

TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
OFFICIAL ACTION MEETING
April 7, 2025

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

The Regular Meeting of the Moorestown Township Council was called to order by Mayor Law at 7:11 p.m. at Town Hall, Council Chamber, 111 West Second Street, Moorestown. Attendance was as follows:

Quinton Law, Mayor
Sue Mammarella, Deputy Mayor
James Barry, Councilmember
Nicole Gillespie, Councilmember
Christopher Keating, Councilmember

Kevin E. Aberant, Township Manager
Patricia L. Hunt, Township Clerk (Absent)
Douglas Heinold, Township Solicitor
Vicki M. Gough, Deputy Township Clerk

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:11 p.m., Mayor Law 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 April 4, 2025.

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

ROLL CALL: Ms. Gough took roll call; all were present.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS: Proclamation – Celebrating the 100th Birthday of Geraldine Margaret Brooks - Mayor Law presented the following proclamation on April 5, 2025.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Geraldine Margaret Brooks is being honored by friends and family on the occasion of her 100th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Henry and Bessie Young celebrated the birth of their daughter, Geraldine, on April 6, 1925 and had not given her a middle name, the priest who was making his rounds in the nursery at the Philadelphia Hospital blessed Geraldine with the middle name Margaret, resulting in her nickname, Marge; and

WHEREAS, Marge graduated in academic Latin studies from John Bartram High School in Philadelphia in 1943; and immediately upon high school graduation, Geraldine began working at the Naval Yard in Philadelphia until WWII was over in 1945; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Marge began her career with Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) where she was employed for 32 years before retiring in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Marge moved to Moorestown from Philadelphia in 1962 and has been a resident of Moorestown for 63 years; and

WHEREAS, Marge served as an Election Board Worker in Moorestown for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Marge has been a cherished member of Second Baptist Church since 1962; and

WHEREAS, loving to travel, Marge has been on 23 cruises including the Caribbean, Europe, South America, Africa, and Alaska; and

WHEREAS, in her 35+ years of retirement, Marge participated in activities at the JFK Senior Center in Willingboro, Aquacise at the Y, and Rummikub at the Moorestown Library, and through these activities made many dear friendships; and

WHEREAS, she is beloved by family, close friends, and celebrated by her four children, nine grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, does hereby deem it an honor and pleasure to extend this Proclamation of Recognition to Geraldine Margaret Brooks on the occasion of her 100th birthday, with sincere congratulations and best wishes for many more happy years.

Given, under my hand and the Seal of the Township of Moorestown this 5th day of April Two Thousand Twenty Five. Quinton Law, Mayor

Proclamation – FOP Lodge #109 Retirement Celebration - Mayor Law presented the following proclamation on April 4, 2025.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Moorestown Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge #109 is a local chapter of the National FOP dedicated to supporting law enforcement officers in Moorestown, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, established in 1990 by its founding member and first president, the late Wayne Winkler, Moorestown FOP Lodge #109 has played an essential role in the community; and

WHEREAS, the lodge engages in various fraternal activities for its members and contributes to the community through charitable initiatives and scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Lodge #109 also collaborates with the township on matters such as negotiating contracts to improve its members' welfare and working conditions; and

WHEREAS, through these efforts, the Moorestown FOP Lodge #109 supports local law enforcement professionals and enhances the well-being of the Moorestown community; and

WHEREAS, Moorestown is grateful for their wisdom and devotion and are fortunate to count them as one of our own and celebrate:

Chief Lee Lieber #3110

Chief Walter Walczak #3134

Lieutenant John Hinshillwood #3132

Detective Sergeant Richard Naff #3137

Sergeant Donald Brauckmann #3140

Sergeant Jeffrey Pascual #3144

Patrolman Bryan Wright #3131

Patrolman Christopher Humes #3133

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, does hereby thank the Moorestown FOP Lodge #109 for all the years of dedication and service.

