

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

May 10, 2021 MINUTES

Mayor Thaddeus J. Kobylarz called the May 10, 2021, virtual Regular Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Chatham to order on Monday, May 10, 2021, at 6:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers in Borough Hall, 54 Fairmount Avenue, Chatham, New Jersey.

SALUTE TO FLAG

Mayor Kobylarz asked for a moment of silence for those who have given their lives for our country. He also gave recognition to those protecting our lives during the current health pandemic caused by coronavirus, COVID-19. He acknowledged the 32.7 million Americans who contracted COVID-19, and the more than 581,000 people who have succumbed to the virus. Finally, he acknowledged the ten (10) Chatham Borough residents who have died since the pandemic.

**STATEMENT OF
ADEQUATE NOTICE**

Tamar Lawful, Borough Clerk, read the following 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 official bulletin board on the main floor of Borough Hall, emailed to the Daily Record, the Star-Ledger, the Chatham Courier, the Chatham Patch, and TAPinto Chatham and was filed with the Borough Clerk, all on January 08, 2021.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Thaddeus J. Kobylarz
Council President Carolyn Dempsey (Attended virtually)
Council Member Jocelyn Mathiasen (Attended virtually)
Council Member Karen Koronkiewicz (Attended virtually)
Council Member Irene Treloar (Attended virtually)
Council Member Leonard Resto (Attended virtually)
Council Member Frank Truilo (Attended virtually)

Also present were:

Stephen W. Williams, Borough Administrator
Tamar Lawful, Borough Clerk (Attended virtually)
Steve Kleinman, Borough Attorney (Attended virtually)

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Kobylarz asked Council Member Koronkiewicz to proceed with Resolution # 21-187.

Council Member Koronkiewicz read Resolution # 21-187.

RESOLUTION # 21-187

DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF MAY 16 – MAY 22, 2021 AS NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) WEEK

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are a vital public service, providing lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, the EMS system consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others; and

WHEREAS, EMS are now firmly established as a key component of the medical care continuum and EMS practitioners serve a vital role in saving lives from sudden cardiac arrest and trauma; in getting people to hospitals best equipped to treat heart attacks and strokes; and in showing care and compassion to their patients in their most difficult moments; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the all-volunteer Chatham Emergency Squad has primary responsibility for responding to medical emergencies in the Chatham and provides CPR training and First Aid training to residents of the Chatham to improve preparedness for medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS, our community is fortunate to be served by such dedicated volunteers who give their time in service of the Chatham Emergency Squad and engage in hundreds of hours of specialized training to enhance lifesaving knowledge and skills; and

WHEREAS, National Emergency Medical Services Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to publicize safety and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's "front line."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chatham that they do hereby proclaim the week of May 16 – May 22, 2021, as Emergency Medical Services Week in the Borough of Chatham and give a heartfelt thanks to the dedicated volunteers of the Chatham Emergency Squad; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that residents are encouraged to join the Chatham Emergency Squad and become part of an organization, which has proudly served the Chatham since 1936.

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Council Member Koronkiewicz motioned to approve Resolution #21-187, seconded by Council Member Treloar. By a unanimous voice vote, Resolution # 21-187 was approved.

Mayor Kobylarz thanked the Chatham Borough Emergency Management Services (EMS) and provided a commemorative copy of Resolution # 21-187 to EMS President Steven Davenport and

Captain Mike Lemons. They were thanked for their hard work and effort. Mr. Lemons gave a brief speech and thanked the Governing Body for the resolution/proclamation.

Mayor Kobylarz asked Council Member Resto to proceed with Resolution # 21-188.

Council Member Resto read Resolution # 21-188.

RESOLUTION #21-188

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2021 AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, behavioral health disorders, including major depression, bi-polar disorder, schizophrenia, panic disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder and obsessive-compulsive disorders affect many children and youth every year, regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion or economic status; and

WHEREAS, a focus on prevention and early intervention efforts could greatly reduce the number of children and adults experiencing serious mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, children, and adults can recover from mental illness and lead full, productive lives in the community; and

WHEREAS, since 1949, May has officially been recognized as Mental Health Month; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Chatham, as a Stigma Free community, aims to eradicate the stigma associated with mental illness and substance use disorders and is dedicated to raising awareness of these illnesses by creating an environment where affected individuals are supported in their efforts to achieve wellness and recovery; and

WHEREAS, each elected official, business, government agency, health-care provider, organization and citizen share the burden of mental health issues and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Chatham, hereby declare May 2021 as Mental Health Month and thereby request that each resident, citizen and business recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our children, youth and adults can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people, especially children and youth with mental health conditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Chatham implore our legislature to mandate insurance carriers to afford the same breath of insurance coverage to mental illness as they do for physical illnesses.

