

TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
CAUCUS MEETING

MUNICIPAL BUILDING
JANUARY 5, 2026
6:30 PM

MINUTES

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5 OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 231, P.L. 1975, NOTICE OF THE TIME, DATE, AND LOCATION OF THIS REORGANIZATION MEETING WAS MAILED TO THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS ON DECEMBER 15, 2025. ADDITIONALLY, THE NOTICE WAS POSTED ON THE TOWNSHIP BULLETIN BOARD DESIGNATED FOR THAT PURPOSE AND ON THE MUNICIPAL WEBSITE.

TOWNSHIP CLERK CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

COUNCILWOMAN JENNIFER APELL
COUNCILMAN ELECT WILLIAM CARTER
COUNCILMAN ELECT ROB CONNOR
COUNCILMAN DANIEL DIRENZO, JR
COUNCILWOMAN ELECT SANGEETA DOSHI
COUNCILWOMAN MICHELE GOLKOW
COUNCILWOMAN ELECT JILL HULNICK

Councilman Carter reviewed the agenda.

ADOPTED: JANUARY 28, 2026


COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


PATTI CHACKER, RMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK

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TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
SWEARING IN CEREMONY
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING**

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TOWNSHIP CLERK CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – led by Jim Peeler, Korean War Veteran and family member of the Township Council

TOWNSHIP CLERK CALLED ROLL

**COUNCILWOMAN JENNIFER APELL
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Mayor Fleisher welcomed attendees to the 2026 Reorganization Meeting and extended New Year greetings. He recognized numerous federal, state, county, and local officials, former mayors and council members, public safety leadership, and community partners in attendance. He reflected on the significance of public service, the 250th anniversary of the nation, and the importance of civic engagement, emphasizing Cherry Hill's commitment to competent and compassionate local government.

The Mayor highlighted key priorities and accomplishments, including public safety, open space and parks, road improvements, and fiscal accountability. He noted the swearing-in of 13 new police officers, investments in modern policing technology, and expressed appreciation for police officers, first responders, and all township employees. He outlined progress and future plans for park and facility upgrades, environmental sustainability initiatives, land preservation efforts, electric vehicle adoption, and the township's tree-planting program.

Mayor Fleisher reported significant advancements in road improvements, including the paving of more than 50 miles of roads since 2024 and plans for additional upgrades in the coming year. He shared that the Route 70 construction project is expected to be completed by summer 2026. He also discussed economic development successes, including continued investment at the Cherry Hill Mall, new commercial and residential developments, and the strength of small businesses. He announced that Cherry Hill has achieved a AAA bond rating, placing it in the top 5% of municipalities statewide.

He recognized the dedication and service of the Township Council, thanked current and incoming council members, and emphasized the importance of strong community partnerships and resident engagement. Mayor Fleisher concluded by reaffirming his administration's commitment to responsive, inclusive, and effective governance, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to serve and optimism for Cherry Hill's future.

The Mayor concluded his remarks by introducing United States Congressman Donald Norcross and welcoming him to address the audience.

Congressman Donald Norcross thanked residents for attending and participating in local government, noting the importance of civic engagement. He referenced the upcoming 250th anniversary of the nation and the plan to commemorate it by convening sessions of both the U.S. House and Senate in Philadelphia, highlighting the historical significance of the moment.

Congressman Norcross expressed his gratitude to police officers, firefighters, EMS personnel, veterans, and all who have worn the uniform, recognizing their daily service and sacrifices in keeping the community and nation safe. He also acknowledged the importance of cooperation among all levels of government—federal, state, county, and local—and emphasized that progress is achieved through partnership and shared commitment.

He commended the work being done locally, including park improvements such as those at Cooper River, and thanked the Mayor, Township Council, Board of Education, and other public officials for their dedication to public service. Congressman Norcross offered special recognition to the families of public servants, noting their sacrifices and support.

He concluded by wishing everyone a happy and prosperous New Year and encouraging continued unity and collaboration in the year ahead.

SWEARING IN OF SANGEETA DOSHI AS CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP COUNCILWOMAN

**By: THE HONORABLE DONALD NORCROSS
UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN**

Councilwoman Doshi thanked those in attendance and expressed her appreciation to Congressman Donald Norcross for administering her oath of office and for his continued partnership and support. She stated that she was honored to be sworn in for a third term and grateful for the continued trust of Cherry Hill residents. She thanked her fellow council members, township staff, and all who work daily to make Cherry Hill a strong and vibrant community.