Given, under my hand and the Seal of the Township of Moorestown this 4th day of April Two Thousand Twenty Five. Quinton Law, Mayor

Proclamation –Sexual Assault Awareness Month- Mayor Law presented the following proclamation to Jai Patel, Executive Director from Burlington County Contact:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April marks Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM): a time to bring attention to the widespread issue of sexual violence and empower communities to take action. This year's theme, "**Together We Act, United We Change**," highlights the power of working together to create safer, more respectful environments for all; and

WHEREAS, sexual abuse, assault, and harassment affect individuals of every background. To address this, we must promote education around consent, healthy communication, and bystander intervention. By equipping individuals and communities with these tools, we can help prevent violence before it starts and foster a culture of respect and care; and

WHEREAS, central to this campaign is the importance of amplifying the voices of survivors, especially those most vulnerable in our communities. Their experiences must be heard and acknowledged, and their stories should guide our efforts to combat sexual violence in all its forms; and

WHEREAS, everyone in our communities deserves to live in safe and supportive environments where they are treated with respect. When our workplaces, schools, and communities work together to uphold safety and respect, we make progress in preventing sexual abuse, assault, and harassment; and

WHEREAS, statistics show most women and men across all sexual identities who experienced contact sexual violence reported that the person who harmed them was someone they knew; over 53% of women and over 29% of men reported experiencing contact sexual violence; 1 in 5 male victims reported only male perpetrators, 1 in 2 had only female perpetrators, and about 1 in 6 had both male and female perpetrators; more than 1 in 4 non-Hispanic Black women (29%) in the United States were raped in their lifetime; 1 in 3 Hispanic women (34.8%) reported unwanted sexual contact in their lifetime; more than 4 in 5 American Indian and Alaska Native women (84.3%) have experienced violence in their lifetime; 32.9% of adults with intellectual disabilities have experienced sexual violence; 47% of all transgender people have been sexually assaulted at some point in their lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Township Council proclaims April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the Township of Moorestown and standing in solidarity, we can build a future free from sexual violence and create a world where everyone is safe, valued, and respected.

Given, under my hand and the Seal of the Township of Moorestown this 7th day of April Two Thousand Twenty Five. Quinton Law, Mayor

Mr. Law stated that he read the stats to bring awareness to the community. Mr. Patel thanked everyone and Council for the proclamation. He explained what his programs does and how they help survivors of sexual assault.

DISCUSSION:

Reports from Council:

Mr. Barry stated that he was happy to attend the FOP dinner. Recreation Advisory Committee meets tomorrow. MEAC hasn't had a meeting. He wished all the spring teams good luck.

Mr. Keating stated that it was a good weekend for rec sports. He said there was a lot of giving from the community and the volunteers of baseball youth to make it happen. The Full Throttle baseball field allowed for so many families to come out and have an exciting Saturday. Planning Board met. He spoke of what was approved by the Planning Board. He added that the Affordable Housing Committee met to discuss how to meet the round 4 obligations. He believes they will be able to meet the obligation.

Ms. Gillespie stated that the Open Space Advisory Committee meets tomorrow and EDAC

meets April 15th at the French Press. This past weekend the Library had a human book event. There were 15 people telling their stories. It was fascinating. It is in April of every year and hopes that they continue to do it. Ms. Gillespie stated that she began working with Burlington County Contact as a volunteer. There are several things you can do such as answer phone calls or go sit in the hospital with a victim of sexual assault. She stated that she now serves as a board member for Burlington County Contact and on April 19th they are holding a community day at the Community House for anyone who would like to get involved. She encouraged everyone to attend. She added that Daffodil Day will be held on Main Street this Saturday. She congratulated the police officers who were recognized at the retirement dinner last week.

Deputy Mayor Mammarella stated that she did not attend the Appearance Committee meeting. She added that the Green Team meets Thursday. She also mentioned that Daffodil Day is this weekend. Deputy Mayor Mammarella stated that the Townwide Yard Sale is on May 10th. Helpsy Drive is the same day and it is being run by the Green Team. It is a clothing drive but they accept all kind of stuff that you can't give to Goodwill like socks with holes. They will recycle them and turn into insulation. She also attended the FOP retirement dinner. Deputy Mammarella stated that she attended Mend with Music at the Community House and the Moorestown Improvement Association's annual meeting. She also mentioned that there was a great architecture lecture at the library last week by Ms. Guzzo. She will be doing another lecture on April 29th in the library. She stated that Arbor Day is April 26th and the French press will get the award this year.

