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Lisa,

Please forward to Mayor Greenbaum and Administrator Canning.

Thanks!

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October 11, 2013

Hon. Rob Greenbaum, Mayor
Township of Mt. Olive
204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, P.O. Box 450
Budd Lake, NJ 07828

Dear Mayor Greenbaum:

After months of study and deliberation, the Board of Chosen Freeholders has adopted a resolution (see attached) to merge the Mosquito Extermination Commission into the newly formed Department of Planning and Public Works. The merger will take place at the end of this year; however, the Board moved the resolution in order to give the appropriate time for transition planning.

While the merger does create cost efficiencies, it also takes advantage of the synergies between the Mosquito Extermination Commission and the Department of Planning and Public Works, such as deploying staff to the areas most needed, maximizing use of equipment, and working together on preventive activities. This merger will also free up the Mosquito Commission staff from some of the more administrative responsibilities that will now be provided by the County so that they can focus even more fully on the work of mosquito control.

Please be assured that the Board is fully committed to the continuance of the stellar work of the Mosquito Extermination Commission and will maintain the level of service to all municipalities and residents. The Board also understands the public health nature of the work and assures that this will continue as well.

Once merged, the Superintendent of the Mosquito Extermination Commission will become the Director of the Division of Mosquito Control in the Department of Planning and Public Works and will manage the staff as is currently the case.

Also, please note that the current Commissioners will be invited to serve on a newly created Advisory Board that will maintain oversight, have input, and make recommendations to the Board regarding the work of the new Division. This will preserve the expertise of the volunteers, including public health, entomology, and biology experiences that are invaluable in effective mosquito control.

The newly created Division will continue its relationship with all State and national organizations, as well as maintaining its active and effective education and prevention initiatives.

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The Board looks forward to working with you and your staff to ensure a smooth transition in this merger. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me or the County Administrator John Bonanni if you have questions or need additional information.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TJM', written in a cursive style.

Thomas J. Mastrangelo
Freeholder Director

Att.

Copy (with att.) to
Sean Canning, Administrator
Board of Chosen Freeholders
John Bonanni, County Administrator
Mary Jo Buchanan, Assistant County Administrator
Deena Leary, Director, Planning & Development
Kris McMorland, Superintendent, Mosquito Extermination Commission

BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO.: 41

ADOPTED: October 9, 2013

WHEREAS, since the establishment of the Morris County Mosquito Extermination Commission on September 1, 1912 and its reactivation on November 29, 1927, the County of Morris and the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Morris has been dedicated to control and eradication of mosquitoes and to the education of the public related to the prevention of mosquito-born illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the County of Morris is currently undergoing a restructuring of its organizational structure in order to improve efficiency, to control costs, to maximize the County's ability to deliver essential services to the citizens of Morris County, and to more closely coordinate the mechanisms by which such services are rendered; and

WHEREAS, by Resolutions to be introduced on October 9, 2013 and adopted on October 23, 2013 the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Morris is amending the Morris County Administrative Code to implement the organizational changes described above; and

WHEREAS, among the several organizational changes, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Morris has determined that the restructuring of the personnel and resources of the Morris County Mosquito Extermination Commission to the Morris County Department of Planning & Public Works as a newly identified division to be known as the Division of Mosquito Control will promote the effective coordination and provision of vital mosquito control services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Morris wholeheartedly supports the historic and vital mission of the Morris County Mosquito Extermination Commission and its commitment to ensuring the unabated continuance of that mission as the Division of Mosquito Control; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Morris supports not only the costs efficiencies that will result as a part of the merger but also desires to encourage synergies which will allow the personnel of the Division of Mosquito Control to focus more fully on its unique mission without the administrative burdens of being a separate administrative entity; and

WHEREAS, Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Morris recognizes the expertise and contributions made by generations of Mosquito Commissioners and commits itself to continue to seek the assistance of such expert volunteers to serve on the newly formed Division of Mosquito Control Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Morris wishing to avail itself of the continued assistance and expertise of all of the commissioners, is committed to the appointment of the new advisory board of any current commissioner who wishes to continue to serve as a volunteer in order to ensure an orderly transition and to avail the Division of Mosquito Control with the broad based public health expertise related to mosquito control and the prevention of mosquito-born illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the County of Morris, through the Division of Mosquito Control, will continue to work with local public health officials, the County Office of Health Management and the state and federal governments to ensure that the connections, working partnerships and professional network that exist in the current Mosquito Commission will continue and that all applicable state and federal regulations are followed; and

WHEREAS, all steps necessary will be taken to ensure that all pesticide use certifications for staff and environmental permits will remain in effect and be continued in the Division; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:20-1.2*, et seq. and *N.J.S.A. 26:9-27*, et seq., the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Morris has the legal responsibility and authority to implement the reorganizations envisioned by this Resolution and accompanying Administrative Code Resolutions; and

WHEREAS, Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Morris has determined that such reorganization is in the public interest of the citizens of Morris County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Morris, State of New Jersey that effective on December 31, 2013 the Morris County Mosquito Extermination Commission be dissolved as an autonomous agency of the County of Morris and shall be merged, consolidated and all of its duties, employees and equipment transferred, effective January 1, 2014 to the Division of Mosquito Control of the newly reorganized Morris County Department of Public Works; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the position of Superintendent of the Mosquito Control Commission shall, effective January 1, 2014, be transferred to the Division of Mosquito Control and serve as Division Director responsible for all field operations and other day to day activities of the Division and report to the Director of Planning & Public Works; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mosquito Control Commission employees are, effective January 1, 2014, transferred to the Division of Mosquito Control, the internal reporting lines of authority and internal assignments shall remain unchanged until further determination of the Division Director and/or the Director of the Department of Planning & Public Works subject to the superseding authority of the County Administrator, the New Jersey Civil Service Commission and pre-existing labor agreements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2014, the authority of the existing Mosquito Extermination Commission to issue vendor payments will become subject to the approval of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Morris pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:5-18; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that unless specifically rescinded by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Morris, all preexisting contracts shall be performed by the Division pursuant to the authority of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Morris; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that none of the Mosquito Extermination Commission services rendered to the residents of the Morris County shall, in any way, be diminished; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that prior to the effective date January 1, 2014, after consultation with the existing Commissioners of the Mosquito Extermination Commission, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Morris will appoint seven (7) individuals to serve as members of the Division of Mosquito Control Advisory Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that between the date of adoption of this Resolution and December 31, 2013, the effective date of dissolution of the Morris County Mosquito Extermination Commission shall remain in existence, its duties and authority in full force and effect; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Morris shall forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the following:

- (a) Morris County Administrator,
- (b) Current members of the Mosquito Control Commission,
- (c) Director of Personnel for the County of Morris,
- (d) Director of the State Experiment Station,
- (e) Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health,
- (f) Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and
- (g) Chairman, Civil Service Commission.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Morris at a regular meeting held October 9, 2013.


Diane M. Ketchum, Clerk of the
Board of Chosen Freeholders of
the County of Morris