

**WORK SESSION  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**February 28, 2023  
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 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. D'Armiento, Engineer Mr. Bellina, Administrator, and Ms. Eggers, Township Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** At this time, Mr. Burrell walked on an executive session. He asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-50 authorizing an executive session.

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2023-50**

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:  
LITIGATION – DUFF V. DELRAN TOWNSHIP**

**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 28, 2023 for the following reasons:

- 1.** Litigation – Duff v. Delran Township

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the meeting is closed for the reasons above in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

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

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Abstain: 1

Motion Approved

Mr. Lyon made a motion to reconvene. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Apeadu. All were in favor with the exception of Mr. Jeney who abstained. The motion was approved.

**Review of Stewart Avenue Improvements** – Mr. D’Armiento stated that Delran Township received municipal aid funding for a portion of the work that will be completed. All of the underground infrastructure work will be done during Phase 1, which will take approximately two years. PSE&G and NJ American Water will be either relocating or replacing their mains so the township is working with them to coordinate this project. Phase 2 and/or 3 will include the replacement of all the concrete, curbs and gutters, driveway aprons, handicapped ramps, relocating the mid-block crossing near the park and then completely reconstructing the entire roadway.

Mr. Jeney asked about the impact of the project on flooding. Mr. D’Armiento explained that anything that is broken will be replaced and modify the slopes so there will not be ponding water in front of properties. The goal is to mitigate any flooding issues that arise.

Mr. Smith asked if we did the project all at once, how long would it take? Mr. D’Armiento answered, probably six months. Mr. D’Armiento and Mr. Bellina stated that the goal is to have this project awarded by July 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bellina explained that they would like to have a town hall meeting in May when residents on Stewart Avenue can view the plans for the improvement project and how it will affect them.

Mr. Lyon asked if the project is broken up, will it have less of an impact to the residents? Mr. D’Armiento responded that the main reason for spreading it out is to allow settlement in the trenches as well as giving the utility companies time to complete their parts of the project.

**ORDINANCE(S) ON FIRST READING**

**Ordinance 2023-05** An Ordinance to Establish Salaries for Various Employees Within the Delran Township Police Department in the Township of Delran, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey and Regulating the Manner of Payment of Same

Mr. Lyon 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 2023-47** Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Affordable Housing Administrative Agent Services
- b. **Resolution 2023-48** Authoring the Cancellation of Taxes of a Totally Disabled Veteran Located at Block 113, Lot 1 Partial Year 2023 and Thereafter

- c. **Resolution 2023-49** Cancelling Grass Cutting Fees for 60 Pancoast Blvd.
- d. Approval of Minutes: August 23, 2022 Work Session, September 13, 2022 Public Meeting
- e. Authorizing the Payment of Bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
- f. A motion granting mercantile licenses to:
  - Marion Landscaping, 23 Hartford Road
  - Delran Food Mart & Smoke Shop, 18 Haines Mill Road

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** – No report

**Ms. Eggers** – Ms. Eggers reported that the American Red Cross thanked council for their continued support of the blood drives.

**Mr. Catrambone** – Mr. Catrambone stated that his father in-law passed away and he asked everyone to keep his family in their prayers.

**Mr. Tabakin** – No report

**Mr. D’Armiento** – Mr. D’Armiento reported that the Route 130 sewer line project is back out to bid. The municipal building painting project is also out to bid. Both will be received on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Mrs. Apeadu** – Mrs. Apeadu congratulated Andrew Marino on his Eagle Scout award.

**Mr. Smith** – Mr. Smith reminded residents to be cautious when driving.

**Mr. Jeney** – Mr. Jeney also congratulated Andrew Marino and listed many of his impressive accomplishments. The mayor and council attended the Eagle Scout ceremony and Mr. Jeney urged parents of young men to encourage them to join a scout troop.

**Mr. Lyon** – Mr. Lyon offered condolences to the mayor, his wife and his wife’s family. He reported that the Eagle Scout ceremony really helped to show Andrew Marino’s character.

**Mr. Burrell** – Mr. Burrell offered condolences to the mayor and his family. He congratulated Walt Bauer, the township’s fire official and emergency management coordinator on his upcoming retirement. Mr. Bauer has provided many years of service to Delran and is always on top of his game. Mr. Burrell thanked him and wished him a happy retirement.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

No Public Comment

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

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers  
Municipal Clerk