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Council Member Resto motioned to approve Resolution # 21-188, seconded by Council Member Koronkiewicz. By a unanimous voice vote, Resolution # 21-188 was approved.

Mayor Kobylarz provided a commemorative copy of Resolution # 21-188 to the Director of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention for the State of New Jersey, Elizabeth Roithmayr-Clemens,

and to Borough Administrator, Stephen Williams, who was the president of the National Alliance on Mental Illness of New Jersey's Board of Trustees.

Mr. Williams gave a brief speech and thanked the Mayor and Governing Body for the recognition and proclamation.

Mayor Kobylarz asked Council Member Truilo to proceed with Resolution # 21-189.

Council Member Truilo read Resolution # 21-189.

RESOLUTION #21-189

PARENTS WHO HOST, LOSE THE MOST: DON'T BE A PARTY TO TEENAGE DRINKING CAMPAIGN

WHEREAS, alcohol use by young people is dangerous, not only because of the risks associated with acute impairment, but also because of the threat to their long-term development and well-being; and

WHEREAS, adults who provide alcohol to those below the legal drinking age of 21 are placing those youth at risk for health, safety and legal problems; and

WHEREAS, it is illegal to give or allow your teen's friends to drink alcohol in your home, even with their parents' permission, and anyone found guilty of providing alcohol to any underage youth can face up to a \$1,000 fine and six months in prison, in addition to any civil action that can be brought about as a result of damage(s) or injury related to the offense; and

WHEREAS, adults have the authority and responsibility to provide our youth with alternative opportunities by creating alcohol-free activities; and

WHEREAS, the Drug-Free Action Alliance, through the "Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don't be a Party to Teenage Drinking" campaign provides the educational materials to raise community awareness regarding this illegal and unhealthy practice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chatham that they hereby proclaim the month of June 2021 to be the Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don't be a Party to Teenage Drinking in the Borough of Chatham; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Borough officials not only discourage the use of alcohol by those below the legal age of consumption, but also urge all Borough citizens to refuse to provide alcoholic beverages to underage youth and to continue to take the necessary steps to discourage this illegal and unhealthy activity.

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Council Member Truilo motioned to approve Resolution #21-189, seconded by Council Member Resto. By a unanimous voice vote, Resolution # 21-189 was approved.

Mayor Kobylarz provided a commemorative copy of Resolution #21-189 to Amy Lewis, Coordinator and Kelly Loofbourrow, Co-Chair of the Municipal Alliance Committee of the Chathams (MACC).

Mayor Kobylarz asked Council Member Treloar to proceed with Resolution # 21-190.

Council Member Treloar read Resolution #21-190.

RESOLUTION #21-190

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month originated in 1978 when New York Congressman Frank Horton introduced a bill that called for the first week each May to be so designated with President Jimmy Carter issuing the first presidential proclamation for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week in March 1979. AAPI Heritage Week was expanded to a commemorative month in 1990 in a bill signed into law by President George H.W. Bush, which had to be reauthorized each year the commemoration received permanent designation each May, in a law enacted in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Horton was inspired by former Capitol Hill staffer Jeanie Jew, who approached him about the idea in 1976. Jeannie Jew observed that just as Black History Month was decreed by President Ford in 1976, and Hispanic Heritage Week was decreed by President Johnson in 1968, there was a need to provide similar recognition to Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and

WHEREAS, Jeanie Jew's great-grandfather, M.Y. Lee, had immigrated to the United States from China in the 1800's and had helped build the Transcontinental Railroad. As noted by Congressman Horton, M.Y. Lee became a prominent California businessman who was later killed in Oregon during a period of anti-Chinese and anti-Asian sentiment in that state; and

WHEREAS, the month of May was selected for two reasons: (1) to commemorate the arrival of the first known Japanese immigrant to the U.S. on May 7, 1843, and (2) to honor the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad on May 19, 1869, which upwards of 20,000 Chinese workers helped to construct; and

WHEREAS, as an insidious consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic, the AAPI community in the United States is experiencing an alarming rise in anti-AAPI hate crimes and bias incidents, largely being unfairly blamed for the Coronavirus pandemic and echoing the anti-Asian sentiments that were prevalent in the 1800s and that led to the enactment of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, which prohibited Chinese immigration to the United States, and which was not repealed until 1943; and