Mayor Law joined Deputy Mayor Mammarella at the Mend with Music event and the Improvement Association's meeting. He also attended Save the Environment's annual meeting. Stem worked with the Fish and Wildlife to convert the pollinator field at the east end of town. On the April 28th from 6 to 7pm he and Mr. Keating will be hosting open office hours in the Council Chambers. He invited the public to come in and get questions answered. Thanked township staff for working hard with the hybrid meeting equipment.

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

April 28, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. (Official Action)

May 5, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. (Official Action)

Agenda Updates: None.

Adopting Consent Agenda Resolution No. CA 04 07 2025: Mayor Law asked for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

MOTIONED BY: Deputy Mammarella

SECONDED BY: Ms. Gillespie

ABSENT: None

VOTE: All in favor

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA CA 04 07 2025

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.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Aberant reported that an email address has been set up for the public to use for any field maintenance issues. The email address is: parkmaintenance@moorestown.nj.us. It will go to several people so they are aware and can address the issue. He added that it will probably be discussed at the next Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting.

Ms. Gillespie asked about water main replacement on Kings Highway. Mr. Aberant stated that the work is being completed in phases. He explained how it will be completed.

Mr. Barry had questions with Mission Voice and who from the Township will be the lead for the Special Needs Camp. Mr. Aberant had a meeting last week with Mr. Cefalone and he is waiting for him to give him names. Mr. Aberant added that they already have campers and employees signed up for the summer camp.

Mr. Law asked where the money comes from the special needs camp. Mr. Aberant stated that in the past it came from Mission Voice and Buckley fund. Mr. Law stated that we need to continue to keep this program going. Mr. Aberant stated that it is a Township program and the School Board charges the Township like it's an outside vendor for the use of the school.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING: The Township Manager read Ordinance 6-2025, on second reading, by title.

**6-2025 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO CREATE
CHAPTER 96 GOVERNING “HISTORIC PRESERVATION” AND TO
AMEND CHAPTER 6-45.1 GOVERNING “APPEARANCE COMMITTEE**

Mayor Law opened the public hearing.

James Miller, 222 Nicholson Drive, had brief comments. During the Planning Board meeting in March, he argued for a more comprehensive approach to the planning and zoning for the central business district. He also testified that the updating of the survey materials referenced in the historic plan element should be completed and that both steps should occur before any decision to proceed with historic preservation zoning.

At that time, He was representing property owners within the district. This evening, he is appearing as an individual because he remains concerned about the future of our business district for the reasons he expressed during the Planning Board hearing. He is going to limit his comments to three topics, visibility controls, religious uses, and mid-twentieth century storefronts.

Visibility Controls

The sides and rear yard areas of many structures within the district can be viewed from public streets and walkways. Many of these feature loading areas, garages, bollards, parking areas, trash enclosures and mechanical equipment that are functional necessities, but lack historical appropriateness. Regulating many of these accessory features could be impractical and could compromise the viability of the structures they serve. These features merit further study and, where appropriate, relief from historic guidelines.

Religious Uses

The ordinance should be modified to exempt churches and cemeteries to spare them the cost of the certification process. This step would be consistent with NJAC criteria. These criteria state that:

"Ordinarily cemeteries, birthplaces, graves of historical figures, properties of religious institutions or used for religious purposes, structures that have been moved from their original locations, reconstructed historic buildings, properties primarily of commemorative nature or that have achieved historic significance in the past 50 years are not generally considered eligible for the New Jersey Register." NJAC 7:4-2.3 (a) 2.

Exempting these uses would be fully consistent with this standard and a means of supporting these inherently beneficial uses.