Councilwoman Doshi expressed gratitude to her parents for instilling values of hard work, service, and compassion, and thanked her husband and sons for their ongoing love, support, and sacrifices. She also acknowledged her mentors, family members, and friends, and emphasized the importance of showing up for one another and supporting those engaged in public service.

She reflected on her personal journey from Jabalpur, India, to serving as an elected official in Cherry Hill, noting that her experience reflects the opportunities afforded by this country. She quoted a saying displayed in her childhood home, attributed to Mahatma Gandhi, "Be the change you want to see in the world," which she said inspired her belief in the power of individual action. She also emphasized the importance of environmental stewardship and responsibility to future generations.

Councilwoman Doshi highlighted Cherry Hill's diversity and community spirit and referenced past accomplishments, including the opening of the township's first dog park and the

launch of New Jersey's first solar-powered bus shelter. As she begins her third term, she reaffirmed her commitment to integrity, collaboration, and accountability, and concluded by stating she was honored to serve alongside her fellow council members and proud to continue serving the residents of Cherry Hill.

SWEARING IN OF WILLIAM CARTER AS CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP COUNCILMAN

**By: THE HONORABLE SUSAN BASS LEVIN
FORMER MAYOR, TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL**

Former Mayor Susan Bass Levin expressed her strong support for Councilmember Bill Carter, stating that Cherry Hill is fortunate to have him serving on the Township Council. She noted his many years of service to the community in various capacities and commended him for his leadership and the outstanding job he has done as Council President.

Councilman Carter thanked Congressman Donald Norcross and the other dignitaries for attending the Reorganization Meeting and helping to mark the start of the new year. He stated that he was humbled and honored to continue serving as a member of the Cherry Hill Township Council.

He emphasized that effective governance in Cherry Hill is a team effort, noting that public service is about collaboration rather than individual accomplishment. Councilman Carter expressed appreciation for the dedication and commitment of the Township Council and welcomed newly sworn-in Councilman Rob Connor.

He concluded by stating that he was proud to serve alongside the Mayor and his fellow councilmembers and reaffirmed his commitment to working on behalf of all Cherry Hill residents to ensure the township remains a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

SWEARING IN OF JILL HULNICK AS CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP COUNCILWOMAN

**By: THE HONORABLE MELINDA KANE
ASSEMBLYWOMAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Councilwoman Hulnick noted that the evening marked her third swearing-in in two years and stated that, despite prior experience, the occasion remained very meaningful to her. She thanked her friends, family, neighbors, and the residents of Cherry Hill for their continued support and trust.

She reflected on the township's recent accomplishments, including strengthened public safety, expanded pedestrian walkways, road improvements, new playgrounds, responsible contract negotiations, improved communication tools, and increased opportunities for community connection. Councilwoman Hulnick emphasized that, beyond these achievements, the manner in which the work is accomplished is equally important.

She highlighted Cherry Hill's collaborative approach to governance, noting that township leadership works through cooperation, active listening, and partnership with the Mayor, Council, police, township staff, community organizations, and residents. She expressed pride in serving on a council that leads with respect, kindness, and a strong commitment to the community.

Councilwoman Hulnick concluded by thanking the voters for their confidence and reaffirming her commitment to serving Cherry Hill with integrity and teamwork, ensuring pride not only in the township's accomplishments but also in how they are achieved.

Former Mayor Susan Bass Levin, speaking on behalf of herself and former Mayor and Council President Art Simons, expressed honor at attending the meeting and witnessing the progress in Cherry Hill. She commended the township employees, police, fire department, and all public safety personnel for their service. She also recognized the dedication of the Township Council, noting their deep care for the community and their commitment to serving the residents of Cherry Hill.

SWEARING IN OF ROB CONNOR AS CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP COUNCILMAN

**By: THE HONORABLE SUSAN BASS LEVIN
FORMER MAYOR, TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL**

Councilman Connor thanked the residents of Cherry Hill for their support and acknowledged the presence of elected officials at all levels of government, including Congressman Donald Norcross, for their service. He praised Mayor Fleisher for his leadership and expressed enthusiasm about collaborating with the Mayor and fellow council members to continue serving the community.

