

**PUBLIC MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**March 8, 2022
DELRAN, NJ**

CALL TO ORDER

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Sunshine Statement: Be advised that proper notice has been given by the Township Council in accordance with the sunshine law in the following manner. Notice advertised in the Burlington County Times and Camden Courier Post on March 1, 2022 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Burrell were present.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Catrambone, Mayor, Joseph Bellina, Interim Business Administrator, Ms. Fahey, Interim Solicitor, and Ms. Eggers, Township Clerk.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

Mayor Catrambone and Township Council presented a proclamation to Sean Huryn, Vice Commander of VFW Post 3020.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes for the October 5, 2021, Public Meeting.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Burrell voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Ms. Parejo to approve the minutes for the October 26 2021, Action, Work Session and Closed Session Meeting.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo, and Mr. Burrell voted aye and Mr. Lyon abstained

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Abstained: 1

Motion Approved

ORDINANCE(S) ON SECOND READING

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
ORDINANCE 2022-02**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR VARIOUS EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND REGULATING THE MANNER OF PAYMENT OF SAME

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Delran in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that the Township does hereby establish the following salaries for the employees serving in the following position:

POSITION	2022 SALARY (MONTHLY)	PAY PERIOD
Interim Business Administrator	\$9500.00 Effective 1/19/2022	Monthly

Section II Repeal – All Ordinances or part of Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Section III Adoption – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final adoption and publication according to law.

Mr. Lyon made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Smith. All were in favor, motion approved.

There were no comments.

Mr. Lyon made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Jeney. All were in favor, motion approved.

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to adopt Ordinance 2022-02 on second reading.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Burrell voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

RESOLUTION(S)

Resolution 2022-53 Authorizing an Agreement for EMS Services with the Delran Emergency Squad

Ms. Parejo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeney to adopt the Resolution 2022-53.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Burrell voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Resolution 2022-54** Authorizing Refund of Outside Employment Escrow PD21-01
- b. Resolution 2022-55** Refunding Duplicate Mercantile License Fee for Pride Auto Sales
- c. Resolution 2022-56** Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property No Longer Needed for Public Use Through Municibid (As Authorized by State Contract T-2581)
- d. Resolution 2022-57** Authorizing the Application to the NJ Clean Energy Program Community Energy Planning Grant Program

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeney to approve the Consent Agenda.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Burrell voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

MOTIONS

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Parejo authorizing the payment of bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Burrell voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyon accepting the report of the CFO including the February YTD Revenue Report, YTD Budget Report and February Check Register.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Burrell voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

Ms. Parejo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith accepting the report of the Tax Collector and Township Clerk.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Burrell voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith granting a mercantile license to:

- PEL Group, LLC, 207A-10 Carriage Lane
- Joe DiCioccio Used Cars, Inc., 150-13 Carriage Lane
- Montagano Truck Sales, 150-1 Carriage Lane

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Burrell voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

REPORTS

Emergency Services – Chief Peak, Delran Fire Department, reported that the year to date calls are at 110. In January they had 50 calls for service. On January 1 they assisted Cinnaminson on mutual aid for a motor vehicle accident.

Chief Peak thanked Mayor and Council for attending the installation dinner for the Bridgeboro Road Station.

Chief Peak reported on the additional notable calls for year leading on to this meeting.

Chief Peak thanked everyone for coming out and supporting their budget.

Chief Peak stated that the Department is very active with training and continue to do walk throughs on new construction.

Chief Peak reminded residents with daylight savings time coming up, check your batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Chuck McSweeney, Delran EMS, reported that in February, they had 219 requests for services. They also assisted surrounding municipalities on mutual aid calls as well as reliving on those same towns for mutual aid in Delran.

Mr. McSweeney stated that now that covid in on the down swing, they are resuming their education training. They are also getting ready to put out their 2022 fund drive and have received their lab license to begin offering covid 19 testing along with RSV and influenza. Shortly they will be opening up their EMT academy.

Mr. Bellina – Mr. Bellina reported that he is working on preparation of the 2022 Municipal Budget and we should be ready for introduction at the April 12th meeting with the public hearing scheduled for May 10th.

Ms. Eggers– No report.

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone congratulated Sergeant Huryn and thanked him for his service and dedication to our community. Mr. Catrambone stated that he is happy to see us moving forward with one of the most aggressive veteran recognition program and thanked Councilman Jeney for his dedication in pursuing this in participation with the We Value Our Veterans Program.

Mr. Catrambone congratulated Delran resident Tim Murphy, who was selected and served as the Grand Marshall for the Burlington County St. Patrick's Day Parade. He had the honor of presenting Mr. Murphy with a proclamation on behalf of Council. Mr. Catrambone thanked Mr. Murphy for his contributions to the community and his charity work to support programs like Project Children which brings children from Northern Ireland to the Unites States for the summer.

Mr. Catrambone stated that there have been a lot of unexpected financial issues that we have been looking at in the 2022 Budget. Those include, municipal waste, additional staffing needs and infrastructure updates. We continue to be aggressive with the road program and park upgrades. He looks forward to presenting a budget to Council that maintains the same level of service and provides the fiscal responsibility we all want.