WHEREAS, in our continued efforts to live up to the American values of freedom, justice and equality for all people, the events of this past year have made evident two principles: first, that institutional and structural racism continues to have insidious consequences on the peace, health and safety of our larger community and nation, and must be dismantled; and second, that it is incumbent upon each of us as individuals to challenge our own biases or assumptions regarding race and become better educated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Chatham proudly joins in recognizing the annual celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander History Month and continuing our collective journey, as a community and nation, in honoring and deepening our knowledge of the history and contributions of AAPI members to the American economy, society, culture, freedoms, and values.

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Council Member Treloar motioned to approve Resolution #21-190, seconded by Council Member Resto. By a unanimous voice vote, Resolution # 21-190 was approved.

Mayor Kobylarz provided a commemorative copy of Resolution # 21-190 to Council Member Irene Treloar, Co-Founder/Board member of the Chinese Association, Shirley Wu and Founder of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders with Allies and Chatham and Neighbors Jun Quon.

Council Member Treloar, Mrs. Wu and Mrs. Quon each gave a brief speech and thanked the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Kobylarz asked Council President Dempsey to proceed with Resolution # 21-191.

Council President Dempsey read Resolution #21-191.

RESOLUTION #21-191

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2021 AS BRAIN TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH IN CHATHAM BOROUGH

WHEREAS, an estimated 700,000 people in the United States are living with a primary brain tumor, and approximately 85,000 more will be diagnosed in 2021; and

WHEREAS, brain tumors can be deadly, significantly impact quality of life, and change everything for a patient and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, brain tumors do not discriminate, inflicting men, women, and children of all races and ethnicities; and

WHEREAS, brain tumors are the most common solid tumor in children ages 0-14; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of non-profit organizations at the local and national level including the American Childhood Cancer Organization and WITH Grace Initiative, are helping children with cancer and their families cope through educational, emotional and financial support; and

WHEREAS, researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently dedicating their expertise to treat and cure brain tumors; and

WHEREAS, too many are affected by this deadly disease and more must be done to raise awareness and find a cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Chatham proudly proclaim May 2021 Brain Tumor Awareness Month in the Borough of Chatham.

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Council President Dempsey motioned to approve Resolution #21-191, seconded by Council Member Mathiasen. By a unanimous voice vote, Resolution # 21-191 was approved.

Mayor Kobylarz provided a commemorative copy of the resolution to Brian George, Chair of the Mayor's Wellness Committee. Mayor Kobylarz thanked Mr. George for his hard work and volunteerism to the Borough.

Mayor Kobylarz asked Council Member Mathiasen to proceed with Resolution # 21-192.

Council Member Mathiasen read Resolution #21-192.

RESOLUTION #21-192

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2021 AS MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

WHEREAS, the rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, enumerated in our Declaration of Independence, secured by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and enjoyed by every citizen of the United States, are secured by the dedication of the members of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices made by all members of the United States Armed Forces and their loved ones are to be valued, and the brave men and women of our community who served and enlisted, ready to defend our homeland and safeguard the freedom and values for which we stand, deserve our recognition. Chatham (Borough & Township) residents have a proud history of service in the United States Armed Forces, in times of peace and times of war; and

WHEREAS, we observe Armed Forces Day on Saturday, May 15th and we thank the Library of the Chathams for creatin the Veterans Project of the Chathams. This initiative will collect, archive and make available to the public oral and written histories of veterans who are or were residents of the Chathams and inspire us to offer service to our community and country in the ways we can.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham Borough Mayor and Council does hereby proclaim the month of May 2021 as “Military Appreciation Month” and encourage all residents and community members to recognize those who have served, or are currently serving, our Nation and thank them for their dedication and contributions.

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Council Member Mathiasen motioned to approve Resolution #21-192, seconded by Council Member Koronkiewicz. By a unanimous voice vote, Resolution #21-192 was approved.

Mayor Kobylarz provided a commemorative copy of the resolution to Library of the Chathams Board President Andrew Hollander, Library Board Vice President, Former Mayor of Chatham Township and retired U.S. Marine Captain Kevin Sullivan.

Mr. Hollander and Mr. Sullivan each gave a brief speech and thanked the Mayor and Council. He also informed the Mayor and Council that the library will have videos and stories of veterans available for the public to view.

RECUSALS

There were none.

ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Kobylarz asked Council Member Resto to proceed with Resolution #21-193.

Council Member Resto read Resolution #21-193.

RESOLUTION #21-193

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:

April 12, 2021

And,

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:

April 12, 2021

Council Member Resto motioned to approve Resolution #21-193, seconded by Council Member Treloar. By a unanimous voice vote, Resolution #21-193 was approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chief Brian Gibbons - Motor Vehicle Burglaries and Thefts.

Chief Gibbons gave a presentation on motor vehicle burglaries and thefts within the Borough of Chatham. Chief Gibbons stated that vehicles that have been burglarized were unlocked and vehicles that were stolen had keys inside. During his PowerPoint presentation he explained that the Borough had 50 incidents of automobile burglaries/thefts in 2020. Four (4) burglary attempts occurred in 2020 but were unsuccessful because vehicle doors were locked. As of today, one (1) vehicle theft has occurred, five (5) have been burglarized and three (3) attempted burglaries were reported. He urged Chatham residents to lock their cars and remove the key fobs when the vehicle is not in use.

The Borough of Chatham Police Department also received approval from the Council to purchase two license plate readers to be deployed later this year. This apparatus will assist in identifying stolen motor vehicles that enter/leave the Borough. This coordinated effort allows video footage to be taken as criminal evidence and help provide descriptions of suspects.

Chief Gibbons informed residents that Chatham Borough Police Officers will be prohibited from pursuing stolen vehicles in the Borough due to risk to residents. However, the department will pursue a vehicle if it is used in a crime.

MAYOR'S REPORT I:

Mayor Kobylarz delivered a portion of his report as follows:

Statistical Update on the Coronavirus:

Mayor Kobylarz reported an increase in positive coronavirus cases of 541 in Chatham Borough. Last week the Borough saw sixteen (16) new cases. New Jersey is trending in a gradual downslope, with the current 7-day rolling average of 1,080 positive cases. Two weeks ago, it was 2,279. The transmission rate is now 0.94.

Mayor Kobylarz stated that data reflects 85% of the adult population in the Borough have been vaccinated with their first dose of the vaccine and 59% are fully vaccinated. He cautioned the public to remain vigilant; and to mitigate the spread of the virus by adhering to protective measures of washing hands, maintaining social distance, wearing masks, cooperating with contact tracers, and getting vaccinated.

NJ Transit VAXRide Program:

New Jersey Transit is offering free round-trip tickets to and from vaccination sites within New Jersey. This applies to New Jersey Transit buses, rail, Access Link customers, and Light Rail transportation networks. Tickets can be obtained through the New Jersey Transit mobile application or by calling the customer service hotline at 973-275-5555.

Suicide Prevention Zoom Webinar:

On Thursday, May 13, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. the New Jersey Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will host a zoom webinar entitled, "Talk Saves Lives". This webinar is an introduction to Suicide Prevention. It will cover the general scope of suicide prevention and what people can do to combat suicide. Participants will learn common risk factors, warning signs associated with suicide, and how to keep themselves and others safe. Information to register can be found on the Borough's website and Facebook page.

Small Business Federal and State Grants and Loans Webinar:

A word of gratitude to Rhina Shanawany and Trudy Adams of the Chatham-based Women's Center for Entrepreneurship for their informative presentation on loan and grant opportunities for small businesses in Chatham on May 6, 2021. A heartfelt thank you as well to the Borough's Economic Development Advisory Committee for hosting this webinar.

The video of the webinar has been posted on the Borough website and is also available on the Borough Facebook page.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Residents wishing to make public comments may dial 929-205-6099 (Meeting ID: 851 8615 7328) or obtain online access of the meeting using the following URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85186157328>

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.

Edward Lefty Grimes- East Hanover Road:

Mr. Grimes asked the Mayor and Council to consider permitting cannabis to be sold in the Borough of Chatham for medical use. Medical cannabis helps those critically ill, when used accordingly.

Hugh Giordano- 57 Argyle CT, Summit:

Mr. Giordano asked the Mayor and Council to consider individuals that apply for a dispensary or a cultivation license within the medical realm of Chatham Borough and informed the Governing Body that cannabis dispensaries offer good union jobs with great benefits and retirement plans in New Jersey.

Jeffrey King- 24 Elizabeth Parkway Eatontown:

Mr. King asked the Mayor and Council to consider an ordinance that would allow medical cannabis in the Borough. He stated that many veterans of the Borough can benefit from medical cannabis accessible near their homes.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Kobylarz closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor Kobylarz proceeded to Ordinances for a second reading.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

Mayor Kobylarz asked Council Member Resto to proceed with Ordinance #21-10.