He recognized former Mayor Susan Bass Levin as a mentor, highlighting her guidance and the lessons he learned from her during his years of volunteer service in Cherry Hill. Councilman Connor expressed gratitude to his partner, Melanie Gaffin, for her support, and to his daughters, Emily, who was present, and Megan, who was not, noting that while he received a new title with his swearing-in, the greatest title he will ever hold is being their father. He also thanked his parents for instilling in him the values of service and commitment that guide his life.

Reflecting on his early experiences in Cherry Hill, he shared how his mother advocated to the Recreation Department on behalf of youth sports, providing an early lesson in the impact of local government. He also drew on his decade of experience running a youth sports organization and serving on community boards to emphasize his commitment to practical, common-sense solutions.

Councilman Connor concluded by committing to serve Cherry Hill with dedication, care, and integrity, applying the lessons of service and community engagement he has learned throughout his life.

TOWNSHIP CLERK ASKED FOR NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

On a motion by Councilman DiRenzo seconded by Councilman Connor, Councilman Carter was elected President of the Township Council by the following vote:

AYE: Councilwoman Apell, Councilman Carter, Councilman Connor, Councilman DiRenzo, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Golkow, and Councilwoman Hulnick

TOWNSHIP CLERK ASKED FOR NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

On a motion by Councilwoman Apell seconded by Councilwoman Hulnick, Councilwoman Golkow was elected Vice President of Township Council by the following vote:

AYE: Councilwoman Apell, Councilman Carter, Councilman Connor, Councilman DiRenzo, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Golkow, and Councilwoman Hulnick

SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT CARTER and COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT GOLKOW

By: HONORABLE MAYOR DAVID FLEISHER

TOWNSHIP CLERK CALLED ROLL CALL

**COUNCILWOMAN JENNIFER APELL
COUNCILMAN ROB CONNOR
COUNCILMAN DANIEL DIRENZO
COUNCILWOMAN SANGEETA DOSHI
COUNCILWOMAN JILL HULNICK
COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT MICHELE GOLKOW
COUNCIL PRESIDENT WILLIAM CARTER, III**

INVOCATION

**By: REVEREND DR. DENNIS L. BLACKWELL
ASBURY COMMUNITY CHURCH**

PROCLAMATION AND COMMENDATIONS - NONE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON PRIOR REGISTRATION – NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilwoman Doshi, seconded by Councilman DiRenzo, the minutes of December 22, 2025, were approved by the following vote:

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

ABSTAIN: Councilman Connor

COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING - NONE

RESOLUTIONS

2026-1-1 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ORDER OF BUSINESS

2026-1-2 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF NEWSPAPERS TO RECEIVE ALL NOTICE OF MEETINGS AS REQUIRED UNDER THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

2026-1-3 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2026 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

2026-1-4 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND FIXING CHARGES FOR NOTICES OF MEETINGS AS REQUIRED BY THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

2026-1-5 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL

2026-1-6 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SIGNATORIES TO GENERAL ACCOUNTS

2026-1-7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE IN CUSTODIAN OF PETTY CASH FUNDS

2026-1-8 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEPARTMENTS TO MAINTAIN PETTY CASH FUNDS

