

**REORGANIZATION MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**January 4, 2023  
DELRAN, NJ**

**The meeting was called to order with a salute to the Flag by Councilman Burrell.**

**SUNSHINE STATEMENT: Be advised the Township Council has given notice in accordance with the sunshine law in the following manner. Notice published in the Burlington County Times and Camden Courier Post on December 28, 2022 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.**

**ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE**

At this time, the Oath of Office was administered to Nikki Apeadu, Ward 1 Councilwoman by Mayor Gary Catrambone.

The Oath of Office was administered to Tom Lyon, Ward 2 Councilman by County Commissioner, Dan O'Connell.

The Oath of Office was administered to Marlowe Smith Ward 3 Councilman by Mayor Gary Catrambone.

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

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Mr. Catrambone, Mayor, Mr. Tabakin, Solicitor and Ms. Larkin, Deputy Clerk

**NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

Mr. Jeney nominated Tyler Burrell as President of Council for a term to expire December 31, 2023. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Smith.

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

**NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

Mr. Jeney nominated Tom Lyon as Vice President of Council for a term to expire December 31, 2023. The nomination was seconded by Mrs. Apeadu.

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

### **MOTIONS**

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyon rescinding the adopted motion from the December 20, 2022 meeting rejecting bids for professional services.

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

### **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS WITH ADVICE & CONSENT OF COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION 2023-01** Appointment of Weiner Law Group, LLP as the Township Solicitor

**RESOLUTION 2023-02** Appointment of CME Associates as the Township Engineer

**RESOLUTION 2023-03** Appointment of Parker McCay, P.A. as the Township Bond Attorney

**RESOLUTION 2023-04** Appointment of Marmero Law, LLC as the Township Labor Attorney

**RESOLUTION 2023-05** Appointment of Kathleen McGill Gaskill, Esq. as the Township Tax Attorney

**RESOLUTION 2023-06** Appointment of Weiner Law Group, LLP as the Township OPRA Attorney

**RESOLUTION 2023-07** Appointment of The Platt Law Group, P.C. as the Township Affordable Housing Attorney

**RESOLUTION 2023-08** Appointing Madden & Madden, P.A. as Township Conflict/Special Attorney

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu to adopt the above resolutions.

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

### **COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS**

**RESOLUTION 2023-09** Appointing Bowman & Company, LLP as Township Auditor

**RESOLUTION 2023-10** Appointing Daniel Rosenberg & Associates, LLC as Township Public Defender

**RESOLUTION 2023-11** Appointing Andrew Smith, Esq. of Smithbridge, LLP as Township Prosecutor

**RESOLUTION 2023-12** Appointing Phoenix Advisors, LLC as Township Financial Advisor

**RESOLUTION 2023-13** Appointing Conner Strong & Buckelew as Insurance Broker of Record

**RESOLUTION 2023-14** Appointing Hardenbergh Insurance Group as Township Risk Management Consultant

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

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Mr. Lyon voted aye. Mr. Burrell voted aye to all with the exception of abstaining from Resolution 2023-10

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

### **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS**

**William Lunemann** to the **Planning Board** as a **Class 2 member** for a term to expire **December 31, 2023**

**Caner "Johnny" Ozdemir** **Planning Board** as a **Class IV member** for a term to expire **December 31, 2026**

**MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF COUNCIL**

**Bob Kennedy** to the **Recreation Advisory Committee** for a term to expire **December 31, 2025**

**Rob Maher** to the **Green Team** for a term to expire **December 31, 2025**

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the above appointments.

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

**COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS**

**Thomas Lyon** to the **Planning Board** as a **Class 3** member for a term to expire **December 31, 2023**

**Francisco Mercad** to the **Zoning Board** for a term to expire **December 31, 2026**

**Kim Custer** to the **Zoning Board** for a term to expire **December 31, 2026**

**Chris Pullion** to the **Recreation Advisory Committee** for a term to expire **December 31, 2025**

**Candy Cure** to the **Green Team** for a term to expire **December 31, 2025**

**Karen Nowicki** to the **Green Team** for a term to expire **December 31, 2025**

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu to approve the above appointments.

