

MINUTES

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5 OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 231.P.L. 1975, NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS POSTED ON THE TOWNSHIP BULLETIN BOARD DESIGNATED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTICE WAS ALSO POSTED ON ALL TOWNSHIP SOCIAL MEDIA SITES. NOTICE WAS MAILED TO THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS AS PROVIDED BY RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON JANUARY 2, 2024.

Council President announced that the meeting was accessible to the public online and those who did not have the ability to access Zoom on a computer were able to participate using the telephone.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

COUNCILWOMAN JENNIFER APELL  
COUNCILMAN DANIEL DIRENZO  
COUNCILWOMAN SANGEETA DOSHI  
COUNCILWOMAN JILL HULNICK  
COUNCILWOMAN CAROLE ROSKOPH  
COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT MICHELE GOLKOW  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT WILLIAM CARTER, III

Council President Carter reviewed the agenda.

Howard Long, Special Counsel, read the resolution authorizing the executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege.

On a motion by Councilwoman Roskoph seconded by Council Vice President Golkow, the Township Council moved into executive session.

**AYE:** Councilwoman Apell, Councilman DiRenzo, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Hulnick, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Golkow, and Council President Carter

Council convened in Executive Session.

On a motion by Councilwoman Roskoph seconded by Council Vice President Golkow, the Township Council ended the executive session.

**AYE:** Councilwoman Apell, Councilman DiRenzo, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Hulnick, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Golkow, and Council President Carter

**ADOPTED: DECEMBER 30, 2024**

  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

  
PATTI CHACKER, RMC  
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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

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**PROCLAMATIONS AND/OR COMMENDATIONS**

- **Special Recognition: Retirement of Police Chief Kempf**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON PRIOR REGISTRATION - NONE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**On a motion by Councilwoman Hulnick, seconded by Councilman DiRenzo the minutes of November 4, 2024 were approved by the following vote:**

**AYE:** Councilwoman Apell, Councilman DiRenzo, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Hulnick, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Golkow, and Council President Carter

**COMMUNICATIONS – CORRESPONDENCE**

**APPLICATION FOR A TEMPORARY USE PERMIT**

Timothy Pagano 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Greg Dalessio 5K  
Catholic Community of Christ Our Light  
Begins on Wagon Lane, CH

**TOTAL LICENSES (1)**

Dec. 7, 2024  
8:00 am -11:00 am

**APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY SEASONAL MERCH**

Trev's Trees LLC  
At Barclay Shopping Center, CH

**TOTAL LICENSES (2)**

Nov. 29, 2024-Dec. 24, 2024  
9:00 am – 9:00 pm

**On a motion by Councilwoman Doshi, seconded by Councilwoman Roskoph the applications detailed above were approved by the following vote:**

**AYE:** Councilwoman Apell, Councilman DiRenzo, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Hulnick, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Golkow, and Council President Carter

## **REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND/OR DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Mayor Fleisher** addressed the Council and community, expressing gratitude to Chief Kempf for his 26 years of service and recognizing the success of several recent township initiatives. He highlighted the inaugural Winterfest at Croft Farm, which brought over 2,000 attendees together to celebrate the holiday season with diverse activities, exhibits, and cultural celebrations. He also commended the township's annual food drive, which collected 7,750 pounds of non-perishable food for local organizations. The Mayor addressed residents' concerns regarding regional drone sightings, emphasizing that the Cherry Hill Police Department continues to monitor the situation in coordination with state agencies. While no immediate threats have been identified, the township remains vigilant and dedicated to keeping the community informed. Looking ahead, the Mayor announced upcoming events, including the senior holiday party, Coffee with a Cop, and the second annual "I Love Art" youth art show. He concluded by wishing everyone a peaceful and joyous holiday season and expressing gratitude for the community's spirit and support.

**Cosmas Diamantis, Township Attorney** announced that Ordinance 2024-7, amending the Cherry Hill Township Zoning Ordinance to align with updated NJ Department of Environmental Protection rules, and Ordinance 2024-8, repealing a prior township ordinance in compliance with the Election Transparency Act, will both be adjourned to the next Council meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 30, with the caucus beginning at 6:30 PM and the meeting at 7:30 PM in Room 208 at Town Hall.

