

**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**January 5, 2016
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 December 29, 2015 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

ROLL CALL: Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone were present.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Paris, Mayor, Mr. O'Donnell, Solicitor, Mr. Hatcher, Administrator and Ms. Eggers, Municipal Clerk.

Mayor and Council presented the following Proclamations:

PROCLAMATION FOR THE DELRAN AA MIDGET CHEERLEADERS

PROCLAMATION FOR THE GREEN TEAM

**PRESENTATION TO THE 2015 WINNERS OF THE HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING
COMPETITION**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to approve the minutes for October 27, 2015

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to approve the minutes for November 10, 2015, November 24, 2015 and December 1, 2015.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye. Mr. Schwartz abstained.

Ayes: 4

Nays: None
Abstained: 1

Motion Approved

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
ORDINANCE 2016-1**

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Ordinance 2016-1 on first reading.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

RESOLUTIONS

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2016-09**

ADOPTING 2015 TEMPORARY BUDGET

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to adopt Resolution 2016-09.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2016-10**

**CANCELLING TAXES FOR APPROVED TOTALLY DISABLED
VETERAN BILLED IN ERROR**

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2016-10.
There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2016-11**

**REFUNDING TAX PAYMENT FOR TOTALLY DISABLED
VETERAN EXEMPTION BILLED IN ERROR**

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2016-11.
There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2016-12**

**RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2015-153 AND AUTHORIZING THE
BCJIF DIVIDEND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,195 TO BE
APPLIED AGAINST 2016 ASSESSMENT**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2016-12.
There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2016-13**

**ADJUSTING 2015 QUARTERLY SEWER BILL FOR
MANHATTAN MANAGEMENT**

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2016-13.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2016-14**

**AUTHORIZING THE PUCHASE OF SECURITY CAMERAS
AND SOFTWARE UNDER STATE CONTRACT T-2776**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2016-14.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2016-15**

RELEASING ZONING BOARD ESCROW

Ms. Pangia made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2016-15.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2016-16**

**SUPPORTING THE DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER
2015 YEAR END HOLIDAY CRACKDOWN**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2016-16.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2016-17**

**APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE 489
FOR THE DELRAN EMERGENCY SQUAD**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2016-17.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2016-18**

**APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE 487 & 488
FOR THE DELRAN MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL PTA**

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2016-18.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN

RESOLUTION 2016-19

**WAIVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A
RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT/INSURANCE PROVIDER
AND INDEMNIFYING AND HOLDING HARMLESS THE
BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND
AS A RESULT OF ANY CLAIMS ARISING FROM SAID ACTION**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2016-19.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2016-20**

**TRANSFERRING PAYMENT POSTED TO SEWER TO TAXES
BLOCK 118.13, Lot 13**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2016-20.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2016-21**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN ACCEPTING A CERTIFIED LIST
FROM TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN PARTICIPATING VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY
SQUADS FOR ELIGIBILITY IN LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS
PROGRAM(LOSAP) FOR THE YEAR 2015**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2016-21.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2016-22**

AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to adopt Resolution 2016-22.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye. Mr. Schwartz voted nay.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

MOTIONS

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to accept the report of the Tax Collector, CFO and the Township Clerk.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Schwartz made a motion granting the mercantile licenses listed below. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Connell.

1. Laundry Zone, 4000 Route 130 N., Suite 11
2. ISK USA Financial, 4000 Route 130 N.
3. AW & Brothers, 207A-10 Carriage Lane

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

REPORTS

Ms. Eggers – No report.

Mr. Hatcher – Mr. Hatcher reported we have been working on the 2016 Budget for the last few months. The Mayor will provide the budget to Council by February 12th and Council will need to introduce the budget by March 18th.

Mr. Hatcher stated that past Mayor Lorraine Schmierer passed away over the Christmas holiday. He wanted to make mention of this because she got him involved as an intern in 1983, while in graduate school, which led to his first job in local government. He wanted to make sure that the effort she put into this town was recognized. She served as the Mayor from 1972 to 1984.

Solicitor, Mr. O'Donnell – Mr. O'Donnell apologized to Council to not be in attendance at the Reorganization Meeting held earlier.

Mr. Bauer, Fire Commissioner – Mr. Bauer stated that on behalf of the members of the Delran Emergency squad, he would like to thank Council for the LOSAP program. It helps retain volunteers.

Mr. Bauer reported that with the changing of the temperatures, the Fire Department is seeing an increase in calls for gas leaks. Last month, they ran four calls for gas leaks.

Mr. Bauer stated that motor vehicles accidents have increased this month, which is usual for this time of year.

Ms. Pangia – Ms. Pangia reported that there have been many events throughout the holidays. Ms. Pangia thanked Station 2 for sponsoring the Breakfast with Santa event.

Mr. Schwartz – Mr. Schwartz wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Schwartz stated that he was sorry to hear about the passing of Lorraine Schmierer. She was very instrumental in getting the things he wanted to do on track. She was a person he went to ask if he was doing the right thing. She was a big supporter and her passing is a great loss.

Mr. O'Connell – Mr. O'Connell wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. O'Connell congratulated the Delran Midget Cheerleader and the Green Team

Mr. O'Connell congratulated the winners and participants in the Delran Holiday House Decorating Competition. Mr. O'Connell thanked Ms. Pangia and the individuals that help putting together the event.

