

**MINUTES**  
Regular Meeting of Town Council

Tuesday, December 22, 2015  
7:30pm

A. Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Morristown, held on December 22, 2015, in the Council Room of the Morristown Town Hall located at 200 South Street, Morristown, New Jersey, beginning at 7:34p.m., prevailing time.

Council President Feldman presiding.

Town Clerk Kevin D. Harris read the following statement: Notice of this meeting was provided in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act in accordance with a Resolution adopted by the Council of the town of Morristown at the Organization Meeting on January 6, 2015 setting forth the time, date and location of each meeting. A copy of the Resolution was distributed to the Morris County Daily Record and the Star Ledger, filed with the Town Clerk, posted on the Bulletin Board at the Municipal Building and mailed to any person who has requested and prepaid the established fee for such meeting notice.

The Honorable Timothy P. Dougherty, Mayor was in attendance.

B. Roll Call

**ATTENDANCE:**

PRESENT: Mr. Armington, Ms. Deeb, Mr. Elms, Ms. Harris,  
Mrs. Smith- Reid, Council President Feldman

ABSENT: Ms. Foster

- C. Moment of Silence – The Town Clerk asked the assembly to observe a moment of silence.
- D. Pledge of Allegiance – Council President Feldman led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
- E. Consent Agenda – The Town Clerk presented the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

1. Request by the George Granby Observance Committee to hold the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Morris County Recovery Walk on Saturday, September 17, 2016 (rain date: September 18, 2016) from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. through the Town of Morristown.
2. Request by the Verizon Corporate Classic Committee requesting permission for the annual “Verizon Corporate Classic 5K Race” on Thursday, July 14, 2016, with a start time of 7:30 p.m..

Council President Feldman made a motion that the Consent Agenda be moved for Adoption which was seconded by Council Members Armington and adopted on the following roll call vote.

YEAS: Mr. Armington, Ms. Deeb, Mr. Elms, Ms. Harris, Mrs. Smith-Reid, Council President Feldman

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ms. Foster.

#### F. Mayor’s Proclamations and Presentations

1. Mayor Dougherty presented a proclamation to Council Member Raline Smith-Reid declaring December 22, 2015 as Raline Smith-Reid Day in the Town of Morristown.

Council Member Smith-Reid offered comments of appreciation and thanks.

2. Mayor Dougherty presented a proclamation to Council Member and President Rebecca Feldman declaring December 22, 2015 as Rebecca Feldman Day in the Town of Morristown..

Council President Feldman offered comments of appreciation and thanks.

Mayor Dougherty acknowledged the presence of former Town Administrator Michael Rogers who came out in support of Council Members Feldman and Smith-Reid.

#### G. Public Hearing

At this time the Council President opened the meeting to the public asking if there were any citizen or taxpayer who wished to be heard concerning any matter.

**Don Ginsberg**, 38 Dehart Street, Morristown, expressed interest for consideration as a Commissioner of the Morristown Parking Authority which he has submitted an application for. Mr. Ginsberg expressed his time leaving in Town and his volunteer and community service as well as his professional qualifications that would benefit the Town.

**Marion Harris**, 14 Oak Street, Morristown, commented on the Verizon Parking Lot and provided background regarding commercial parking in that lot and how commercial parking has overflowed onto Oak Street due to the lot being used as an overflow lot for theater activities.

**Linda Carrington**, 49 Macculloch Avenue, Morristown, followed up on comments made by Ms. Harris and discussed use of the lot in accordance with the zoning laws and public safety.

**Cary Lloyd**, 48 Georgian Road, Morristown, addressed Council stating that his term as a Member of the Board of Adjustment shall end on December 31, 2015 and he is asking for reappointment. However, Mr. Lloyd advised the Council to move fast at the 2016 Reorganization Meeting to appoint Members to handle the Board's busy schedule. Mr. Lloyd stated his qualifications and service while on the Board. Mr. Lloyd also expressed interest in serving on the Board of the Morristown Parking Authority.

**Margaret Brady**, 1 Franklin Place, Morristown, expressed appreciation to all Board and Commission members for their service and hard work. Ms. Brady then imparted wisdom and gifts on the Council in that she is in possession of a box of documents sealed in 1981. Ms. Brady stated that the documents are from 1961 – 1974. Ms. Brady shared with the Council a 1965 article related to parking in the Speedwell Avenue area.

Council Member Deeb asked that all members be provided with copies.

There appearing no one further to be heard, the Council President closed the public portion of the meeting.

Council Member Deeb commented on items raised by Ms. Harris and Ms. Carrington. Town Administrator Jillian Barrick stated that she had conversation with the Zoning Officer and that the lot is not a conforming use and requires a variance. Ms. Barrick further states that the Zoning Officer issued a notice to stop the activity.

Council Member Deeb asked if the lot owner applied for a Use Variance. Ms. Barrick stated to her knowledge; they had not. Council President Feldman thanked those who brought the matter to public attention.

#### H. Report of Mayor and Town Officials

The Mayor talked about "First Night" which is a great success every year.

Mayor Dougherty further informed Council as to events as Headquarters Plaza.

I. Council Liaison Reports

Council President Feldman noted the use of the new parking meters and their benefits.

J. Regular Business

**Ordinances for Introduction**

The Town Clerk informed the Council that there were no ordinances on the agenda for introduction this evening.

