENIOR SERVICES CENTER OF THE CHATHAMS 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SCHEDULED ON APRIL 24, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, the Senior Services Center of the Chathams will be celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at an affair to be held at the Fish and Game Protective Association facility on April 24, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Senior Services Center of the Chathams desires to submit an Application for a Social Affairs Permit to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell, dispense and serve alcoholic beverages for consumption at its April 24, 2015 affair pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-74 and N.J.A.C. 13:2-5.1.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chatham hereby grant permission to the Senior Services Center of the Chathams to sell, dispense and serve alcoholic beverages for consumption at its April 24, 2015 affair contingent upon approval of a Social Affairs Permit issued by the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all other Borough officials and employees are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

**RESOLUTION #15-168**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO CLOSE CERTAIN DESIGNATED PARKING LOTS AND TO CONTROL AND REGULATE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS CONSEQUENT THERETO FOR THE 2015 CHATHAM FISHAWACK FESTIVAL ON JUNE 13, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, the 2015 Chatham Fishawack Festival (the “Festival”) is scheduled for June 13, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police has reviewed the traffic conditions created by the Festival and has recommended to the Borough Administrator that certain designated parking lots and roads be closed in order to facilitate the public activity created by the Festival and to control and to regulate traffic conditions consequent thereto.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Chatham that they hereby authorize the Chief of Police to close the following parking lots from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on June 13, 2015 to facilitate the public activity created by the Festival:

- A. Parking Lot No. 1 - Plaza North
- B. Parking Lot No. 4 - Passaic Avenue Lot
- C. Parking Lot No. 7 - Firehouse Plaza Lot

And,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chief of Police is authorized to close roads, establish detour routes and undertake such traffic measures as deemed necessary to control and regulate traffic conditions created consequent to the closure of the aforesaid parking lots and roads.

**CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:**

Council President Gerald Helfrich moved to approve Resolutions #15-161 through #15-168 listed on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member James Collander. A voice vote was taken and Resolution #15-161 through Resolution #15-168 listed on the Consent Agenda were approved unanimously.

**ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS**

None.

**ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING**

Mayor Harris asked Council Member Lonergan to introduce Ordinance #15-05.

Council Member Lonergan introduced Ordinance #15-05 by title as follows:

**ORDINANCE #15-05**

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CHATHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,509,640 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A CONTRIBUTION FROM**

**THE LIBRARY OF THE CHATHAMS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

Council Member Lonergan explained the purpose of the Ordinance and moved for introduction on First Reading.

Council Member Lonergan read:

**WHEREAS**, the above Ordinance was introduced and read by title at this Council meeting held on April 13, 2015.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that at the Council meeting to be held on April 27, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time, at the Borough Hall, the Chatham Borough Council will further consider this Ordinance for a second reading, public hearing and final passage; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk is hereby requested to publish the proper notice thereof, including this Ordinance, post the Ordinance on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and make copies available to members of the general public. And I do so move.

Council Member Victoria Fife seconded the motion.

Mayor Harris asked the Borough Clerk for a Roll Call Vote:

Name	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Collander			x			
Lonergan	x		x			
Holman						x
Fife		x	x			
Helfrich			x			
Kass			x			

Mayor Bruce Harris stated Ordinance #15-05 passed on introduction.

Mayor Harris asked Council Member Lonergan to introduce Ordinance #15-06.

Council Member Lonergan introduced Ordinance #15-06 by title as follows:

**ORDINANCE #15-06**

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH OF CHATHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$191,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

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Council President Gerald Helfrich seconded the motion.

Mayor Harris asks the Borough Clerk for a Roll Call Vote:

Name	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Collander			x			
Lonergan	x		x			
Holman						x
Fife			x			
Helfrich		x	x			
Kass			x			

Mayor Bruce Harris stated Ordinance #15-06 passed on introduction.

Mayor Bruce Harris asked Council President Gerald Helfrich to proceed with Resolution #15-169.

Council President Gerald Helfrich read Resolution #15-169 in full:

**RESOLUTION #15-169**

**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. Special Development Planner – Mayor Harris
  2. ECLC Lease Extension – Mr. Falzarano
- Attorney-Client Privilege:
  1. Oliver Street Vacation Request – Mr. Lott
  2. St. Paul’s Agreement – Mr. Lott
  3. Perrin Street Vacation – Mr. Lott
- Potential Litigation Matter:
  1. Florham Park Development- Mr. Lott

**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.

Council President Gerald Helfrich made a motion to approve Resolution #15-169. The motion was seconded by Council Member Victoria Fife. A voice vote was taken and Resolution #15-169 was approved unanimously.

The Mayor and Council adjourned into Closed Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Robin R. Kline*

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Borough Clerk  
BOROUGH OF CHATHAM