

**WORK SESSION  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**February 27, 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. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Burrell were present.

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

**GREEN TEAM – COMMUNITY ENERGY MASTER PLAN**

Debra Hammond, Chairperson Delran Green Team, reported that that they received a \$10,000 grant from the NJ Board of Public Utilities to develop a clean energy plan. The plan focuses on energy efficiency and new energy sources in residential, commercial and municipal sectors. A team will be assembled to review which of several initiatives should be focused on. Anyone interested in participating in this effort should contact the administrator's office. Implementation of the plan may be instrumental in raising the Green Team's Sustainable New Jersey bronze certification to silver.

**BIKE TRAIL PRESENTATION**

Mr. D'Armiento outlined the plan to use grants received from the DOT for a bike trail that will connect the Delran Community Park with Notre Dame Park. The path was chosen to minimize the disturbance of the freshwater wetlands. Mr. Catrambone asked where the connecting path would end at Notre Dame Park. Mr. D'Armiento stated that the path will end at the rear parking lot. Mr. Burrell expressed concern that it might be difficult for people to navigate their way through the park. Mr. D'Armiento assured everyone that there would be adequate signage provided.

**NJDEP FLOOD PLAIN REQUIREMENTS**

Mr. D'Armiento explained that the state is requiring all municipalities with flood hazard areas to update their flood plain ordinances. Mr. D'Armiento will submit a sample ordinance for reference. The township must formerly adopt its ordinance by May 14, 2024. There is an option to make the township freeboard more restrictive. This would require new construction/renovation of homes to be built at a certain height above the base flood elevation. Mr. Lyon asked for the percentage of residents that would be affected by this. More information will be gathered.

**PARKING RESTRICTIONS ALONG CHESTER AVENUE DURING SCHOOL HOURS**

Chief Mitchell explained that there is a safety issue along Chester Avenue in the vicinity of Delran Middle School. Vehicles are being parked along the roadway which blocks sightlines for those exiting the school area on foot and in cars. Chief Mitchell proposed prohibiting parking on both

sides of Chester Avenue between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday. This will affect three private residences. Mr. Lyon asked if permit parking for the three homes might be warranted. Chief Mitchell stated that this option could be explored if need be. A decision was made to pursue this recommendation.

### **ORDINANCE(S) ON FIRST READING**

**Ordinance 2024-04** An Ordinance to Establish Salaries for Various Employees within the Township of Delran, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey and Regulating the Manner of Payment of Same

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

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **Resolution 2024-48** Approving Raffle License #647 & 648 for the Church of the Resurrection
- b. **Resolution 2024-49** Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes of a Totally Disabled Veteran Located at Block 85 Lot 27 Tax Year 2024 and Thereafter
- c. **Resolution 2024-50** Authorizing the Award of Contract for Stewart Avenue Roadway Improvement Project, Phase I to Earle Asphalt Co. in the amount of \$1,137,713.13
- d. **Resolution 2024-51** Rejecting all Bids for Route 130 Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Phase I Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(a) and Authorizing Re-Advertising and Re-Bidding
- e. **Resolution 2024-52** Authorizing Submission of Grant Application for Municipal Building Security Improvements
- f. **Resolution 2024-53** Authorizing CME Associates to Perform Engineering Services for Delran Community Park Pedestrian Path Phase I
- g. Authorizing the Payment of Bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
- h. A motion granting a mercantile license to:
  - Ouroarte, 4000 Route 130 N. Suite 23

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

There being no questions the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

## **REPORTS**

**Mr. Bellina** – Mr. Bellina explained that the bid received for the Route 130 Sanitary Sewer Project was well over what was budgeted for. The township will be going out to bid again.

Mr. Bellina also stated that staff has continued to work on the Leon Avenue sewer collapse to gauge the condition of the pipe. A bond ordinance will probably be needed to replace/repair parts of the existing sewer line.

**Ms. Eggers** – No report

**Mr. Catrambone** – Mr. Catrambone reported that the township website is being refreshed to make it more accessible and intuitive with a fresh look. Council will be given the opportunity to review it and all historical data currently on the website will be transferred over to the new site.

Mr. Catrambone also stated that a successful town hall meeting was held recently with the residents of Ashley Crossing. He will respond to the many questions asked via an email.

**Mr. Wright** – No report

**Mr. D'Armiento** – Mr. D'Armiento explained that the contract for the Stewart Avenue Improvement Project will move forward as soon as concurrence is received from the DOT.

**Mrs. Apeadu** – No report

**Mr. Smith** – Mr. Smith wished everyone a happy leap year. He encouraged residents to take part in area events commemorating Women's History Month.

**Mr. Jeney** – Mr. Jeney stated that he was approached by residents asking for recognition of all the emergency responders who helped with the recent flood in Riverside Park. He asked the mayor and council to think about ways to honor them.

**Mr. Lyon** – Mr. Lyon thanked everyone who recently investigated the traffic safety issues in the Summerhill development.

**Mr. Burrell** – No comment

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

There were no public comments.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** At this time, Mr. Burrell asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-54 authorizing the executive session.

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2024-54**

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:  
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS – LABOR NEGOTIATION STATUS**

**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 February 27, 2024 for the following reasons:

**1. Labor Negotiation Status**

**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. Smith to adopt Resolution 2024-54. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

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

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

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers  
Municipal Clerk