

TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
OFFICIAL ACTION MEETING

December 16, 2024

(This meeting was held in-person and virtually/telephonically)

The Regular Meeting of the Moorestown Township Council was called to order by Mayor Gillespie at 7:01 p.m. at Town Hall, Council Chamber, 111 West Second Street, Moorestown. Attendance was as follows:

Nicole Gillespie, Mayor
Quinton Law, Deputy Mayor
Christopher Keating, Councilmember
Sue Mammarella, Councilmember
David Zipin, Councilmember

Kevin E. Aberant, Township Manager
Patricia L. Hunt, Township Clerk
Stephen Raymond, Substitute Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:01 p.m., Mayor Gillespie read the Open Public Meetings Act statement in full, as printed on the agenda.

MAYOR'S STATEMENT

"Notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act" by:

1. Posting a copy of the agenda on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex.
2. Filing a copy of the agenda in the office of the Township Clerk at the Municipal Complex.
3. Emailing a copy of the agenda to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post.
4. Forwarding written notice to each person who has requested copies of the regular meeting schedule.

All of the above posting, filing and mailing have taken place on December 13, 2024.

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND FLAG SALUTE: The Official Action meeting began with a moment of silence and flag salute.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Gillespie took roll call; all were present.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS: Proclamation – Board and Committee Members Appreciation Week. Mayor Gillespie advised that the week of December 16, 2024 is Boards and Committees Appreciation Week. She read part of the proclamation aloud. She asked Chris Chesner to come forward. She presented him with the proclamation and small gift for his thirteen years of service on the Planning Board. Mr. Chesner thanked all.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Township of Moorestown has a renowned reputation for its community spirit, safe neighborhoods and abundance of beauty and history; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Moorestown is an exceptional community in which many aspire to live and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, such an acknowledgment does not come by chance, but rather, it is achieved by way of time and dedication from its residents, who continuously volunteer their time serving on Boards and Committees, in an endless effort, to improve the quality of life for their children and to maintain the community's distinct character; and

WHEREAS, it is through these volunteer members that Moorestown is able to preserve its stature and improve the way of living for its citizens and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown wishes to honor, thank and publicly recognize those who have served, and those who continue to serve on the various Boards and Committees.

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby proclaim, the Week of December 16, 2024, Moorestown Board and Committee Members Appreciation Week and we call upon the people of Moorestown to take heart to the words of Sir Winston Churchill, ***"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give"*** and, in your travels, thank those Board and Committee Members who serve our community so diligently and unselfishly.

Given, under my hand and the Seal of the Township of Moorestown this 16th day of December, Two Thousand Twenty-Four. Nicole Gillespie, Mayor

Presentation to Councilman David Zipin: Mayor Gillespie presented the following proclamation. She advised that tonight is Mr. Zipin's last meeting on Council noting the boards and committees he has served on and that he has served honorably. She read portions of the proclamation and presented same to him along with a small gift of appreciation. Mayor Gillespie said Council will miss him. Mr. Zipin said that it has been an honor to serve. He thanked everyone for the opportunity.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, there are many fine communities in the State of New Jersey; and

Whereas, although there are many fine communities in this State, there are only a few exceptional communities; and

Whereas, the Township of Moorestown is one of those exceptional communities in which to live and raise a family; and

Whereas, the reputation of these few exceptional communities is unquestionably built upon the foundation and footprints of its leaders who have demonstrated the will, leadership and vision to build a better community; and

Whereas, these forefathers, as they are known and will become known to be, provide a priceless service to their community striving to leave behind a stronger and better quality of life for future generations to come; and

Whereas, David Zipin has served his community as a member of the Governing Body various boards and committees from 2021 through 2024; and

Whereas, this service, emanating a unique contribution of its own, given to the community unselfishly, has aided in forever changing the environment in which our families, friends and businesses reside; and

Whereas, the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown, County of Burlington State of New Jersey, does wish to publicly recognize David Zipin's immeasurable contributions.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that, it is with a great sense of gratitude, we proclaim David Zipin to be an Outstanding Member of the Community and as he carries on from his public service, we call upon the people of the Township of Moorestown to recognize his sacrifices and good works.

