

Grayzel Commentary

Township Committee Meeting - February 27, 2013

Congratulations again to all the First Responders and emergency personnel who were honored tonight. Some are employees, but many of these people are your neighbors who volunteer their time to support the rest of the community. If you see any of them around town please take a moment to thank them personally.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate police patrolman Ryan Farrell and firefighter Steve Cornine. Both Ryan and Steve have completed their one year probationary period, and tonight we have formalized their permanent appointments to our police and fire departments.

With regard to the Honeywell announcement made yesterday, I will not say much at this time, but I did want to say that I am disappointed. Morris Township has put significant amounts of time and effort into working with Honeywell at both the Planning Board and Township Committee levels to secure a development plan that the Township Committee believed would keep Honeywell's headquarters in our municipality. For them to turn around and leave at this point, after all that time and effort expended by the municipality, is extremely disappointing to see them leave.

With regard to ordinance 03-13 relating to speed limits along Bailey Hollow Road, I do not understand why we do not make the speed limit 25 mph along the entire stretch. The ordinance states that the speed limit will be 35mph for all of 1,614 feet which represent about three-tenths of a mile, and the remaining length of the roadway is 25mph. It does not make sense to me to allow an increased speed over such a short distance. By the time they get up to speed it will be time to slow down again. Some drivers may also be confused and continue doing 35 mph even along the windy stretch of roadway. I think we should simplify the driving pattern by making it 25mph for the entire length.

A couple of weeks ago there was a robbery Pollo Pucalor Restaurant on MLK avenue. Congratulations to our police Patrol Jenna Landrigan for her good instincts. Upon arrival at the scene she observed an individual fleeing on foot away from the restaurant with white puffy debris coming from it. It turns out that his down jacket had ripped upon exiting the broken window of the restaurant. The white puffy debris observed falling from his jacket was actually down feathers falling out of it. The suspect was apprehended and arrested.

The Morris Township Fire Department is hosting an American Heart Association certified "HEARTSAVER CPR/AED" course. This 2-hour course is taking place this Saturday March 2nd at 3 times slots: 9AM, 1PM or 4PM. Fire Chief Lovenberg told me tonight that there are still openings at all three sessions. The location is the COLLINSVILLE Fire Station at 77 Whippany Road. Please contact the fire department to check on space availability. The cost is \$40 and a portion of the proceeds will go towards supporting the fire department.

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