## **ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

2024-9            ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

**On a motion by Council Vice President Golkow, seconded by Councilman DiRenzo the public hearing on Ordinance 2024-9 was opened by the following vote:**

**AYE:** Councilwoman Apell, Councilman DiRenzo, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Hulnick, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Golkow, and Council President Carter

**Council President Carter opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2024-9 asking if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against the proposed ordinance.**

**Seeing no one was interested in speaking for or against the proposed Ordinance, Council President Carter closed the Public Hearing on said Ordinance 2024-9.**

**On a motion by Council Vice President Golkow, seconded by Councilman DiRenzo the public hearing on Ordinance 2024-9 was closed by the following vote:**

**AYE:** Councilwoman Apell, Councilman DiRenzo, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Hulnick, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Golkow, and Council President Carter

**On a motion by Councilwoman Roskoph, seconded by Councilman DiRenzo on Ordinance 2024-9 was approved by the following vote:**

**AYE:** Councilwoman Apell, Councilman DiRenzo, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Hulnick, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Golkow, and Council President Carter

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Consent Agenda 2024-12-1 through 2024-12-27**

- 2024-12-1 RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY 2025 SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.
- 2024-12-2 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OR CANCELLATION OF VARIOUS ITEMS, DIVISION OF TAX COLLECTIONS-SEWER
- 2024-12-3 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER (P.A.C.O.)
- 2024-12-4 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REJECTION OF BID AND RE-BID OF HAZARDOUS TREE REMOVAL
- 2024-12-5 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REJECTION OF RE-BID #1 FOR ONLINE PAYMENT PROCESSING SERVICES FOR INTEGRATION WITH SPATIAL DATA LOGIC'S MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE AND NEGOTIATION OF PROJECT
- 2024-12-6 RESOLUTION TO UTILIZE THE CAMDEN COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION (#66CCEPS) COOPERATIVE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW EXTERIOR CAMERAS AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING TO ENHANCE THE EXTERIOR SECURITY PROFILE
- 2024-12-7 RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL
- 2024-12-8 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICES
- 2024-12-9 RESOLUTION TO AWARD UTILIZATION OF STATE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BODY ARMOR VESTS (Request to purchase from Municipal Emergency Services)
- 2024-12-10 RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING TOWNSHIP COUNCIL'S REVIEW OF ANNUAL SALARIES FOR THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF CHERRY HILL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 13
- 2024-12-11 RESOLUTION CHARGING AGAINST OWNERS COST FOR CUTTING GRASS, REMOVING TREE DEBRIS, SECURING BUILDING, REFUSE, AND OTHER MATERIALS FROM LANDS
- 2024-12-12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERSON TO PERSON AND PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFERS OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE #0409-33-058-009 FROM CRAB DU JOUR OF CHERRY HILL, INC TO MIKADO, INC
- 2024-12-13 RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL

GRANTING A REDEMPTION AMUSEMENT GAMES LICENSE TO BOWLERO CHERRY HILL, LLC DBA LUCKY STRIKE CHERRY HILL FOR THE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR

- 2024-12-14 RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL GRANTING A REDEMPTION AMUSEMENT GAMES LICENSE TO CEC ENTERTAINMENT, INC. T/A CHUCK E. CHEESE FOR THE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR
- 2024-12-15 RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL GRANTING A REDEMPTION AMUSEMENT GAMES LICENSE TO PBR ENTERTAINMENT, LLC DBA MONSTER MINI GOLF FOR THE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR
- 2024-12-16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OF TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY BOND POSTED FOR PLAZA GRANDE (PHASE 1B - PBC# 8752)
- 2024-12-17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER # 1 TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR THE SIENA DEVELOPMENT SIGNAGE REPAIR
- 2024-12-18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #5 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THERMOPLASTIC LINE STRIPING AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL
- 2024-12-19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #4 FOR THE 2023 ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM
- 2024-12-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER # 1 FOR THE EMERGENCY BYPASS PUMP INSTALLATIONS (2023 GODWIN PUMP REPLACEMENTS)
- 2024-12-21 RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE 2025 INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS DISPLAY
- 2024-12-22 RESOLUTION TO EXTEND UTILIZATION OF STATE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF AUTOMOTIVE UNLEADED GASOLINE
- 2024-12-23 RESOLUTION TO UTILIZE THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) COOPERATIVE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) NEW AND UNUSED COMMERCIAL ELECTRIC LAWN MOWERS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
- 2024-12-24 RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT AND PROVIDE PLAN/DESIGN IMMUNITY FOR HADDONFIELD-BERLIN ROAD (COUNTY ROUTE 561) PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS
- 2024-12-25 RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION/ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT AND DELIVERY SERVICE OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS
- 2024-12-26 RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING INDIVIDUALS FOR THE POSITION OF CLASS I AND CLASS II SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 40A:14-146.8
- 2024-12-27 RESOLUTION APPOINTING INDIVIDUALS FOR THE POSITION OF CLASS II SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 40A:14-146.8

**On a motion by Councilwoman Roskoph, seconded by Councilwoman Doshi, the Consent Agenda, Resolutions 2024-12-1 through 2024-12-27 were approved by the following vote:**

**AYE:** Councilwoman Apell, Councilman DiRenzo, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Hulnick, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Golkow (Abstain Resolution 2024-12-17), and Council President Carter

2024-12-28 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

**On a motion by Council Vice President Golkow, seconded by Councilwoman Hulnick the bill list in the amount of \$48,901,149.71 was approved by the following vote:**

**AYE:** Councilwoman Apell, Councilman DiRenzo, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Hulnick, Councilwoman Roskoph (Abstain to any/all portions to Cherry Hill Public Schools), Council Vice President Golkow, and Council President Carter

2024-12-29 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

**On a motion by Councilman DiRenzo, seconded by Councilwoman Apell, Resolution 2024-12-29 was approved by the following vote:**

**AYE:** Councilwoman Apell, Councilman DiRenzo, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Hulnick, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Golkow, and Council President Carter

**Mayor Fleisher** highlighted the township's accomplishments and priorities reflected in the budget. He emphasized public safety initiatives, including the "Slow Down in Our Town" program, striping 242 crosswalks for pedestrian safety, and installing over 120 ADA improvements. Infrastructure projects include paving 75 roadways, rehabilitating Brandywood Park, and modernizing the hockey rink at DeCou Park, alongside other neighborhood park enhancements. Community engagement efforts include expanding senior and community events, launching a new website and the "My Cherry Hill" app for improved communication, and reviving Fourth of July fireworks after a decade to foster community pride. The Mayor affirmed that the budget prioritizes public safety, makes critical neighborhood investments, remains fiscally responsible, and aligns with residents' top concerns, while recognizing that more work remains to be done.

2024-12-30 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FY 2025 BUDGET

**On a motion by Council Vice President Golkow, seconded by Councilman DiRenzo, the public hearing on Resolution 2024-12-30 was opened by the following vote:**

**AYE:** Councilwoman Apell, Councilman DiRenzo, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Hulnick, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Golkow, and Council President Carter

**Council President Carter opened the Public Hearing on Resolution 2024-12-30 asking if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against the proposed resolution.**

**Rick Short**

**Cherry Hill, NJ**

Mr. Short commended the township's efforts to improve pedestrian safety but urged further action, including implementing a lightning warning system for sports fields and providing optional body cameras for crossing guards to enhance safety. He also suggested exploring the use of drones for first-response efforts and tracking unidentified drones, advocating for Cherry Hill to adopt advanced safety technologies.

**Sara Joslin****Cherry Hill, NJ**

Ms. Joslin emphasized the importance of considering the impact of school taxes and increasing educational expenses on the overall taxpayer burden, particularly in light of preschool expansions and school building projects. She also expressed concerns about the economic impact of vacancies along Route 70, the rise of drone activity, and the need for drone registration, while highlighting the importance of supporting local businesses and maintaining Cherry Hill's green space and infrastructure.

**Jeff Podowitz****Cherry Hill, NJ**

Mr. Podowitz expressed concerns about the significant reduction in state aid, noting an \$870,000 cut in funding for the township, and highlighted the broader issue of high property taxes and a steep cost of living in New Jersey. He urged local officials to advocate for restoring the municipal aid and provided a request for detailed information on the historical and current state aid levels and their impact on the community.

