

Grayzel Commentary
Township Committee Meeting
Meeting of January 16, 2013

First, I would like the record to reflect my concern related to resolution #27-13 relating to Mr. Coffey's fees. Mr. Coffey has already billed us a tremendous amount of money over the past several years and was to have wrapped up this matter a year ago.

On tonight's consent calendar we have a request by our OEM group to conduct their annual Valentine's Day Rose sale, which is one of their fundraising activities. The sale will take place at the Hillside Firehouse on Tuesday, February 12th from 12 PM to 7PM; Wednesday the 13th from 8AM to 8PM; and Thursday - Valentine's Day from 7AM to 7PM. The Hillside firehouse is located at 132 Western Avenue in Morris Township. For orders or questions, contact Pat Simms. You can order in advance or just stop in and pick from their selection. All proceeds benefit the OEM organization – meaning that all proceeds benefit Morris Township residents. The OEM department is staffed entirely by volunteers who give their time to the community. Please support the community by buying your roses at the Hillside firehouse.

There is still time to register for Winter Recreation programs. You can view the fall/winter recreation brochure on the Township's website. For more information call the office at 973-326-7371

I have been approached by a couple of residents of Morris Township about forming a local advisory committee on electric power issues. One resident is an engineer and the other is a statistician, so these residents have the technical backgrounds that would qualify to sit on such a panel. They are both looking to

volunteer their time and hope that they can make recommendations on how to improve the delivery of electricity to our residents. I also know of two other residents with related qualifications that could also provide a solid core of technical expertise for this committee. In fact, one of those residents is an eminent expert in ISO standards and the international certification system. We are very lucky to have such expertise right here in Morris Township and I think we should take them up on their offer to help. I am formally requesting that the Township Committee consider the formation of such a committee to review the delivery of electricity to our residents as well as to review what occurred during Superstorm Sandy and provide their recommendations for improvements to the electricity system in our municipality. I believe we have the opportunity to lead the way in the State of NJ on local involvement in improving electricity delivery. I think that we should pursue this opportunity and see what this panel can do for us. I also do not see much downside in pursuing this. I look forward to hearing feedback on this proposal from the rest of this body.

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