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

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **Resolution 2023-15** Establishing Rules Concerning Meeting Decorum and Procedures
- b. **Resolution 2023-16** Cash Management Plan – Depositories and Investments
- c. **Resolution 2023-17** Approving 2023 Annual Meeting Notice
- d. **Resolution 2023-18** Resolution to Cancel Debits and Credits of \$10.00 or Less for Property Taxes and Sewer Service Fees
- e. **Resolution 2023-19** Establishing Interest Rates for Delinquent Taxes and Assessments within the Township of Delran
- f. **Resolution 2023-20** Appointing Joseph B. Bellina as Fund Commissioner
- g. **Resolution 2023-21** Appointing Bryan Mullen as Safety Coordinator
- h. **Resolution 2023-22** Appointing Kimberly Bogie as Claims Coordinator
- i. **Resolution 2023-23** Appointing Jamey Eggers as Alternate Fund Commissioner
- j. **Resolution 2023-24** Authorizing 2023 Sewer Adjustments for New Property Owners and Authorizing Sewer Collector to Activate New Sewer Accounts

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith 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

## **COMMENTS AND REMARKS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**Mr. Bellina** – Mr. Bellina congratulated Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Smith and wished them lots of luck.

**Ms. Larkin** – No report

**Mr. Tabakin** – Mr. Tabakin thanked everyone for the re-appointment and wished all a happy new year. He looks forward to continuing to do their good work.

**Mr. Catrambone** – Mr. Catrambone congratulated the three council members who were sworn in this evening. He stated that he is very proud to have sworn in Delran Township’s first, black, female council member and it’s wonderful to see council continue to reflect the diversity of our community. He is looking forward to working with council to provide the stellar services to our town.

Mr. Catrambone also congratulated all of the employees and residents who were appointed to various roles this evening and who work behind the scenes for the people of Delran.

Mr. Catrambone thanked Dan O’Connell and Nancy Youngkin for their help with the oaths of office.

He thanked county and state elected officials for their hard work and their help when we have needs above the municipal level.

**Mrs. Apeadu** – Mrs. Apeadu wished everyone a happy new year and thanked everyone that supported her during the recent, tough election. She will work hard to get things done for the residents of Delran Township.

**Mr. Smith** – Mr. Smith wished everyone a happy new year. He thanked everyone who supported him during the recent election. He is looking forward to serving the community.

**Mr. Jeney** – Mr. Jeney echoed the comments of his fellow council members. He congratulated Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith and Mr. Lyon and thanked them for their good work.

**Mr. Lyon** – Mr. Lyon echoed what the mayor stated about the township employees. He pointed out that the many volunteers that make the township run do it because they love the community and the residents.

Mr. Lyon thanked his family for their support. He also thanked everyone he works with in the township. He congratulated Mrs. Apeadu and Mr. Smith. Mr. Lyon stated that they have a great team and hopes to do the best moving forward.

**Mr. Burrell** – Mr. Burrell thanked Mr. Dan O’Connell. He also stated that the council is very diverse and everyone is able to bring different perspectives to the group, making it strong. He explained that the council works hard for, and cares a lot about, the township. Mr. Burrell expressed that he is blessed to work with them along with the administration and the mayor’s office. He also thanked his colleagues for the council president nomination.

Mr. Catrambone acknowledged Maryann Rivell in the audience, stating that she was a former Delran councilwoman. He commented that she has always offered advice and he thanked her for her efforts.

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Dan O'Connell, Delran – Mr. O'Connell congratulated Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith and Mr. Lyon for serving their community, stating that it is an important job. Mr. O'Connell explained that the oath they took to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the state of NJ should never be overlooked and should always be recognized.

Mr. O'Connell also commented favorably on the volunteers that give their time to make things better in their communities.

Mr. Smith made a motion to come out of public comment. Mr. Jeney seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

Mr. Jeney stated that Community Solar will be having a presentation on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the municipal building. They are offering electrical services at a discount which does not involve having an equipment on your own home. It is also a green effort within our community.

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

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers  
Municipal Clerk