**Martha Wright****Cherry Hill, NJ**

Ms. Wright expressed excitement about park improvements and emphasized the importance of considering other properties for acquisition, such as pocket parks and wildlife refuges, to enhance green space throughout the township. She urged for funding allocation in the budget for additional open space beyond the Holly Ravine Farm.

**Mayor Fleisher** highlighted the administration's ongoing commitment to preserving open space, referencing recent efforts like the Kingston Swim Club and Holly Ravine properties. He noted the development of an updated open space and recreation plan, which includes an inventory of potential properties for preservation across the township.

**Seeing no one else was interested in speaking for or against the proposed resolution, Council President Carter closed the Public Hearing on said Resolution 2024-12-30.**

**On a motion by Council Vice President Golkow, seconded by Councilwoman Hulnick the public hearing on Resolution 2024-12-30 was closed by the following vote:**

**AYE:** Councilwoman Apell, Councilman DiRenzo, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Hulnick, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Golkow, and Council President Carter

**On a motion by Council Vice President Golkow, seconded by Councilwoman Roskoph, Resolution 2024-12-30 was approved by the following vote:**

**AYE:** Councilwoman Apell, Councilman DiRenzo, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Hulnick, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Golkow, and Council President Carter

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

2024-10      BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$9,264,970.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$8,801,721.00 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR TOWNSHIP EQUIPMENT, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO PARKS, RECREATION SITES AND BUILDINGS, FACILITY UPGRADES, PROPERTY/OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

**On a motion by Councilman DiRenzo, seconded by Councilwoman Hulnick Ordinance 2024-10 was approved on first reading by the following vote:**

**AYE:** Councilwoman Apell, Councilman DiRenzo, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Hulnick, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Golkow, and Council President Carter

2024-11 BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$7,354,996.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,757,570.00 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS, AND STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

**On a motion by Councilwoman Roskoph, seconded by Councilwoman Doshi Ordinance 2024-11 was approved on first reading by the following vote:**

**AYE:** Councilwoman Apell, Councilman DiRenzo, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Hulnick, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Golkow, and Council President Carter

2024-12 BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$5,113,250.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,113,250.00 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR EQUIPMENT UPGRADES AND MISCELLANEOUS SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS FOR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

**On a motion by Councilwoman Hulnick, seconded by Councilwoman Apell Ordinance 2024-12 was approved on first reading by the following vote:**

**AYE:** Councilwoman Apell, Councilman DiRenzo, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Hulnick, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Golkow, and Council President Carter

2024-13 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**On a motion by Councilman DiRenzo, seconded by Councilwoman Roskoph Ordinance 2024-13 was approved on first reading by the following vote:**

**AYE:** Councilwoman Apell, Councilman DiRenzo, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Hulnick, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Golkow, and Council President Carter

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The following Cherry Hill residents expressed deep concern about a local situation they referred to as a "place of terror," emphasizing the urgency of proactive action to prevent harm and ensure safety for the community. They highlighted their love for the town, its schools, and their families, urging officials to address the issue before it escalates further.

**Pam Ambrosino  
Phil Harrison  
John Silvestri**

**Amber  
Tara Butts  
Melanie**

**Lindsey  
Stephanie Smith  
Alan, Natalie, & Karen Mailahn**

**Mayor Fleisher** assured concerned Kingston residents that the Township is actively addressing the situation, with the legal department and police already involved. He emphasized that while there is no simple solution, the situation is being handled with empathy, and the Township is committed to working with the community, including a scheduled meeting with residents on Wednesday, December 11 to find a resolution.

**Rick Short****Cherry Hill, NJ**

Mr. Short expressed strong support for Chief Kempf, praising his detailed approach to community policing, his efforts to improve safety through SWAT equipment and lighting, and his dedication to follow-through on community issues. He also raised concerns about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives in the schools, citing studies and anecdotal evidence suggesting that DEI programs may contribute to hostility and increased school incidents, urging the township to reconsider its approach to DEI policies.

**Anne Einhorne****Cherry Hill, NJ**

Ms. Einhorn inquired if Kingston would benefit from funds allocated in Ordinance 2024-11 for drainage projects and sought assistance with purchasing a memorial tree in Cherry Hill. She also raised significant concerns about increased traffic congestion, restrictive light timing, and "No Turn on Red" rules at Route 70, urging action to address vehicle stacking and improve access for Kingston residents.