Council Member Resto read Ordinance #21-10 entitled:

ORDINANCE # 21-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF CHATHAM IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 195 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CHATHAM, "PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION AREAS," TO CLARIFY THAT SMOKING OF ANY SUBSTANCE IN SUCH AREAS IS PROHIBITED

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Which Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular Council meeting held on April 26, 2021.

Mayor Kobylarz asked the Borough Clerk to give a summary of the legal notice.

The Borough Clerk stated that a legal notice was published indicating that Ordinance # 21-10 was introduced and passed on first reading at the April 26, 2021 meeting and indicated the second reading and public hearing would be held at 6:00 p.m. on May 10, 2021 for consideration of final adoption. Copies of this Ordinance were made available to the general public and posted in accordance with the law.

Mayor Kobylarz opened the meeting for a public hearing on the Ordinance and any member of the public may be heard.

Edward Lefty Grimes-East Hanover:

Mr. Grimes thanked the Mayor and Council for the Ordinance.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Kobylarz closed the public hearing.

Council Member Resto offered Ordinance # 21-10 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 Truilo seconded the motion.

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

Name	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Dempsey			X			
Mathiasen			X			
Koronkiewicz			X			
Treloar			X			
Resto	X		X			
Truilo		X	X			

REPORTS

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council President Dempsey- Council President Dempsey acknowledged and thanked Mary Kay Lord who matched dollar-for-dollar contributions received from residents for the Chatham Community Food Distribution. She further thanked the Governing Body and Sunnywood's Florist for contributing flowers that were given to all mothers who visited the distribution line on Wednesday, May 5, 2021. T.M. Ward was also acknowledged for their donation of coffee and packages of candy for Mother's Day.

The Chatham Community Concert Series this summer will begin on July 22, 2021, with the first outdoor concert at the gazebo followed by a concert every other week on Thursdays through August. The last concert will be held on September 2, 2021. The Borough will also be hosting Spring Serenades on Thursdays, starting May 20, 2021, and it will run through June 2021 at Reasoner Park for residents dining at the gazebo. Janice Piccolo and Maggie Grady were acknowledged for their hard work in coordinating these events.

Council Member Mathiasen – Council Member Mathiasen had nothing to report.

Council Member Koronkiewicz – Council Member Koronkiewicz had nothing to report.

Council Member Treloar – Council Member Treloar reported that May 1st was Spring Cleanup, and

thanked the following participants: DPW, Town and Country Garden Club, Chatham High School Key Club students under the direction of Izzy Alvarez, the GSA troops from Berkeley Heights and the community and volunteers from Turpin Realtors, Village Hardware, who provided composting trash bags, and Rotondi and Sons, Inc. who provided 100 yards of mulch. Council Member Treloar also thanked Divine Nails and Dr. Rosen for their contributions.

Council Member Resto – Council Member Resto reported that the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) held a Small Business Federal and State Grants and Loans webinar, and the Women's Center for Entrepreneurship is also assisting all local businesses. Additional information will be distributed soon. Fleur de Sel had an amazing grand re-opening on May 7, 2021. Blue Foundry Bank had its grand opening on May 8, 2021. The Board of Health will be meeting on Thursday, May 20, 2021. The Underground Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 11, 2021. The Food Distribution, Chatham Township Fire Department, Green Village Fire Department, and the Chatham Borough Fire Department in conjunction with the Chatham Hills Subacute Care Center on Southern Boulevard in Chatham Township and the Chatham United Methodist Church is conducting a food drive on Saturday, May 15, 2021, where non-perishables can be dropped off at the Subacute Care Center or the United Methodist Church from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. He encouraged the public to consider donating.

Council Member Truilo – Council Member Truilo reported that the Planning Board approved the River Road Redevelopment Project on Wednesday, May 6, 2021. He further reported that Dunkin Donuts will have its grand re-opening on May 21, 2021 and will be re-branded as “Dunkin”. The business has been closed for renovations for the past two weeks. The grand re-opening will be held on May 21, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Kobylarz announced that the Library of the Chathams will be having a book sale on Saturday, May 15, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. He encouraged residents to support the library.

MAYOR’S REPORT II

Mayor Kobylarz had nothing further to report.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Borough Administrator, Stephen Williams had nothing to 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 #21-194 through Resolution #21-198 have been placed on the Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTION[S] REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTE RESOLUTION #21-

There were none.