Tonight is his one year anniversary as a member of Council and it has been a wonderful experience. He thanked the members of Council, the Mayor and all the professionals for their help and guidance.

Ms. Kolodi – Mrs. Kolodi wished everyone a Happy New Year and she looks forwards to another great year.

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Catrambone congratulated the Delran Midget Cheerleader, the Green Team and the winners of the Delran Holiday House Decorating Competition.

Mr. Catrambone made mention of a Resolution adopted tonight waiving the appointment of a Risk Management Consultant. The reason we are able to do this is because Mr. Hatcher qualifies to handle the responsibility and by doing so, it saves the Township a little over \$30,000.

Mr. Paris – Mr. Paris wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Paris stated that as Mr. Hatcher mentioned, they will be working on the 2016 Budget. We will continue to work with the Department Heads to keep the budget stable. We will be continuing our road program and we will continue to look for grant opportunities. We will be looking into raising money for Delran Community Park and also Jake's Place. Mr. Paris stated that we also received a grant to install sidewalks along Route 130, which should take place this year. As always, we continue to look at bringing in new businesses.

PUBLIC PORTION

Ms. Pangia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to open the meeting to the public for any questions. All were in favor, the motion was approved.

Harry Etsell, 8 River Drive, asked if there is any update on the flooding issue along the creek. He asked if we have heard back from any state offices.

Mr. Schwartz stated that there is a proposed plan of action in place by Congressman MacArthur. It will require participation by the Township and will be discussed during the budget process. The Army Corps has had a hands off approach to the issues but with his help they are taking a more hands on approach. Mr. Schwartz stated that he has been exchanging e-mails with the representative from the Army Corps throughout the holidays and he will be happy to share that information with Mr. Etsell.

Mr. Paris asked what the participation from the Township would be.

Mr. Schwartz stated that at this point there is not an answer but hopefully we have the information soon.

Mike Lisicki, 905 Oak Avenue, stated that at the meeting of December 14th, the individuals that spoke were telling them that the bank owns the property they have discussed with Council on Oak Avenue and they were under the impression that the property owner still owns the home.

Mr. Catrambone asked if Mr. Hatcher if he has any update on the property.

Mr. Hatcher stated that court date is set for January 13th for failure to file the notice of foreclosure intent with the Township. There is a bench warrant issued on the owner of the property. The bank has started to take action but they have not taken ownership of the property.

Mr. Schwartz stated that there were some code violations on the property and asked when they will be heard in court.

Mr. Hatcher stated that it may be January 13th but he did not check to see if it was rescheduled.

Mr. Lisicki stated that property continues to be a nuisance. The bank had hired a company to maintain the property and they continue to pay the taxes and sewer. Why would they do that, if they don't own the property.

Mr. Catrambone asked is this property was on the list compiled by Faith Bass.

Mr. Hatcher stated that he has not been provided the list.

Mr. Lisicki stated that he spoke with her about this property and it was on her list.

Mr. Hatcher stated that they the bank was maintaining the property as long as it was vacant. The property is no longer vacant.

Mr. Lisicki stated that it seems odd that the bank would be paying for these things and letting someone live there for free.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that at some point they will take ownership of the property.

Mr. Lisicki asked if someone can pressure the bank.

Mr. Hatcher stated that they will be pressured when they come to court.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he is not sure if Ms. Bass has additional information on the property. He stated that he is not happy that the information Ms. Bass and her team have compiled is being held pending action by Council. It has not been identified as to what she wants the Township to do. If we could have the information, we could begin to work on it.

Mr. Hatcher stated we know where the issues stand with 903 Oak Avenue. Mr. Hatcher will check on the court cases and get the information to Mr. Lisicki.

Mr. Schwartz asked that Mr. Hatcher provide him with that information also.

Myla Rodgers, 300 Arch Street, asked what the plan in for 312 Arch Street since the property just recently went to court.

Mr. Hatcher stated that Council will discuss the issue at the next work session and get authorization to move forward with the cleanup.

Myla Rodgers asked if there is a timeline for the cleanup after it is discussed at the work session.

Mr. Catrambone stated that once it is approved it will have to be scheduled with the contractor.

Mr. Hatcher stated that we have a contractor lined up to clean up the property and they are aware that it will be discussed at the work session on January 12th. They are waiting to hear back from us and he believes they will start soon after they get the okay.

Linda Lisicki, 905 Oak Avenue, stated that she believes the individuals at 903 Oak Avenue were due to go to court about the two dogs at the property. The backyard is full of dog feces and she feels this will be an issue in the spring.

Mr. Hatcher stated that we can contact the Board of Health but she may want to talk to her directly.

Mrs. Lisicki stated that she does not want the individuals to know she complained.

Mr. Hatcher stated that she can call the Board of Health directly but he will call first.

Mrs. Lisicki mentioned that the property has overgrown trees, appliances on the front lawn along with cars.

Mr. Hatcher stated that he will get back to her with the information from the Board of Health.

Lou Marino, 6 Pancoast Blvd., stated that he works with the County Health Department. He stated that her name will remain anonymous until there is a court action.

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

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers
Municipal Clerk