Given, under my hand and the Seal of the Township of Moorestown this 16th day of December, Two Thousand Twenty-Four. Nicole Gillespie, Mayor

Proclamation - Muslim Heritage Month: Mayor Gillespie read aloud and presented the following proclamation. The President of Moorestown Muslims accepted the proclamation and advised of upcoming events and activities the organization will be involved in during January. She read a statement into the record.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Township of Moorestown is proud to recognize the contributions of the Muslim community and declare the month of January, 2025 as Muslim Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, Muslims are the world's second-largest religious group practicing the Islamic faith. With 1.9 billion followers representing approximately twenty five percent of the world's population, there are about 3.45 million Muslims in the United States from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds. The Muslim community represents 1.1% of the population in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Muslims first arrived in North America along with enslaved Africans, whom historians estimate 30% were Muslim. Their Islamic beliefs and practices contributed in numerous ways to the founding of our nation, including courageous and dictated military services in every major war, including the American Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, Muslims have made significant contributions throughout history, including notable achievements in philosophy, mathematics, chemistry, physics, astronomy, medicine, music, architecture, literature, and the arts. Their philanthropy, humanitarianism, Civic responsibility, and culture help to enrich the United States socially, economically, and historically; and

WHEREAS, there are nearly three hundred thousand Muslim Americans in New Jersey, representing one of the largest Muslim American communities in the United States. Their contributions help fortify and strengthen the economy and diversity of the people in our state and local communities; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Moorestown supports the rights of all its residents and calls upon our community to eliminate prejudice and bigotry everywhere. We celebrate the great diversity of all our citizens and extend the promise of our country to all.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Township Council recognizes recognize the month of January as Muslim Heritage Month.

Given, under my hand and the Seal of the Township of Moorestown this 16th day of December, Two Thousand Twenty-Four. Nicole Gillespie, Mayor

DISCUSSION:

Reports from Council:

Ms. Mammarella advised that the Boards and Committees Dinner Meeting was a great event. She attended the tree lighting ceremony at the Community House. The Appearance Committee and Sustainable Moorestown did not meet. Ms. Mammarella was pleased to announce that the property at 334 Chester Avenue was sold, and the new owners will be making it their forever home and it will not be demolished. She sincerely thanked the new owners. She thanked all involved with trying to save the property. She thanked Mr. Zipin for serving and stated it has been an honor serving with him.

Mr. Keating also expressed his appreciation to Mr. Zipin noting his dedication to the community. He advised that the Planning Board application for warehousing on Lenola Road was pulled and will be heard in 2025.

Mr. Zipin thanked all for the opportunity to serve.

Mr. Law thanked Mr. Zipin for his service noting it has been an honor to serve with him. He advised that the Historic Society received a grant from the Historic Trust, and it will be utilizing the funds in furtherance of the West End Community Center at Yancy-Adams Park. He also advised that there will be an MS Teams informational meeting on Wednesday at 6pm regarding the inclusive playground to be built at Wesley Bishop Park; he asked the public to join in.

Mayor Gillespie advised that she attended Candlelight Night; the grand opening of Cock-a-Doodle Dans; the holiday parade; Downtown Jersey Conference; the Moorestown Jewish Association event; and briefings about the drone sightings. Mayor Gillespie advised that this is the last meeting of 2024 and her last meeting as Mayor. She advised that Council will vote in a new Mayor on January 6, 2025.

Upcoming Meeting(s): Mayor Gillespie read the upcoming meetings aloud.

January 6, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. (Reorganization)

January 27, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. (Official Action)

Agenda Updates: None.

Adopting Consent Agenda Resolution No. CA 12 16 2024: Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Zipin
SECONDED BY: Mr. Keating
ABSENT: None
VOTE: All in favor

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA CA 12 16 2024

WHEREAS, Consent Agendas include routine items of business which are not controversial; do not require individual discussion; and are voted upon as one item by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by the request of any Council Member; and

WHEREAS, if so removed, said item(s) will be treated as a separate matter(s); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the Consent Agenda and determined that the matters listed are matters, which require official action; but do not require further deliberation or discussion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that it hereby:

- ___x___ a. Approves the Consent Agenda as written on the agenda.
_____ b. Approves the Consent Agenda as written with the exception of the following:
_____ c. Requests that all matters on the Consent Agenda be handled separately.