Finally, Mr. Catrambone wished a happy International Women's Day to all the smart, talented women that work for the Township and those that are part of the Delran Community.

Solicitor – No report.

Mr. Smith – Mr. Smith congratulated Sergeant Huryn and stated that he is a great example of the Delran resident and veteran.

Mr. Smith reminded everyone that this weekend is daylight saving time.

Mr. Jeney – Mr. Jeney stated that the We Value Our Veterans Program is about a year long process. We will be honoring veterans at each of the Township Public Meeting and they are working with Sergeant Huryn on the individuals to be honored. Mr. Jeney stated that he was on a call with Assemblywoman Carol Murphy regarding the program and they are working with the Veteran Service Officer for Burlington County on resources.

Ms. Parejo – Ms. Parejo thanked Sergeant Huryn for his service.

Ms. Parejo stated that some of the parks in Ward I need some attention. She asked that the Brown Street field as well as the basketball court at Friendship Park be renovated.

Mr. Lyon – Mr. Lyon stated that he would also like to touch on International Women's Day. As someone with five sisters that are all very successful in their careers, it is great to see the advancement. When he joined Teamsters, all the leadership positions were held by men and that has now changed. All are currently held by women with the exception of one. We have a way to go especially with salaries but it is a great step forward.

Mr. Lyon congratulated Sergeant Huryn.

Mr. Lyon stated that he was able to attend the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Mt. Holly and it was a beautiful day.

Mr. Lyon reported that the County project on Creek Road is moving along. They are in the planning stage to run sewer to the park and it will also help the residents to connect to the sewer system if they choose.

Mr. Lyon reported that the County looked at the intersection of Hartford and Fairview Blvd. and they will be looking into improving that area.

Mr. Lyon stated that the weather is getting nicer and he encouraged everyone to get out and take a walk through the parks or get your fishing license.

Mr. Burrell – Mr. Burrell echoed the comments from Mayor and Council in recognizing International Women's Day and congratulating Sergeant Huryn. Mr. Burrell thanked Mr. Jeney for taking the lead on the Veteran's Program and thanked Mr. Gilbert for bringing the program to Council.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeney to open the meeting to the public for any questions. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

Mr. Burrell read the rules of decorum.

Bob Gilbert, 75 Stewart Avenue, thanked the Mayor and Council for moving forward with the Veteran Program. He asked in we are close to obtaining the number of points required.

Mr. Jeney stated that we need 145 points to qualify and right now he believes we can get to 115 pretty quickly.

Mr. Gilbert stated that there has been a rumor that the American Legion has shut down and they have not.

Mr. Gilbert stated that the Army Corps had been looking at flooding issues in the Riverside Park area and it is his understanding that the want residents to have their say.

Mr. Burrell stated that we received a letter that they are looking to forward with the next phase of the project. The funding will be in the 2022 budget that will be approved in a few months.

Mr. Gilbert asked when the residents will be invited to meet with the Army Corps.

Mr. Burrell stated that he doesn't believe that is needed at this time as they are already interested in moving forward with a project but it doesn't hurt to send letter to Congressman Any Kim to support the project. Mr. Burrell stated that he would like to see a town hall with the residents as we get closer to a project.

Mr. Gilbert state that there are two trees about to go into the creek. If you go down to the creek tomorrow around 2 pm you will see how much of the bank is in the creek. We are losing more and more every day.

Mr. Gilbert stated that Mission of Honor expects to begin burials again. It may be in March but we are really shooting for April. If you attend the event it will be something you will not forget. Once the dates are confirmed, he will let Council know.

Mr. Gilbert asked if he can be provided the amount of surplus in the sewer budget.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he can provide the information once we get confirmation from the Auditor.

Mr. Burrell stated that he recommends waiting until the budget is introduced which will give the most accurate information.

Mr. Gilbert asked when that will be.

Mr. Bellina stated that we are looking at April for the introduction.

Mr. Gilbert stated that will the items discussed in closed session be brought to the public.

Mr. Burrell stated that the items in closed session are highly regulated and if there is any action taken it will be in public session.

Mr. Gilbert stated that the VFW will begin accepting donations for Ukraine soon.

Mr. Jeney asked how much will go directly to the people of Ukraine.

Mr. Gilbert stated that 100% will go to people of Ukraine. They will not be collecting money, it will be goods only.

Mr. Burrell stated that once he has the information please send it to the Township and we will get the information on the website and social media.

Barbara Littleton, resident thanked Council for the podium as it makes easier for residents. Ms. Littleton also thanked Council for putting the notice on the sign out front about the Township meeting.

Ms. Littleton stated that Mr. Hatcher's name is still listed on the Township website as the Administrator.

Mr. Catrambone reported that was corrected today.

Ms. Littleton stated that she believes Mr. Siciliano provided advice to the Township that they did not need to notify the JIF with regards to the Dunphy's appeal. If that is the case, has anyone from the Township looked into the possibility of filing a claim against his insurance.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he does not know if that has been stated. The handled by the prior Administrator and he does not believe it resulted in the Township not being covered for the claim. He is not sure what claim we would have against the insurance company.