- 2026-1-9 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MICHAEL T. RAIO, TAX ASSESSOR TO FILE TAX APPEALS AND ASSESSOR'S APPEALS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL
- 2026-1-10 RESOLUTION FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL TO NAME A FUND COMMISSIONER AND ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE CAMDEN COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE FUND
- 2026-1-11 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CLASS III MEMBER TO THE CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD
- 2026-1-12 RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO FILL VACANCIES ON THE CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
- 2026-1-13 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CONTRACT FOR THE 2026 MAINTENANCE OF DIGITAL TAX MAPS AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM BASE MAP SERVICES
- 2026-1-14 RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP 2026 LABOR ATTORNEY
- 2026-1-15 RESOLUTION APPOINTING 2026 TOWNSHIP AUDITOR
- 2026-1-16 RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP PUBLIC DEFENDER AND ALTERNATE/CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDERS
- 2026-1-17 RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP 2026 CONSULTING MUNICIPAL ENGINEER
- 2026-1-18 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A POOL OF 2026 REDEVELOPMENT ATTORNEYS
- 2026-1-19 RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE TOWNSHIP 2026 AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLANNER
- 2026-1-20 RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE TOWNSHIP 2026 TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY AND CONFLICT TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY
- 2026-1-21 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A POOL OF SPECIAL PROJECTS ENGINEERS FOR 2026
- 2026-1-22 RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE TOWNSHIP BOND COUNSEL FOR 2026
- 2026-1-23 RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE TOWNSHIP RISK MANAGER FOR 2026 AS REQUIRED BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND
- 2026-1-24 RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP SPECIAL COUNSEL
- 2026-1-25 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A 2026 TOWNSHIP TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT
- 2026-1-26 RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP 2026 RENT CONTROL ATTORNEY AND CONFLICT RENT CONTROL ATTORNEY
- 2026-1-27 RESOLUTION APPOINTING ENVIRONMENTAL COUNSEL FOR THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR
- 2026-1-28 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A POOL OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING ATTORNEYS FOR THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR

- 2026-1-29 RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT FOR SUSTAINABILITY CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR
- 2026-1-30 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT AND "AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM" SERVICES FOR THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR
- 2026-1-31 RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT FOR MANAGEMENT AND CONSULTING SERVICES FOR CERTAIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS UNDER THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FOR THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR
- 2026-1-32 RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP PROSECUTORS FOR THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR
- 2026-1-33 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A POOL OF HISTORIC PROPERTY ARCHITECTS/ENGINEERS FOR THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR
- 2026-1-34 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A FIRM TO PROVIDE DESIGN, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE OF A SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION (S.C.A.D.A.) AND PROCESS CONTROL SYSTEMS
- 2026-1-35 RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL ADVISOR FOR THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR
- 2026-1-36 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A POOL OF SPECIAL PROJECTS PLANNERS FOR THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR
- 2026-1-37 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A POOL OF SPECIAL PROJECTS/CONFLICT ATTORNEYS FOR 2026
- 2026-1-38 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UP TO A FORTY-FIVE (45) DAY EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICES
- 2026-1-39 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UP TO A FORTY-FIVE (45) DAY EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT, AND DELIVERY OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS
- 2026-1-40 RESOLUTION FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) FLYGT SEWER PUMPS AND MONITORS FOR THE BATESVILLE PUMP STATION
- 2026-1-41 RESOLUTION TO UTILIZE THE NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE CK04 WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN FOR THE PURCHASE OF VEEAM BACKUP SOFTWARE
- 2026-1-42 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ON KENILWORTH AVENUE (CR 625) IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL
- 2026-1-43 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROCUREMENT OF A CONCESSION AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW

2026-1-44 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF THE PROPOSED IMMIGRANT TRUST ACT AND RELATED LEGISLATION

On a motion by Councilwoman Apell, seconded by Councilman DiRenzo, the Consent Agenda Resolutions 2026-1-1 through 2026-1-44 were approved by the following vote:

AYE: Councilwoman Apell, Councilman Connor, Councilman DiRenzo, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Hulnick (Abstain 2026-1-11), Council Vice President Golkow and Council President Carter

2026-1-45 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

On a motion by Council Vice President Golkow, seconded by Councilwoman Hulnick, the bill list in the amount of \$4,165,993.75 was approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

2026-1 BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$5,567,788.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,289,397.00 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 Councilwoman Hulnick, seconded by Councilman DiRenzo, Ordinance 2026-1 was approved on first reading by the following vote:

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

2026-2 BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$7,743,611.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$7,100,499.00 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 Council Vice President Golkow, seconded by Councilwoman Apell, Ordinance 2026-2 was approved on first reading by the following vote:

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

2026-3 BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,027,650.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,027,650.00 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 Doshi, seconded by Councilwoman Hulnick, Ordinance 2026-3 was approved on first reading by the following vote:

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

2026-4 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$50,000.00 FROM LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY ACT FUNDS FOR SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

On a motion by Council Vice President Golkow, seconded by Councilman DiRenzo, Ordinance 2026-4 was approved on first reading by the following vote:

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

Council President Carter announced that the ordinances approved on first reading during the meeting will be considered for final adoption following a public hearing at the next Council Meeting, scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2026, in the N. John Amato Council Chambers at 7:30 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rick Short

Cherry Hill, NJ

Mr. Short congratulated Councilman Rob Connor on his election, praising his long-standing service to the community, and commended certain elected officials for what he described as their willingness to speak out against antisemitism and intolerance. He raised concerns about Cherry Hill School District policies, curriculum, and outside consultants, alleging that district leadership is not being truthful about its affiliations, criticizing restorative justice practices and cultural proficiency programs, and urging Township leaders to publicly address what he characterized as harmful ideologies being taught to students.

