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**CHATHAM TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ELECTS  
KEVIN SULLIVAN MAYOR; CURT RITTER DEPUTY MAYOR**

**CHATHAM TOWNSHIP, NJ** – January 6, 2014 – [The Chatham Township Committee](#) elected Committeeman Kevin Sullivan as Mayor and Committeeman Curt Ritter as Deputy Mayor during its annual reorganization meeting on Friday, January 3, 2014. The two will serve in these positions through December 31, 2014. They replace outgoing Mayor Bailey Brower, Jr. and Deputy Mayor Robert Gallop.

Commenting on his election Mayor Sullivan said, "I am deeply honored to have the opportunity to serve the residents of Chatham Township as Mayor for the next year. I look forward to working with each of our Committee members as we work together as a team to address the important issues facing our residents today. Our focus once again will be on maintaining the fiscal discipline that the Committee has displayed in the past, while delivering essential services and improvements to Township residents. I am proud of the fact that the municipal portion of our residents' tax bill over the past three years has been held to a 0% tax increase. The challenges to effectively managing the budget increase every year, particularly with rising healthcare costs, but meeting those challenges will be our top priority."

Mayor Sullivan is currently employed by Newedge USA, a global financial firm with offices in New York City. He was previously a Captain in the United States Marine Corps. He is entering his second year of service on the Township Committee. He has been a member of the Chatham Township Planning Board and has been active in numerous religious, recreational and civic activities. He is

presently a race director for the St. Patrick's Community 5K and a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He has lived in Chatham Township for the past 24 years with his wife Cindy. His children have attended St. Patrick's School in Chatham, Chatham High School and Delbarton High School.

Deputy Mayor Ritter added, "I would like to thank the residents of Chatham Township for their support and the Committee for giving me the opportunity to serve in this capacity. I look forward to bringing change, increased communication and transparency to our local government and working together with Mayor Sullivan and the entire Committee to Build a Better Chatham."

Deputy Mayor Ritter currently serves as Director of Corporate Communications for CIT Group Inc. (NYSE: CIT), a leading provider of financing and advisory services to small businesses and middle market companies. He was previously the Chief Spokesperson and Director of Corporate Communications for W. P. Carey (NYSE: WPC) and served as First Deputy Press Secretary to Mayor Rudy Giuliani. He was a member of the Chatham Township Zoning Board of Adjustment and has been involved in a number of community organizations including the Delbarton Alumni Association, where he served as President; the Chatham Education Foundation, where he served as Communications Chair, and he currently serves as President of The Chatham Turkey Trot, a non-profit organization he founded to raise funds for the Chatham Township Volunteer Fire Department and the Diabetes Research Institute. He has lived in Chatham for more than a decade with his wife Jen. They have three children, Will (10), Mollie (9) and Grace (6), who attend Lafayette and Southern Boulevard Schools.

Chatham Township is governed under the township form of government consisting of a five-member Township Committee that currently includes Mayor Sullivan, Deputy Mayor Ritter, Kathy Abbott, Bailey Brower, Jr. and Robert Gallop. Each Committee Member is elected to serve three-year terms. During its annual reorganization meeting, the Township Committee elects the Mayor and

Deputy Mayor. The Mayor serves as the Chair of the Township Committee and the Deputy Mayor serves as Vice Chairman.

### **About Chatham Township**

Chatham Township is located in Morris County New Jersey. It has approximately 11,000 residents and nearly 4,000 households. Individuals interested in receiving emergency and community alerts can visit [www.chathamtownship-nj.gov/resident-communications.html](http://www.chathamtownship-nj.gov/resident-communications.html) and can learn more about Chatham Township at [www.chathamtownship-nj.gov](http://www.chathamtownship-nj.gov)

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Mayor Kevin Sullivan



Deputy Mayor Curt Ritter