Ms. Littleton that what the Township endured was paying out \$300,000 minus the \$75,000 that the insurance covered base upon the advice that you didn't need to contact the JIF.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he does not believe that we received that advice. Mr. Catrambone stated that is something we can look into.

Ms. Littleton stated that she did submit an OPRA for a cost summary for CME Associates site survey of the Dunphy's property. She asked what the purpose was of the site survey.

Mr. Burrell stated that the purpose of the survey was that the Township had an interest in purchasing the property. There was discussion on the wetland boundaries on he property.

Ms. Littleton asked if the Township had access to the property for the survey.

Mr. Catrambone stated yes, we received Dunphy's approval to access the property.

Ms. Littleton asked if the Township has a business license for WL Mitchell.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we have all the licenses needed for a consultant.

Ms. Littleton stated that as part of an OPRA request, some documents have been provided and there was a business registration for Wendy Mitchell but not WL Mitchell. Ms. Littleton stated that she is not sure if that could cause an issue with the insurance.

Mr. Burrell stated that the CFO has verified that she has all the required documents.

Mr. Catrambone stated that they will look at this issue again.

Patrick Duff, Haddon Heights resident, stated that he waited outside because there have been comments from Mr. Jeney that someone from his posse got within two inches of his face and that is an absolute lie. Mr. Duff asked Mr. Jeney when this happened.

Mr. Jeney stated that he believes it was the first time he spoke at the meeting. Mr. Jeney stated that he was walking out the front door along with Mr. Lyon and as they went out the door he asked that everyone in the lobby put their masks on, which was required at the time, and Mr. Dusko jumped in his face and starting screaming that Mr. Burrell did not have his mask on before the meeting and he continued as they walked out and following them down the sidewalk. Mr. Duff then called Mr. Dusko back. Mr. Jeney asked if Mr. Duff remembers that event.

Mr. Duff stated that he does not.

Mr. Jeney stated that Mr. Duff is a liar.

Mr. Duff stated that Mr. Jeney is either senile or a liar.

Mr. Jeney stated that there were other people there at that time.

Mr. Duff stated that he purposely didn't come in until after the meeting started so he could not lie again and will leave right after.

Mr. Duff asked why Mr. Jeney didn't press charges.

Mr. Jeney stated that he was the bigger man and walked away.

Mr. Duff stated that he has been coming here for five months and Mr. Jeney waited until last week that this happened. This only happened after he came on the hot seat because he should have recused himself on the Dunphy's litigation. Mr. Duff stated that he received bad advice from the Township Attorney. Mr. Duff stated that he never claimed to receive \$7,000 from any

municipality. He did tell them that he would sue the Township and win which will happen as he believe the Township will settle tonight and if they don't that would be silly. There was no reason to redact the faces. He wanted to show that the event was not attended.

Mr. Jeney stated that he will rely on anyone that was there if they want to be honest, they can testify that is exactly what happened. He is not in the habit of lying. Mr. Jeney stated that Mr. Duff is talking about so many false facts and then he weaves them into a narrative. Mr. Jeney stated that he has nothing else to say.

Mr. Duff stated that he is done coming to Delran. When someone makes a false allegation that someone threatened them, it is also the point that someone will make up lies. Mr. Duff stated that if they received bad advice from the Solicitor, that is one thing but just admit it. Mr. Duff stated that Mr. Jeney should have recused himself from the Dunphy litigation. Mr. Duff stated that the Township did not go through the insurance company and did not file on time. Mr. Duff stated that he is asking Mayor and Mr. Jeney for an apology and/or the Township faces a defamation suit. There is a blog about him out there saying that he faked his cancer. Mayor and Council are legitimizing that with their attitude.

Mr. Jeney stated that is not true, this is the tale he weaves.

Mr. Duff stated that the only people to mention the blog were the Mayor and Mr. Burrell at a Council meeting. Mr. Duff stated that he will catch the individual responsible for the blog.

Mr. Smith made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Ms. Parejo. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time, Mr. Burrell asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-39 authorizing the executive session.

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN RESOLUTION 2022-58

AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING: LITIGATION - DUFF V. DELRAN TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10-4.6 et seq. (Open Public Meeting Act) provides for the exclusion of the public from public meeting for certain reasons; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to close the work session meeting of March 8, 2022 for the following reason:

1. Litigation – Duff v. Delran Township

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting is closed for the reasons

above in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeney to adopt Resolution 2022-58.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Burrell voted aye

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Lyon made a motion to end the closed session and reopen the meeting to the public. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith. All were in favor, motion approved.

Mr. Burrell asked for a motion to adopt the following Resolution.

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2022-59**

**AUTHORIZING INTERIM SOLICITOR TO
NEGOTIATE WITH PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL WITH TERMS
DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Delran that Eileen Fahey, Esq., Interim Township Council be authorized to negotiate with Plaintiff's Counsel in the matter of Duff v. Delran Township with terms as discussed in executive session held on March 9, 2022.

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Parejo to adopt Resolution 2022-59.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Burrell voted aye

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Lyon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Smith. All were in favor; the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamey Eggers, Township Clerk