

**PUBLIC MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**February 14, 2023  
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 January 6, 2023 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. Tabakin, Solicitor, Mr. Bellina, Administrator, and Ms. Eggers, Township Clerk

**PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION**

Mr. Catrambone presented a proclamation to George McDowell, Retired Officer, Delran Police Department, Specialist Four, NJ National Guard, Master Sergeant, Air National Guard.

**GREEN TEAM PRESENTATION**

Deb Hammond, reported that The Green Team submitted an annual report in January which is available on their website. One of the things covered in the report is the Community Solar program on Delran Parkway. The project allows residents, unable to install solar panels on their rooftops, to participate in clean energy and 50% of the spots are reserved for low- and moderate-income households. Solar Landscape gave a presentation during an information session at the municipal building on January 9, 2023. The presentation is available to view on the township's YouTube channel.

The Green Team applied to Sustainable Jersey for a small grant that will focus on using technology in the outdoors by creating trails at Lake Lonnie. GPS equipment will be used to mark the trails with the help of students from Delran High School, including Chief Mitchell's son. Bird houses, tree tags, and a geocache component will be included in the project.

Robert Wachter reported that in order to renew the Green Team's accreditation with the NJ Urban and Community Forestry Program they must submit an annual accomplishment report. The full report can be accessed on the Green Team's website and includes Delran's Tree City designation. The Green Team will be having an Arbor Day celebration on April 29th at Conrow Park. The event begins at 10:00 AM and free seedlings will be given out to residents. There will also be 16 trees that will be planted in the Spring. If anyone would like to help, they are welcome.

**ORDINANCE(S) ON SECOND READING**

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
ORDINANCE 2023-01**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2023**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Township of Delran, in the County of Burlington finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2023 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Council hereby determines that a 3.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$492,007.22 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Council of the Township of Delran, in the County of Burlington, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2023 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Delran shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$492,007.22, and that the CY 2023 municipal budget for the Township of Delran be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

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

There were no comments.

Mr. Lyon made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Smith. All were in favor, motion approved.

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu to adopt Ordinance 2023-01 on second reading.

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

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

**Ordinance 2023-02** An Ordinance of the Township of Delran, Burlington County, New Jersey Amending Chapters 355 “Zoning” to Authorize and Encourage Electric Vehicle Service Equipment and Make Ready Parking Spaces

Mr. Jeney 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

Mr. Burrell stated that additional language will be added to the end of Ordinance 2023-03 and Ordinance 2023-04 which will read as follows: Upon the recommendation of the township solicitor and upon consultation with the Affordable Housing Council provisions of the local land and building laws specifically N.J.S.A 40A:12 Section 21 Subsection J and other applicable laws may be incorporated in the ordinance and the contract, sale and deed.

**Ordinance 2023-03** Authorizing and Approving the Sale of Township Owned Property Known as 109 Foxglove Drive to The Salt and Light Company, Inc.

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

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**Ordinance 2023-04** Authorizing and Approving the Sale of Township Owned Property Known as 133 Foxglove Drive to The Salt and Light Company, Inc.

Mr. Jeney 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**

Mr. Burrell stated that Resolution 2023-46 will be walked on to the end of the consent agenda. The resolution sends Ordinance 2023-02 to the township planning board for a master plan consistency review which is required by law.

- a. **Resolution 2023-35** Approving Bingo License No. 2023-01 and Raffle License No. 626 for the Church of the Resurrection
- b. **Resolution 2023-36** Approving Raffle License No. 624 and 625 for the Delran Middle/High School PTA
- c. **Resolution 2023-37** Refund Food Vendor Fee for Just Fork It
- d. **Resolution 2023-38** Authorizing the Cancelation of Certain Balances
- e. **Resolution 2023-39** Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the 2023 Authorization for Aerial Mosquito Control
- f. **Resolution 2023-40** Authorizing the Execution of the Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Delran and the Township of Mount Holly for the purchase of Brine Material

