

Jeff Grayzel commentary – December 17, 2014

Morris Township Committee meeting

Congratulations to Gary Genovas on his accomplishment of finishing a marathon and qualifying for the famed Boston Marathon. And congratulations to his partner for his outstanding effort of pushing Gary the entire way. The Boston marathon is the hardest marathon to get into in the world, so there will be many people who are surely jealous. Good luck in Boston.

Condolences to the families of Peg Adams and John Carlin. Both contributed to our community and we are sad to lose them.

My thoughts and prayers go out to John Hyland as he once again battles health issues. I am hopeful for his speedy recovery.

I have spoken previously to this body about our televising our Township meetings on cable TV. It has been suggested that I gather the information on this issue instead of having the administration speak with surrounding communities. So I sent an email to the Administrator of Madison -- although I was not sure how appropriate it was for me to be communicating directly to him – and asked for information on how they televise their meetings. With that one email I was able to obtain the name of the person that handles it, and with a second email he sent me all of his cost information. While it is not free, the costs are not very high.

Last week the Trails & Pathways Committee held a meeting at which we had a presentation on the NJ State program called “Complete Streets”. I have mentioned this program before, and was waiting for this presentation to be held before I passed along any additional information. I think the reconstruction of the Honeywell property would be a great place to try to implement some of the Complete Street elements. While it is a private property I am hoping that the Planning board would be able to work with the applicants to include some of these elements.

Our department of Public Works has done a great job with leaf collection. It is early December and they are making their final rounds in the next few days.

As the weather turns cold, please remember those in need and donate your old coats to one of the various coat drives going on around town.

Thank you to all our municipal employees for the great job they have done throughout this year providing service and services to our residents. We have a lot of good people working for us here in Morris Township.

This is our last meeting before the New Year, so to all our residents and to all our municipal employees I send my good wishes for a nice and meaningful holiday season

It has been an honor for me to serve on this body. I have enjoyed my time here serving the residents of Morris Township. And as my recognition plaque says, I have always tried to act faithfully and to the best of my ability. I thank all of the residents for the opportunity that you ave me to serve all of you.

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