Adopting Consent Agenda Resolution No. AHCA 12 16 2024: Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to adopt the Affordable Housing Consent Agenda.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Law
SECONDED BY: Ms. Mammarella
ABSTAIN: Mr. Zipin
ABSENT: None
VOTE: All in favor

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Designation of Block 1801, Lot 17 (Cowperthwaite House) As An Area In Need of Rehabilitation: Mr. Aberant provided a description on the property, noting it has been vacant for ten years. He advised that Council has been doing rehabilitation and asked if Council would like staff to move forward with the rehabilitation process on this property. He advised of the process. All members were in favor of moving forward.

Revisions to Chapter 180, Regulating Winery Sales Room: Mr. Aberant advised that there are at least two winery sales rooms in town (licensed by the State of New Jersey). He advised staff believes the Township Code needs to be amended, and he sought Council's sentiment. A brief discussion ensued. Council had no objection.

Revisions to Chapter 46 to Permit Shopping Mall Licenses: Mr. Aberant advised that earlier this year, the State adopted changes to the statute to allow additional liquor licenses at certain eligible shopping malls. The State has not proposed any regulations, nor does it expect to in the near future. Mr. Aberant advised that the Township Code would need to be amended to allow for this type of license. He advised that these are consumption licenses, but there are caveats; he advised of same. Questions and answers were had. Council had no objection to amending the Code.

Revisions to Chapter 87, Regulating Arcades and Indoor Amusement Parks: Mr. Aberant advised Council that there is someone interested in locating an indoor amusement park in the mall. The current chapter regarding same in the Code requires amendment. Council had no objection to modifying the Code accordingly.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Aberant reported:

- A MS Teams meeting will be held this Wednesday at 6 p.m. concerning the proposed inclusionary playground at Wesley Bishop Park. He advised how to join the meeting.
- An informal meeting will be held in the Council Chamber on January 8, 2025 from 6pm-8pm regarding the Kings Highway and Main Street watermain project and the process that will take place. He advised that the project will be disruptive to the residents; residents may be able to replace their lateral at the time of the project; the Township Engineer will be present; and affected property owners will be notified.
- A Public Information Center (meeting) will be held in the Council Chamber on January 14, 2025 between 6pm-8pm by the New Jersey Department of Transportation concerning the Route 38, Fellowship Road and Church Street road improvements.
- The Well No. 10 project is ongoing; it will be many months before water is pumped through the well.
- Three speed bumps have been installed (one on Cottage Avenue and two on Crider Avenue). There have been no complaints. He advised that the speed bump on Flynn Avenue was installed and will be striped when the rain stops. Covington Terrace and Flynn Avenue intersection has been reprofiled; it is much better than it was.
- The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) issued its Round 4 Prospective Needs for New Jersey a few weeks ago. Moorestown's need came in at 250 units (between 2025-2035). Every town is required to adopt a resolution by January 31 with its number. Moorestown can either accept the number by the NJDCA or come up with its own number. The Planner has advised the 250 number is in the range of what is to be expected. Discussion was held. Mr. Aberant advised that there is no reason to argue Moorestown's number. He advised that he will keep Council apprised.

Mr. Aberant wished Mr. Zipin all the best.

Mr. Zipin recused himself and left the meeting.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING: The Township Manager read Ordinance 28-2024 by title.

28-2024 AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY TO MOORESTOWN FAMILY APARTMENTS LLC (“MFA”) AT 350 BORTON LANDING ROAD AND DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 7401, LOT 1.02 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A FIFTY PERCENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

Mayor Gillespie opened the public hearing. There were no comments.

Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Law
SECONDED BY: Ms. Mammarella
RECUSED: Mr. Zipin
ABSENT: None
VOTE: All in favor

Mayor Gillespie asked for discussion by Council; there was none.

Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance on second reading.

MOTIONED BY: Ms. Mammarella
SECONDED BY: Mr. Law
RECUSED: Mr. Zipin
ABSENT: None
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

The Township Manager read Ordinance 30-2024 by title.

30-2024 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 602, LOT 30, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 712 NORTH LENOLA ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN

Mayor Gillespie opened the public hearing. There were no comments.

MOTIONED BY: Ms. Mammarella
SECONDED BY: Mr. Keating
RECUSED: Mr. Zipin
ABSENT: None
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

Mayor Gillespie asked for discussion by Council; there was none.

Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance on second reading.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Law
SECONDED BY: Ms. Mammarella
RECUSED: Mr. Zipin
ABSENT: None
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

AFFORDABLE HOUSING ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING: None.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESOLUTION: The Township Manager read the resolutions by title.