- g. **Resolution 2023-41** Authorizing the Execution of the Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Delran and the Township of Riverside for the purchase of Brine Material
- h. **Resolution 2023-42** Refunding Application Fee for Road Opening Permit #2886 in the amount of \$50.00 to NJ American Water Co.
- i. **Resolution 2023-43** Resolution of Support from the Township of Delran Authorizing the Sustainable Jersey Grant Application
- j. **Resolution 2023-44** Authorizing 2022 Budget Transfers
- k. **Resolution 2023-45** Ratifying Agreement between the Township of Delran and Captain Matthew Gasper
- l. **Resolution 2023-46** Sending Ordinance 2023-02 to the Township Planning Board for a master plan consistency review.
- m. Approval of Minutes
  - June 28, 2022 Work Session
  - July 14, 2022 Public Meeting
  - July 28, 2022 Work Session
  - August 9, 2022 Public Meeting
- n. Accepting the report of the CFO including the January YTD Revenue Report, YTD Budget Report and January Check Register.
- o. Accepting the report of the Tax Collector and Township Clerk
- p. A motion granting mercantile licenses to:
  - Jersey Mike’s Subs, 1330 Fairview Blvd. Unit E

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

## **REPORTS**

**Emergency Services** – Mr. Bauer offered a reminder that there is no fire district election this month since it was moved to November. Mr. Bauer will contact Ms. Eggers to see how to plan things for the general election.

**Mr. Bellina** – No report

**Ms. Eggers** – No report

**Mr. Catrambone** – Mr. Catrambone stated that the first cannabis dispensary location site plan was approved by the planning board last week. It will be located in the strip mall behind Meadows Ice Cream and will be tentatively scheduled to open in late summer or early fall of this year.

Mr. Catrambone reminded residents that they can share in the savings from a community solar farm in Delran. There is a link on the township website for anyone interested.

Mr. Catrambone explained that there is a fund for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey. Information is available on the township website for anyone who would like to contribute.

**Mr. Tabakin** – No report

**Mrs. Apeadu** – Mrs. Apeadu congratulated Officer McDowell on his accomplishments.

**Mr. Smith** – Mr. Smith congratulated George McDowell on his years of service. He also thanked the Green Team for all that they do for Delran Township.

Mr. Smith also reminded residents that it is Black History Month. There are many events taking place in the area for anyone interested in learning or taking part in celebrations. Mr. Smith also wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

**Mr. Jeney** – Mr. Jeney thanked Officer McDowell for his continued service to our community and others.

Mr. Jeney also thanked the Green Team for their presentations tonight and highly recommended getting involved with the group to anyone interested.

**Mr. Lyon** – Mr. Lyon echoed the congratulations to Officer McDowell.

He also stated that the Green Team does a great job and complimented Mr. Wachter on his presentation.

Mr. Lyon encouraged people to spread a little love during these troubled times.

**Mr. Burrell** – Mr. Burrell congratulated Officer McDowell and the Green Team, the Historical Society, the RAC and everyone who is involved in helping the community.

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Kim Custer, 48 Norman Avenue - Ms. Custer asked if there are any updates regarding the harbor district. Mr. Bellina responded that there is nothing new to report. Ms. Custer asked what the next step will be. Mr. Burrell explained that an engineering firm could be hired to conduct a study and then the results would come back to council. Another option would be for the developer to go directly to the zoning or planning board.

Deb Hammond, 230 Paddock Way – Ms. Hammond stated that public works did an amazing job cleaning up the area near Vermes Field that had become overgrown with weeds.

Ms. Hammond also explained that it is a great time to buy an electric vehicle. There is a \$7,500 federal incentive and you don't pay state sales tax. If anyone would like to learn more about EVs, the Green Team will be running an EV showcase at the Delran High School STEM fair on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

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

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

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers  
Municipal Clerk