Mid-twentieth Century Storefronts

The Historic Preservation Plan Element lists of contributing and noncontributing properties relied on a survey prepared in 1989. Given the age of this document, He believes it should have been updated to reflect current standards and field conditions, but the Township has opted to rely on the 1989 survey in preparing the Historic Plan Element. This creates a question regarding business structures that the 1989 survey notes but doesn't engage, the storefronts dating from the mid-20th century. The 1989 survey mentions these storefronts but fails to consider their impact or significance. Ordinance 2025-6 now calls for the Period of Significance to be the period between 1720 and 1940. For

buildings with mid-20 Century storefront conforming to this timeframe would:

- Be impracticable due to the scope and extent of the storefront improvements.
- Impose an undue burden on businesses and property owners.
- Compromise the viability of business locations that rely on existing features such as signs and display windows.

He believes there are two options that Council should consider that could address these problems:

1. The storefronts dating from the post-World War II era could be reclassified as non-contributing. This would allow them to retain their current exterior improvements without extensive design reviews and variances.
2. The Period of Significance could be changed from 1720 to 1940, to 1720 to 1960 to account for storefronts established during the post-World War II era. They would then be subject to historic guidelines appropriate to these structures such as those issued by the US Department of the Interior.

Post-World War II storefronts represent a significant component of the district and its overall character. Either of these steps would preserve the character of the district without compromising the utility of these structures or imposing an undue burden on businesses that they support. Both options would be consistent with the Master Plan policies that seek to improve and support the Town Center.

Bob Baranowski, Hyland Levin Attorneys representing Virtua, is here to reiterate a letter that he had sent to Council. The second hearing notice was the first notice that was received by his client. He is asking for more time to review why his client's site is on the list and to try to understand the ordinance. He is asking for consideration to remove the site 730 Marne Highway from the list until they can come to a better understanding. Or another option would be to leave the ordinance open until next meeting. He stated that the Ordinance will have an impact on Virtua. He asked for Council's consideration to do that.

Donald Smith, Board Member of Trinity Episcopal Church located at 207 West Main Street, thanked Council for the dedication for keeping Moorestown historic. He has concerns with the impact it will have on nonprofits and churches in town. He is concerned with the time and money and how it will impact the church. Due to the changes, places of worship are not eligible to apply for the State's Historic Preservation fund. The church building is used for church services, pantry and a place for people to stay for the evening if they have nowhere to go. Safety and fire issues are a priority. Concerned with time available to respond to the notice of public hearing. Limited time for property management team to understand the implications it will have on the church and respond. He asked if Council would consider changing ordinance to remove the nonprofits and churches.

Lenny Wagner, 182 Foxwood Drive, is the President of Historic Society. This is his 4th or 5th time he came to speak about this in front of Council. He said that they have been discussing it for months. Council needs to pass the ordinance. He said that this is one of the most important measures to come in front of the Governing Body. Mr. Wagner read some quotes that some of the

real estate agencies use with the word historic in it. He thinks the ordinance is very important to preserve the historic areas of the town.

Julie Maravich, 660 Chester Avenue, thanked Council for their efforts. She stated that what was put forward is from the Master Plan. The education process started last May with the surveys. There were meetings where everyone could come listen to a historic expert. She trusts that education will continue. It is not meant to be arbitrary to homeowners and businesses. People will be able to make changes to their buildings and it will not be a painful process. She stated that the Truxton House, Commodore Truxton was Moorestown's most famous resident of all time and she looks forward to speaking with Mr. Baranowski. She has been in contact with Virtua for 2 years. 730 Marne highway is the most historic property in Moorestown. She is very excited for Moorestown.

Max Frable, 128 Avon Terrace, said he has been following it since the survey. He read the ordinance and has a couple questions. He had questions on who is required to get a certificate of appropriateness. Mr. Heinold stated that both the contributing and non-contributing are required to get a certificate of appropriateness. Mr. Frable stated that there is a conflict with the map and the appendix of properties. He said it doesn't match for contributing and non-contributing. Mr. Heinold everything that is on list has historic document from previous study. Deputy Mayor Mammarella stated that the list is correct.

Doug Heinold stated that there will be another ordinance to follow shortly that will approve the guidelines. They will make any corrections to the list at that time.

Bob Baranowski, Hyland Levin Attorneys representing Virtua, stated that they did not know that the property was included until second reading notice was received. This property is out by Lockheed Martin. It isn't in the downtown. He would like Council to defer action on this one property.