**Jeff Podowitz****Cherry Hill, NJ**

Mr. Podowitz highlighted concerns about school funding, pointing to an article on challenges with New Jersey's funding formula and its impact on local tax burdens. He emphasized the significant increase in Cherry Hill school property taxes, criticized the reduction in state aid, and urged district leaders to advocate more strongly for the community, citing successful examples from other districts.

**Sara Joslin****Cherry Hill, NJ**

Ms. Joslin thanked the Mayor and municipal officials for their work on the updated hazard mitigation plan and emphasized the importance of considering open space and climate change impacts, particularly in managing severe weather and water runoff. She raised concerns about turf fields, noting their environmental drawbacks, higher maintenance costs, and lack of water absorption, and encouraged community engagement in the hazard mitigation planning process.

**Rena Margulis****Cherry Hill, NJ**

Ms. Margulis urged the Mayor to address ongoing accessibility issues with the website and app, emphasizing the importance of ensuring public access to resolutions and ordinances for community engagement.

**Martha Wright****Cherry Hill, NJ**

Ms. Wright expressed frustration with the New Jersey Department of Transportation's handling of the Route 70 Corridor Improvement project and sought guidance from local officials on engaging higher authorities, such as state legislators or the governor, to address issues like signal timing and unsatisfactory landscaping.

**Nicole Nance****Cherry Hill, NJ**

Ms. Nance requested better communication to police officers regarding access on Park Boulevard for non-driving residents and inquired about whether the Council would issue a statement or investigate recent drone sightings in Cherry Hill.

**After seeing no further comments, Council President Carter closed the Public Comment.**

**Mayor Fleisher** assured residents that concerns about drone sightings are being addressed with police and government agencies, emphasizing no current threat has been identified. He acknowledged frustrations regarding the Route 70 project and Northwood neighborhood issues, pledging continued advocacy, improved communication, and tangible next steps to address residents' concerns effectively.

## COMMENTS OF COUNCIL

**Councilwoman Apell** expressed gratitude to residents for voicing their concerns and confidence in the Mayor's efforts, highlighted the environmental impact of the township's new electric lawnmowers, and reflected on the poignant experience of attending the "Violins of Hope" event featuring restored violins from Holocaust victims.

**Councilman DiRenzo** emphasized the importance of maintaining neighborhoods, security, and infrastructure in Cherry Hill, noting that addressing issues like those raised by residents is a priority, while also acknowledging the value of preserving green spaces and passive parks. He shared his positive experiences attending senior citizen events, highlighting the importance of seniors in the community and wished everyone happy holidays.

**Councilwoman Doshi** expressed empathy for the Kingston/Northwoods residents' situation, hoping for a resolution soon, and reiterated her involvement in the Camden County Clean Air Committee, emphasizing the importance of improving air quality. She congratulated the police chief, praised the Recreation Department for their work on the Cherry Hill Winter Festival, and wished everyone happy holidays.

**Councilwoman Hulnick** expressed gratitude to Chief Kempf for his 26 years of service, shared her hope for safer streets for families, and highlighted the grand opening of the Jonathan Sinay Building, a unique facility offering services for seniors and adults with disabilities. She praised the building for its innovative amenities and its importance to the community.

**Councilwoman Roskoph** expressed sympathy for residents facing challenges, affirmed her faith in the Mayor's efforts to improve the situation, and praised the police department's work, particularly highlighting a high school intern's collaboration with a crime analyst. She also encouraged everyone to reflect on the meaning of peace and goodwill during the holiday season.

**Council Vice President Golkow** thanked residents for sharing their concerns, expressed confidence in the administration's efforts to address the issues, and assured that the rules for ARPA funding are being followed. She also acknowledged the ongoing need for food donations and wished everyone happy holidays, highlighting the warmth and joy that the season's lights bring to the community.

**Council President Carter** expressed appreciation for the opportunity to work with law enforcement and wished Chief Kempf well in his future endeavors. He also thanked attendees for their participation, encouraged reflection during the holiday season, and urged everyone to enjoy the time with family while making efforts to improve the community and the world.

**ADOPTED: DECEMBER 30, 2024**

  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

**ATTEST:**

  
PATTI CHACKER, RMC  
TOWNSHIP CLERK