

**WORK SESSION
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**January 23, 2024
DELRAN, NJ**

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 January 4, 2024 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Jeney, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Burrell were present. Mr. Smith was absent. Mr. Lyon attended remotely via conference call until after the ordinance and consent agenda were voted on.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Catrambone, Mayor, Mr. Wright Solicitor, Mr. D'Armiento, Engineer, Mr. Bellina, Administrator, and Ms. Eggers, Township Clerk

ORDINANCE(S) ON FIRST READING

Ordinance 2024-02 Ordinance of the Township of Delran, County of Burlington State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing the Municipal Code to Create Chapter 340, Vehicles, Small Unmanned Aircrafts

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu

Roll Call: Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Jeney, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Burrell voted aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Bellina explained that the two items that were added to the consent agenda are due to the emergency repairs that need to be made along Leon Avenue after the sewer main break.

- a. **Resolution 2023-32** Approving Raffle License #637 for Lancer Fund – Friends of Holy Cross
- b. **Resolution 2024-33** Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes of a Totally Disabled Veteran Located at Block 116.03 Lot 73 tax Year 2024 and Thereafter
- c. **Resolution 2024-34** Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Affordable Housing Administrative Agent Services
- d. **Resolution 2024-35** Amending Resolution 2023-161 Authorizing the Purchase of Office Furniture Through State Contact

- e. **Resolution 2024-36** Approving an Emergency Temporary Appropriation for the Repairs to a Sewer Main Collapse on Leon Avenue
- f. **Resolution 2024-37** Emergency Procurement Resolution
- g. Authorizing the Payment of Bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
- h. A motion granting a mercantile license to:
 - Rota Café, LLC, 4000 Route 130 N. Suite 6
 - Castaway Cannabis, 6006 Route 130
- i. Approval of the following minutes:
 - Public Meeting December 12, 2023
 - Reorganization Meeting January 2, 2024

Mrs. Apeadu made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeney to adopt the above Consent Agenda.

There being no questions the roll was called.

Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Jeney, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Burrell voted aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

SOLAR ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

Ms. Apte from CME explained that the solar ordinance would approve a solar energy system as an accessory use in residential and commercial zones as well as in light industrial zones. Residents would not have to come before the zoning board for solar panel approval.

PSE&G PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Reichle, Sr. Project Manager for PSE&G, reported that the underground work on Hartford Road and at the Route 130 Bridge has been completed. The underground work on Bridgeboro Road will start in April and end in December of 2024. Mr. Reichle continued to give an update on the work taking place in Delran. He thanked the township, CME and Burlington County for their help in facilitating the improvements.

REPORTS

Mr. Bellina – No report

Ms. Eggers – No report

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone reported that the repair of the sewer main at Fifth & Leon has been completed. The roadway will receive a temporary patch very soon so that the road is passable. Mr. Catrambone thanked everyone involved for their help in dealing with this unexpected issue so quickly. He also thanked Delran residents who limited their use of water during the emergency.

Mr. Wright – No report

Mr. D’Armiento – No report

Mrs. Apeadu – Mrs. Apeadu thanked everyone who helped with the recent flooding in Riverside Park. She stated that there will be a town hall meeting at the municipal building on Wednesday, January 31st at 7:00 PM. The meeting will discuss what needs to be done to fix the flooding issue. Mrs. Apeadu thanked the sewer team and everyone who helped with the recent sewer main break. She also thanked Calvary Church for hosting the emergency teams on short notice.

Mr. Jeney – Mr. Jeney also thanked everyone who helped with the recent catastrophes in the township.

Mr. Burrell – Mr. Burrell invited everyone to attend the town hall meeting on January 31st at 7:00 PM. He explained that there will not be a problem paying for the recent sewer main break due to good financial management within the township. Mr. Burrell thanked the many people and organizations who helped during the last few weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu to open the meeting to the public All were in favor; the motion was approved.

Jennifer Reppert, Delran – Ms. Reppert asked what authority the drone ordinance falls under, stating that she feels her rights are being taken away. Mr. Burrell stated that municipalities can make decisions regarding a drone ordinance. He explained that the ordinance is being put in place to give police the ability to intervene if a resident’s privacy is being invaded. Mr. Jeney added that he attended a drone seminar at the League of Municipalities. He stated that there are many communities that already have these ordinances in place.

Mary Janus, Delran - Ms. Janus expressed her concern regarding possible illegal aliens who are living in Delran Township and attending school here. She asked the mayor what incentives are being offered to the township so that illegal aliens can reside here. He stated that the township is not involved with the process of placing illegal aliens in Delran Township and does not receive

any incentives. Mr. Catrambone also explained that he and council have nothing to do with the school system. Mr. Burrell commented that there is a retired police officer on staff at the school who makes sure that students are legally able to attend classes. He suggested that Ms. Janus contact the school system with her concerns. Mr. Jeney mentioned that he was on the school board for 16 years and accusations such as these were always investigated.

Pam Geary, Delran – Ms. Geary commented that since New Jersey is a sanctuary state and illegal aliens are being sent here, the mayor and council must know about them. Mr. Burrell explained that there is no notification given to the government officials in Delran Township regarding this issue.

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu to close the meeting to the public All were in favor; the motion was approved.

Mr. Jeney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu. All were in favor; the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers
Municipal Clerk