Dorothy Guzzo, 315 East Second Streets, congratulated Council on their bravery. The ordinance has been a long time coming and she is happy that we are at the second reading. She agrees that things in the ordinance may need to be changed as time goes on. She agreed that the State said Churches do not meet qualifications for a Historic Preservation Grant. She is retired from the State of New Jersey Historic Preservation office. The ordinance has to do with when you are going to do something to the building. You have a historic preservation commission of people that are familiar with the rules and they will help you. The 1940 date was picked from the National Register listing which was done in the early 90's to have a 50 year gap. She shares the pain with the churches. She agrees that they are not eligible for funding anymore. When she worked for the State, they were not happy when the decision came down from the State Supreme Court. She stated that there is a lot of fear and trepidation about what is going to happen. People should remember that the people sitting on the Commission are their neighbors and they are all trying to achieve a goal.

Greg Newcomer, 235 Fellowship Road, stated that many buildings have come down and we have lost some of the character of Moorestown. As a member of two churches and is also a

property chair, he feels the same way about the impact it is going to have on churches. He doesn't think that it is meant to be erroneous to a church or cemetery. He believes that there is always a lot of concern about Historic Preservation when it is first enacted. He believes that when it is done well it becomes a manageable process. It is not intended to be an imposition or negative, but by together addressing the issue can be a collective positive. This only refers to the exterior visible from the street. Mr. Newcomer stated that the property located at 730 Marne Highway, was brought up because Dave Schill found out that it was the original home of the father of US Navy. That is a significant thing. He urges Council to pass the ordinance tonight.

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

MOTIONED BY: Deputy Mammarella
SECONDED BY: Ms. Gillespie
ABSENT: None
VOTE: All in favor

Mayor Law asked for discussion by Council.

Deputy Mayor Mammarella stated this has been in the works for a long time. When she joined Council some people were working on it. They got a professional to lay it out. They have been intensely working on this ordinance since the beginning of 2024. They held public meetings and received a lot of input. The Master Plan portion took lots of months. Its surreal that it is here. It will help save buildings from destruction. Another benefit is if something must come down, it will require what goes in its place compatible with the surrounding area. Whether it is a true alteration or partial tear down, this will make sure it is compatible with the rest of Main Street. She stated that they will continue to provide education. There is a lot of need for education and lot of people who want to participate. She hears everyone that they want the process to go well. She needs more public participation. We all want to make this work for our business owners, churches and residents. She said thank you to everyone who is here and not here and everyone who was trying to protect their assets in the town. She added that people love to hang out in the historic district.

Mr. Gillespie said that she has been on Council since 2019 and they have been talking about it since then. She would like to give a shout out to Dorothy Guzzo. She said she has helped them get on track. She feels that they are lucky to have her in town. She thanked the Historical Society for saving historic Moorestown. She thanked all the citizens who helped with the process along the way and Deputy Mayor Mammarella.

Mayor Law stated that he grew up in this community. He was someone who loved spending time here and someday would like his kids to know what makes Moorestown special. People want to support our local economy and that is what makes Moorestown, Moorestown. It has been long discussed and every rock has been turned. They all made sure it was done right. He believes passing this ordinance would help keep the historic charm of the town. He stated that there is a Champion on the dais and that is Deputy Mayor Mammarella who has been pushing this from the inside. This is a great day in Moorestown. He read a quote: "Never doubt what a small group of concerned citizens can do to change the world."

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

MOTIONED BY: Deputy Mayor Mammarella
SECONDED BY: Ms. Gillespie
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.

114-2025 AUTHORIZING CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,268.20 WITH MRC, INC. F/K/A MARTURANO RECREATION COMPANY, INC. (MRC) FOR PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF BAND SHELL/AMPHITHEATER STRUCTURE TO BE PLACED AT THE TOWN GREEN UNDER COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM APPROVED CONTRACT NO. 65MCESCCPS / ESCNJ 24/25-01

115-2025 APPOINTING RENAUD COLICCHIO LLC AS SPECIAL TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY IN CONNECTION WITH A TAX APPEAL FILED BY COOPER HEALTH SYSTEM, 400 ROUTE 38 (BL3000, L2.07) AND AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000 WITHOUT FURTHER AUTHORIZATION AND AUTHORIZING A COUNTERCLAIM