214-2024 AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR SERVICES RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A HOUSING PLAN FOR MOORESTOWN TOWNSHIP, BURLINGTON COUNTY (CLARK CATON HINTZ, RAYMOND COLEMAN HEINOLD, SURENIAN)

215-2024 AUTHORIZING PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE BY BOND ONLY FOR MOORESTOWN FAMILY APARTMENTS, LLC, 350 BORTON LANDING ROAD (BLOCK 7401, LOT 1.02) (50% AFFORDABLE - APARTMENTS)

222-2024 AUTHORIZING FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY INVESTMENT STRATEGIES, INC. ("CIS") IN ACCORD WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT

226-2024 AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WARNER REAL ESTATE & AUCTION COMPANY, INC., CERTIFIED AUCTIONEER, TO EFFECTUATE THE SALE OF 712 NORTH LENOLA ROAD AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Mayor Gillespie opened the floor for public comment. There were no comments.

Mayor Gillespie asked for discussion by Council; there was none.

Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions.

MOTIONED BY: Ms. Mammarella
SECONDED BY: Mr. Keating
RECUSED: Mr. Zipin
ABSENT: None
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

APPROVAL OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING EXPENDITURES - Mayor Gillespie asked for comment or a motion to approve the bill list.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Law
SECONDED BY: Ms. Mammarella
RECUSED: Mr. Zipin
ABSENT: None
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

Mr. Zipin returned to the meeting.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING: The Township Manager read Ordinance 27-2024 by title advising that same has been recommended by the Police Director.

**27-2024 AMENDING CHAPTER 168 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
MOORESTOWN ENTITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE IX,
MOTOR VEHICLE TOWING AND STORAGE**

Mayor Gillespie opened the public hearing. There were no comments.

Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

MOTIONED BY: Ms. Mammarella
SECONDED BY: Mr. Keating
ABSENT: None
VOTE: All in favor

Mayor Gillespie asked for discussion by Council; there was none.

Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance on second reading.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Keating
SECONDED BY: Mr. Law
ABSENT: None
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

The Township Manager read Ordinance 29-2024 by title.

**29-2024 BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$225,000
AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$213,750 IN BONDS OR NOTES
OF THE TOWNSHIP TO BE USED FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEER AND
DESIGN EXPENSES FOR MAIN STREET AND CHESTER AVENUE
WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PHASES 2A AND 2B, TOGETHER WITH
ALL RELATED EXPENSES**

Mayor Gillespie opened the public hearing. There were no comments.

Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

MOTIONED BY: Ms. Mammarella
SECONDED BY: Mr. Zipin
ABSENT: None
VOTE: All in favor

Mayor Gillespie asked for discussion by Council; there was none.

Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance on second reading.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Zipin
SECONDED BY: Mr. Law
ABSENT: None
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING: None.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS: The Township Manager read the consent agenda resolutions by title.

135A-2024 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MOORESTOWN TOWNSHIP TO ACCEPT A SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2024 OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE

211-2024 AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL AND REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT DUE TO MOORESTOWN OWNERSHIP

212-2024 AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND TAXES DUE TO MORTGAGE COMPANY AND HOMEOWNER PAYING TAXES

213-2024 AWARDING A CONTRACT TO BLACK ROCK ENTERPRISES, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,199,336 FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS KINGS HIGHWAY/MAIN STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

216-2024 AUTHORIZING 2024 BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

217-2024 AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN UNEXPENDED IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATION BALANCES IN THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

218-2024 AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF 2024 UTILITY BUDGET UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATION BALANCE

219-2024 AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF PRIOR YEARS OUTSTANDING CHECKS

220-2024 AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$75,000 FROM THE 2024 CURRENT BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR SNOW REMOVAL TO THE SNOW REMOVAL RESERVE TRUST FUND

221-2024 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE SERVICES OF CLASS III SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

223-2024 AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR SAFARI ENERGY, LLC, 308 HARPER DRIVE, BLOCK 3202, LOT 1 (PRELIMINARY AND FINAL SITE PLAN)

224-2024 AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR MOORESTOWN EQUITIES, LLC FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 200 MARTER AVENUE (BLOCK 6505, LOT 14.02) (CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA AND TENANT OFFICE SPACE)

225-2024 AWARDING A CONTRACT TO STEPHENSON EQUIPMENT, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,442 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PORTABLE IRIS MAINLINE INSPECTION CRAWLER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

227-2024 ACKNOWLEDGING TOWNSHIP COUNCIL'S REVIEW OF SALARIES FOR THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

Mayor Gillespie opened the floor for public comment. There were no comments.

