

Jeff Grayzel: Swearing-in Speech  
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Thank you everyone for coming this evening. Thank you to Father Giles and Rabbi Nesson for your inspiring words.

Thank you Morris Township for once again electing me to your Township Committee. I want you to know that I will be working to accomplish what you want. I am here to represent all of our residents and ensure that this body listens to what our residents have to say.

Too my family – my wife Lynn and two sons who are here tonight-- thank you for your love and support. The time and effort put into this Committee's work sometimes leads to tight schedule s at home. "Another meeting?" was something I heard frequently from my son. I have told him that I believe that everyone needed to give something back to the community, and that this is something I am doing for our community. I think my two sons are starting to understand that, and I hope that one day each of them will be a leader in their own community.

I would also like to say thank you to our Township Committee members, as well as former committee members Ray Snyder and Ron Goldberg. The past two years have been difficult in many respects. On top of the budget cuts, we have had the additional crises of Hurricane Irene and an unexpected October snowstorm. I joked at a Township Committee meeting a few months ago that I was actually happy I did not run for office last year. All kidding aside, being a Committeeman is not an easy job to begin with, and this past year they all had to put in overtime. Thank you gentlemen for your hard work and your service to our community.

I would also like to thank all of the other elected official in our audience tonight for your service. Your presence while we organize for another year inspires all of us to good work. I'm honored to have you here and I know that everyone else feels the same way.

I hear nay-sayers in the various media saying that Americans feel hopeless and have shut down. I don't know what America they are speaking of. Certainly not Morris Township. Our many hundreds of officials, employees, and volunteers are poised to take us forward. Our residents are not silent. They know what they want and need, and they are certainly not reticent. Our residents are not sitting still and they are speaking out to me already. They are striving to grow careers, families and retirements every way they can. And they are striving to maintain the quality of life in the community which we all live in. I believe that 2012 will be a great year for our Township because together we will all make it so.

I again want to thank my family, friends and supporters for putting me here today in a position to serve our community. I look forward to putting my shoulder behind the load that our Township Committee is pushing. I wish everyone a happy and healthy new year.