FINANCE

RESOLUTION #21-194

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.

APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTION #21-195

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEBORAH J. KUZMA AS A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:60-7(d) authorizes Borough Councils to create “advisory councils” in the municipality;

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Chatham has determined that it desires to receive advice with respect to the senior community; and to have participating members support senior programs and projects; and

WHEREAS, Deborah J. Kuzma has expressed an interest in being appointed to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and submitted a volunteer application.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chatham that Deborah J. Kuzma is hereby appointed to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee for calendar year 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-9.2a and the Code of the Borough Chatham, Chapter 3, §3.3.

PERSONAL

RESOLUTION #21-196

RESOLUTION APPOINTING TEMPORARY SUMMER EMPLOYEES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, the Director of the Public Works Department has a need to hire four (4) additional temporary summer employees for a 12-week period for the 2021 summer season; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Public Works Department has recommended the hiring of four temporary employees for the 2021 summer season.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chatham that it hereby concurs with the Public Works Director’s recommendation and approves the hiring of the following individuals as temporary summer employees for the Public Works Department, effective May 17, 2021 at the respective rate of pay:

Luke Andrew	DPW Temporary Summer Employee	\$15.00/hour
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James Ehler	DPW Temporary Summer Employee	\$15.00/hour
Timothy Ford	DPW Temporary Summer Employee	\$15.00/hour
Salvatore Miele	DPW Temporary Summer Employee	\$15.00/hour

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

OTHERS

RESOLUTION #21-197

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A MONUMENT/MEMORIAL SUBMITTED BY THE CHATHAM BOROUGH PBA LOCAL 226, GRANTING PERMISSION TO INSTALL A PLAQUE IN IN FRONT OF A NEWLY PLANTED TREE AT MEMORIAL PARK

WHEREAS, the Chatham Borough PBA Local 226 submitted an *Application for a Monument/Memorial* to the Mayor and Council for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham Borough PBA Local 226 seeks permission to install a plaque as a tribute to any Chatham Borough Law Enforcement Officer who has either given the ultimate sacrifice (Line of Duty Death) or has retired after serving Chatham Borough and is now deceased (Capt. William Nauta, Det. Bill Waller, et. al.); and

WHEREAS, the plaque is to be placed in front of a newly planted tree at Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, the tree was planted on Arbor Day 2021 by George Sweetin and the Shad Tree Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham Borough PBA Local 226 and Police Chief Brian K. Gibbons will be sponsor the memorial plaque; and

WHEREAS, the memorial area will be maintained by the Chatham Borough PBA Local 226 members and the Chatham Borough Department of Public Works (DPW); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to approve this request.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chatham hereby approves the *Application for a Monument/Memorial* submitted by the Chatham Borough PBA Local 226 to place a plaque in front of a newly planted tree at Memorial Park in honor of all deceased and or retired Chatham Borough Police Officer (Capt. William Nauta, Det. Bill Waller, et. al.); and

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

RESOLUTION #21-198

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A MONUMENT/MEMORIAL SUBMITTED BY THE CHATHAM BOROUGH FIRE DEPARTMENT, GRANTING PERMISSION TO INSTALL A PLAQUE IN FRONT OF THE COMMON ROOM FACING FIREHOUSE PLAZA

WHEREAS, the Chatham Borough Fire Department submitted an *Application for a Monument/Memorial* to the Mayor and Council for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham Borough Fire Department seeks permission to install a plaque in recognition of all fallen members of the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the plaque is to be placed in front of the Common Room facing Firehouse Plaza; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham Borough Fire Department Association will be sponsor the memorial plaque; and

WHEREAS, the memorial area will be maintained by members of the Chatham Borough Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to approve this request.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chatham hereby approves the *Application for a Monument/Memorial* submitted by the Chatham Borough Fire Department in recognition and honor of all deceased members of the Chatham Borough Fire Department; and

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

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:

Mayor Kobylarz asked Council President Dempsey to proceed with the Resolutions listed on the Consent agenda, Resolutions #21-194 through #21-198.

Council President Dempsey made a motion to approve Resolutions #21-194 through # 21-198 on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Resto. By a unanimous voice vote, the resolutions were approved.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION[S]

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business to conduct in public session, Council Member Truilo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Resto. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted on June 14, 2021, by:

Tamar Lawful, RMC
Borough Clerk
BOROUGH OF CHATHAM