Rena Margolis

Cherry Hill, NJ

Ms. Margolis, a Cherry Hill resident and worker, raised concerns about illicit massage businesses operating in the township, stating that the local massage ordinance was not updated for many years to align with state licensing law and that the recently adopted ordinance lacks enforcement penalties. She urged the Township to strengthen its regulations, improve transparency, and take more proactive steps to identify and shut down businesses she believes are operating in violation of state law and contributing to criminal activity.

David Stahl

Cherry Hill, NJ

Mr. Stahl congratulated the election winners, thanked the Council for supporting the Immigrant Trust Act, and raised concerns about affordability, government transparency, and contracting practices, citing a State Comptroller's report on the Municipal Joint Insurance Fund. He urged the Township to restore public trust, noted concerns about pay-to-play laws, requested an update on the community choice aggregation program, and emphasized the importance of accountability at all levels of government.

Jeff Podowitz

Cherry Hill, NJ

Mr. Podowitz stated that multiple complaints have been filed with the U.S. Office for Civil Rights against the Cherry Hill School District and alleged that school districts, with legal counsel, engage in practices that diminish the civil rights of students with disabilities and their parents. He referenced a recent unanimous U.S. Supreme Court decision affirming disability rights under the ADA and Rehabilitation Act and urged officials to review the case and recent school board discussions regarding accessibility and compliance.

Rae Haltzman**Cherry Hill, NJ**

Ms. Haltzman described serious and ongoing deterioration at her rent-controlled apartment complex, including broken elevators, lack of security, unsafe conditions, and unaddressed maintenance issues, and stated that many residents are senior citizens who can no longer relocate. She requested guidance and assistance from the Mayor and Council to help enforce rent control and habitability standards, and asked who is responsible for ensuring that landlords comply with resolutions adopted by the Rent Review Board.

Council President Carter stated that the Mayor's Office would follow up with her regarding the concerns she raised.

Mayor Fleisher thanked Mr. and Mrs. Haltzman for reaching out and confirmed that the Township would meet with them to help address and improve conditions at their apartment complex. He also noted that Ms. Margolis had already been provided extensive time with township officials to clarify prior concerns.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL:

Councilwoman Apell thanked attendees for coming, congratulated her fellow council members on their swearing-in, and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Connor thanked attendees for joining in person or online, encouraged first-time attendees to return for future meetings, and expressed appreciation to Chief of Staff Brian Bauerle, the Mayor's Office staff, and township professionals for their efforts in organizing the reorganization meeting.

Councilman Drenzo expressed appreciation to attendees and reflected on the strong, respectful relationships among council members, despite differing opinions. He also highlighted the lesson from his time with the Cherry Hill Fire Department—to always prioritize serving the residents—which guides his approach on council.

Councilwoman Doshi thanked attendees for coming, welcomed Councilman Connor, and expressed her enthusiasm for serving her third term alongside her fellow council members, wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Hulnick thanked everyone for attending and wished all a Happy New Year.

Council Vice President Golkow thanked attendees for staying through the meeting, congratulated returning Council members, welcomed Councilman Connor, and expressed appreciation for Council President Carter's leadership. She also shared enthusiasm for the year ahead and collaborating with her fellow council members.

Council President Carter thanked attendees, including elected officials and virtual participants, and expressed appreciation for Council Vice President Golkow's kind remarks. He emphasized that he takes his responsibility to serve the residents of Cherry Hill very seriously and is committed to doing his best for the community.

BENEDICTION

By: **PUJARI NARENDRA RAVAL**
INDIA TEMPLE ASSOCIATION

Council President Carter called for a motion to adjourn, which was moved by Council Vice President Golkow.

ADOPTED: JANUARY 28, 2026


COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


PATTI CHAKER, RMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK