

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

**ROLL CALL:** Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, and Mr. Burrell were present. Mr. Lyon was absent.

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

**ORDINANCE(S) ON FIRST READING**

**Ordinance 2024-08** Bond Ordinance Authorizing Supplemental Funding for the Completion of Sewer Utility System Improvements in and for the Township of Delran; Appropriating the Sum of \$1,000,000 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the Township of Delran, County of Burlington, New Jersey, in the Aggregate Principal Amount Not To Exceed \$1,000,000; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing

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

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**Ordinance 2024-09** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 355 Zoning Article XIX Supplemental Regulations Section 355-94 Signs and Flagpole Regulations, of the Code of the Township of Delran

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

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**Ordinance 2024-10** An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2024-04 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. Jeney

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**Ordinance 2024-11** An Ordinance by the Delran Township Council Amending the Township of Delran Code of Ordinances to Repeal Chapter 167 Flood Damage Prevention; to Adopt a New Chapter 167 Flood Damage Prevention; to Adopt Flood Hazard Maps; to Designate a Floodplain Administrator; and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date

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

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**Resolution 2024-76** Introduction of CY2024 Municipal Budget

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu to adopt the Resolution 2024-76

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**a. Resolution 2024-77** Refunding Road Opening Deposit for 208 Dickens Drive

- b. Resolution 2024-78** Refunding Sewer Overpayment Account 2254407-0
- c. Resolution 2024-79** Authorizing CME Associates to Perform Engineering Services for On-Call Electrical, Mechanical and Emergency Sewer Repair Contracts
- d. Resolution 2024-80** A Resolution Approving the Release of Affordable Housing Restrictions on the Property Commonly Known as 93 Foxglove Drive
- e. Resolution 2024-81** Authorizing 2024 Sewer Adjustments
- f. Resolution 2024-82** A Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract for Route 130 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Phase I to Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC. In the amount of \$3,485,314.00
- g.** Authorizing the payment of bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
- h.** Accepting the report of the CFO including the March 2024 YTD Revenue Report, YTD Budget Report and Check Register.
- i.** Accepting the report of the Tax Collector and Township Clerk
- j.** A motion granting a mercantile license to:
  - Nellis Auction New Jersey, LLC, 400 Delran Parkway

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

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

## **REPORTS**

**Emergency Services** – No report

**Boards/Committees** – No report

**Mr. Bellina** – No report

**Ms. Eggers** – No report

**Mr. Catrambone** – Mr. Catrambone reported that Mr. Bellina and Mr. D’Armiento, the township engineer, met with Earle Asphalt regarding the Stewart Avenue Project. Construction will begin in earnest on April 15<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

Mr. Catrambone announced that the administrative group met with the contractor for phase one of the security upgrades to the municipal building. He thanked Senator Singleton for assisting the township in obtaining a grant for over \$100,000. The grant will help offset the cost of this project.

He also reported that the administration had a meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers and the project management plan has been submitted for review. The process should take about 60 days and will hopefully get things moving.

Mr. Catrambone also stated that council just authorized by resolution, the contract for the first of two phases of the sewer line repair along Route 130.

**Mr. Wright** – No report

**Mrs. Apeadu** – Mrs. Apeadu remarked that she is currently working on a few ideas and will report back when everything has been solidified.

**Mr. Smith** – With the recent earthquake and solar eclipse, Mr. Smith encouraged families to have an emergency plan in place, so everyone knows what to do in a crisis. He also reminded residents to pay their taxes since April 15<sup>th</sup> is quickly approaching.

**Mr. Jeney** – Mr. Jeney thanked the Green Team and the residents including high school students, who volunteered their time on March 30<sup>th</sup> by cleaning up three parks in the township. He also announced that the Green Team will be giving out free saplings at Conrow Park on Arbor Day which is April 27<sup>th</sup>. The event will begin at 10:00 am. Some of the trees purchased for the Trees of Honor program will be planted that day as well. Mr. Jeney reported that he will be attending a virtual meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> with Congressman Kim, his team and various government agencies to discuss flooding issues in the area.

**Mr. Burrell** – No report

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Patricia Griffith, 518 Brown Street – Ms. Griffith asked who pays the HOA fees on the Summerhill affordable housing units that were just sold by the township. Mr. Burrell explained that the fees

are the responsibility of the homeowner. Ms. Griffith also asked how many buildings in the township were built prior to 1978 when lead was still added to paint. She asked if a new employee would be hired by the township to oversee the lead-based paint inspections and certifications ordinance for rental properties that was introduced at the 3/26/24 work session. Mr. Bellina stated that the township might have to hire a service to conduct the inspections, but the cost of that service will be covered by the owners of the rental properties.

James Bauer, 816 Edgewood Avenue – Mr. Bauer reported that there is an enormous amount of bamboo located in the woods at the end of Baylor Street. The bamboo is making it difficult to walk through part of the woods in that area and it is continuing to spread. Mr. Burrell responded that the township engineer will be consulted for remediation suggestions.

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

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers  
Municipal Clerk