116-2025 AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HELPSY CORPORATION FOR COLLECTION OF CLOTHING

117-2025 ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JAMIE BOREN FROM THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

118-2025 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 (CGP&H, CLARKE CATON HINTZ & SURENIAN EDWARDS BUZAK & NOLAN, LLC)

119-2025 APPROVING A SPECIAL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR AN EVENT CALLED "THE LONGEST TABLE" SPONSORED BY HOMEGROWN MOORESTOWN AND THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION ON THE GROUNDS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING(S), 111 WEST SECOND STREET

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

Mayor Law asked for discussion by Council.

Ms. Gillespie is happy to see the bandshell on the Agenda.

Mr. Keating wanted Mr. Aberant to explain Resolution No. 115-2025. Mr. Aberant gave an explanation.

Ms. Gillespie asked for Mr. Aberant to explain what is involved with a counter claim. Mr. Aberant gave a brief explanation and then that part of the counterclaim could be that our Tax Assessor feels that their assessed value could be higher. So a higher assessment could be requested.

Mayor Law asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions.

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

MINUTES: None.

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

MOTIONED BY: Deputy Mayor Mammarella
SECONDED BY: Mr. Barry
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 spoke about affordable housing and that he read Governor Murphy is advocating for accessory dwelling units. He suggested that the Affordable Housing Committee look into it. He feels it would satisfy our affordable housing standards. He added that he feels Council should look into this.

Mr. Law asked if accessory dwelling units can help get to the affordable housing number. Mr. Aberant said that there is legislation pending in Trenton. Mr. Aberant stated that one thing that is not clear is if the town will get credits for the units. It is silent on whether there will be affordability control. Maybe a compliance mechanism it doesn't really assist. Mr. Heinold stated that it is a hot issue. There are concerns over land use controls. Mr. Heinold stated that it could change the look of the neighborhood and parking could become problematic. It requires more discussion.

Greg newcomer, 235 Fellowship Road said it would enrich Moorestown. He mentioned that it could help young people be able to live near their families.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL:

Mr. Barry said he had nothing to add. He is looking forward to the Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting tomorrow in the Donut Room. He thanked everyone for coming out.

Mr. Keating thanked Deputy Mayor Mammarella for her work on Ordinance 6-2025. He thanked the people who came out to be heard. They do hear the constructive criticism. On April 28th he and the Mayor will be holding office hours. He is always willing to meet with anyone who has something to discuss.

Ms. Gillespie congratulated Deputy Mayor Mammarella on Ordinance 6-2025. They are not done yet with the ordinance. They will continue to get input and see how it plays out. She thanked everyone for coming out.

Deputy Mammarella thanked Mr. Aberant for all his work along with Mr. Gil and Mr. Heinold. She appreciates it. They have had a lot of other things going in the last few months as well. She said thank you to Council for supporting the ordinance. Everyone was in it together. There were a lot of moving parts. She said a special thanks to Dorothy Guzzo for her input. She also thanked Steve Smolyn, Lenny Wagner and Julie Maravich. She hopes Ms. Maravich can take a break and that she is really responsible for saving 334 Chester Ave. She added that Moorestown is all the better for it.

Mayor Law said that this is just the beginning and there is more work to do but it is a reason for celebration. He thanked the folks who along the way that raised concerns. Council is trying to do it the right way. On the band shell he is looking forward to that moving forward. He thanked Mr. Lloyd, the Public Works Director for finding a way to lower the costs. He stated that the bandshell will be on the town green. It is a small outside stage that will have electricity and lighting. He thanked Senator Singleton for the funding. He stated that they had the first Budget Workshop tonight and they plan on having more that will be held virtually.

CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY) (RESOLUTION NO. CS 04 07 2025): None.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:48 p.m., there being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn.

MOTIONED BY: Deputy Mayor Mammarella
SECONDED BY: Mr. Barry
ABSENT: None
VOTE: All in favor

VICKI M. GOUGH, RMC
Deputy Township Clerk