Mayor Gillespie asked for discussion by Council. In connection with Resolution 213-2024 and in response to Mr. Law's question, Mr. Aberant advised that the bid provided pricing for PVC pipes and iron pipes. Upon review, staff felt the savings was not substantial enough to move away from the iron pipe. Discussion on other materials was had.

Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Law
SECONDED BY: Mr. Zipin
ABSENT: None
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

MINUTES: November 18, 2024 Official Action

Mayor Gillespie asked for discussion or a motion to approve the minutes.

MOTIONED BY: Ms. Mammarella
SECONDED BY: Mr. Zipin
ABSENT: None
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES: Mayor Gillespie asked for comment or a motion to approve the bill list.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Keating
SECONDED BY: Mr. Zipin
ABSENT: None
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Items listed on and/or off the Agenda):

Greg Newcomer, 235 Fellowship Road, expressed his appreciation to Mr. Zipin for his work and service on Council. He complimented Mayor Gillespie on the civility and good conduct standards she brought to Council meetings. He commended her on her leadership, accomplishments and service as Mayor.

Dan Lightner, Moorestown Hunt, advised of the community's shock to learn that a bus depot would be built across from the Upper Elementary School and he asked if the public should not have been notified. Mayor Gillespie advised that the property belongs to the Board of Education, and it is their decision; Council has no authority. In November, the Board asked the Township if there was any other property the Township owns that could be used; staff is looking into that request. Council is aware of the concern. Mr. Keating recommended residents attend the Board of Education meetings as Council has no authority. Discussion was held.

Kate Wilson, 2 Split Rock Place, noted that the Main Street watermain project included grant monies. She thanked Mr. Zipin for his service on Council.

Julie Maravitch, 660 Chester Avenue, thanked Mayor Gillespie for bringing Percheron Park to fruition. Ms. Maravitch noted that with all of the development going on in town, there are large piles of sand on archaeological grounds. She offered the services of the Historical Society to comb these areas with metal detectors. Mr. Aberant will check into it.

Kathy Sutherland, 417 North Church Street, acknowledged her respect for the Mayor and Mr. Zipin's objective listening. She wished Mr. Zipin well. Ms. Sutherland asked questions regarding various matters; they were answered.

Pat Dehart, 9 Almeida Lane, expressed her opposition to the proposed bus garage across from the Upper Elementary School. A brief discussed ensued. She was reminded to attend Board of Education meetings and to look for the matter on the upcoming referendum.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL:

Ms. Mammarella thanked all for attending. She expressed her highest regards for Mayor Gillespie.

Mr. Keating expressed his appreciation to all Council members. He complimented Mr. Zipin for his service. He also complimented Mayor Gillespie and indicated that no matter what her title, she will continue to do great things in Moorestown.

Mr. Zipin thanked Mayor Gillespie noting how her leadership made Council's job easier. He stated that it has been an honor and a challenge serving. He wished all a joyful holiday season.

Mr. Law said Mr. Zipin has done a fantastic job, noting that it is not easy being a public official; he will miss Mr. Zipin on Council. In closing, he reflected on his relationship with Mayor Gillespie and how she mentored and taught him so much. He thanked her for communicating her vision and for inspiring him to do this work.

Mayor Gillespie thanked Mr. Zipin for his service and wished all happy holidays.

CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY) (RESOLUTION NO. CS 12 16 2024): At 9:01 p.m. Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to adopt Resolution CS 12 16 2024 to enter into closed session for purposes of discussing Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privileges.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Law
SECONDED BY: Mr. Keating
ABSENT: None
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

Mayor Gillespie advised that there will be no formal action when Council returns to the public. However, Council will return to the public session to adjourn; the public is welcomed to stay.

At 9:00 p.m., Council entered into closed session.

At 10:28 p.m., Council returned to the public meeting. Due to the sensitivity of the matters, Council had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT: At 10:28 p.m., there being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Zipin
SECONDED BY: Mr. Law
ABSENT: None
VOTE: All in favor

PATRICIA L. HUNT, RMC
Township Clerk