**Ordinances for Public Hearing and Adoption**

**Ordinance No. O-31-2015**

**ADOPTED** The Town Clerk offered for public hearing and adoption Ordinance O-31-2015 entitled:

“Ordinance accepting dedication of Public Road, Right-of-Way and related improvements for a portion of Prospect Street.”

Purpose: Provides for the acceptance of dedication of Public Road, Right-of-Way and related improvements for a portion of Prospect Street.

Council President Feldman directed that the ordinance be read by title only.

The Town Clerk read the ordinance by title and stated that it had been published in the Morris County Daily Record, according to law.

Council President moved for adoption of Ordinance No. O-31-2015 by title only on second reading and final adoption thereof. The motion was seconded by Council Member Armington.

Public Hearing: The Council-President opened the meeting for public hearing on the ordinance and invited all citizens and tax payers to speak in regard thereto.

There being no one to be heard, the Council President declared the

public hearing closed.

Called to question Ordinance No. O-31-2015 was adopted on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Armington, Ms. Deeb, Mr. Elms, Ms. Harris,  
Mrs. Smith-Reid, Council President Feldman

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Ms. Foster

The Town Clerk announced that the ordinance had been finally adopted, that notice of final adoption would be published in the Morris County Daily Record, as required by law.

### **Resolutions for Adoption**

#### **Resolution No. R-198-15**

#### **Passed**

Council President Feldman moved the adoption of the following resolution: Here follows Resolution R-198-15 entitled:

“Resolution Requesting Approval for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2015 Budget Pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:4-87 for the Morris County CDBG Speedwell Streetscape Improvements Grants.”

Purpose: Provides approval for the insertion of \$80,000 in the 2015 Budget for the Morris County CDBG Speedwell Streetscape Improvements Grant.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Armington and passed on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Armington, Ms. Deeb, Mr. Elms, Ms. Harris,  
Mrs. Smith-Reid, Council President Feldman

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Ms. Foster

**Resolution No. R-199-15**

**Passed**

Council President Feldman moved the adoption of the following resolution: Here follows Resolution R-199-15 entitled:

“Resolution of the Town of Morristown, in the County of Morris, New Jersey providing for the cancellation of \$3,773.76 in Bond Authorization not needed for its original purpose.”

Purpose: Authorizes the cancellation of \$3,773.76 in Bond Authorization.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Armington and passed on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Armington, Ms. Deeb, Mr. Elms, Ms. Harris, Mrs. Smith-Reid, Council President Feldman

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Ms. Foster

**Resolution No. R-200-15**

**Passed**

Council President Feldman moved the adoption of the following resolution: Here follows Resolution R-200-15 entitled:

“Resolution acknowledging continuation of Special Improvement Assessment through pay off of Lakeland Bank Credit Line for Morristown Partnership if the Special Improvement District is eliminated by the Town of Morristown.”

Purpose: Self Explanatory.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Armington and passed on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Armington, Ms. Deeb, Mr. Elms, Ms. Harris, Mrs. Smith-Reid, Council President Feldman

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Ms. Foster

**Resolution No. R-201-15**

**Passed**

Council President Feldman moved the adoption of the following resolution: Here follows Resolution R-201-15 entitled:

“Resolution awarding execution of Service Agreement for Emergency 911 and Dispatching Services the County for the Calendar Year 2016.”

Purpose: Self Explanatory.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Armington and passed on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Armington, Ms. Deeb, Mr. Elms, Ms. Harris, Mrs. Smith-Reid, Council President Feldman

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Ms. Foster

**K. Unfinished Business**

1. Amendment of the Code of the Town of Morristown concerning “Noise” (Requested by Council Member A. Deeb, and Council President R. Feldman).

Council Member Deeb requested that the matter be considered for introduction at the January 12, 2016 Town Council Meeting.

2. Pioneer Plaza Redesign Project and the plans of the Administration (requested by Council Member A. Deeb).

Council Member Deeb expressed concern as to how items discussed could be incorporated into an online form and requested a second session. Town

Administrator Barrick stated that turnout was phenomenal and stated there would be a second meeting. Ms. Barrick further stated that she asked the Town Planner to look into an online form.

3. Ogden Traffic Study (requested by Council Member A. Deeb).

Council Member Deeb addressed a request from the Fall 2015 regarding speed bumps and requested feedback from the Administration. Town Administrator Barrick stated that the study revealed the average speed was over the average speed limit and most residents surveyed that residents were in favor of a traffic calming mechanism. Ms. Barrick stated that further meetings with residents shall be held.

L. New Business

1. Paid parking in the Verizon Oak Street lot (requested by Council Member A. Deeb).

Council President Feldman stated that the matter has been addressed after the Public Hearing. Council Member Deeb did express concern and sought reassurance from the Administration that there is capacity in the Dehart Street Garage. Mayor Dougherty stated that it may have been a matter of personal preference as opposed to not parking in the garage. Mayor Dougherty further stated that more reports shall follow.

M. Adjournment. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Council President Feldman seconded by Council Member Elms and passed by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted

ATTEST

APPROVED

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KEVIN D. HARRIS  
TOWN CLERK

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REBECCA FELDMAN  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

I do hereby certify the above to be a true and exact copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday, December 22, 2015, duly passed and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Morristown at the Regular Meeting of the Town Council held on August 9, 2016 in the Morristown Council Room, 200 South Street, Morristown, New Jersey, beginning at 7:30P.M., prevailing time.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Kevin D. Harris, Town Clerk