

Grayzel Commentary
Township Committee Meeting
Meeting of December 19, 2012

We are all saddened by what happened last week in Newtown, CT. To reassure our local residents that the Morris Township Police Department is working with both the Morris School District and Township private schools to ensure their safety. For this entire week, Morris Township Police Officers will be providing additional patrols to all of our schools, particularly at drop-off and pick-up.

On a personal note, I would like to add my voice to those calling for stricter gun control laws. I encourage our state legislators as well as our U.S. Congressman and U.S. Senators to support stronger regulations.

As of the last meeting of this body, the November election results had not yet been certified due to delays related to the storm. I would now like to take this opportunity to congratulate both Mr. Rosenbush and Mr. Sisler on winning another term on this body. I look forward to working with both of you in the coming years, and I hope that together we can do good things for Morris Township.

I would also like to congratulate Mr. Ron Goldberg and Ms. Judy Stein for their election efforts. Our democracy in this country is often taken for granted, but democracy only works if there are people willing to stand up for the great democracy we have by running for public office. Our community owes a debt of gratitude to these two opposition candidates, as well as to the candidates from last year, Mike Kandybowicz and Andres Benevenuto, for their willingness to put in the effort to keep our democracy strong. Thanks to all of you for your efforts.

Leaf collection season is drawing to a close. I would like to thank our employees at the DPW who worked hard this year to get all of the leaves collected in a timely fashion. Once the leaves are collected the Township will turn its attention to brush and storm debris removal related to the storm. The DPW could not do both the leaves and brush at the same time, so now they will be focusing their efforts on the brush piles many of us have in front of our homes. Please be patient with our DPW workers as they work their way through town.

The annual deer hunts sponsored by the Morris County Parks Commission are will continue at Lewis Morris Park in Morris Township on Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30, and Feb. 6

The public may have heard from news stories that Morris Township is facing two lawsuits related to the Honeywell ordinance approval that was passed by this body in October. These are listed on the agenda tonight under matters received for the record. Last month I asked that Mr. Mills to provide an overview for the public of the substance

of each suit and his projected timelines associated with how they will work their way through the courts. Perhaps when I am done he can provide us with such a summary.

I would like to close by sending my best wishes to all of our residents, as well as our employees and volunteers, for a wonderful holiday season. And remember, you should not drink and drive at all times, but you should be especially conscious of how much you drink during this holiday season before getting in a car.

Happy holidays to all of my colleagues here on the dais. Best wishes for a happy new year.

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