

**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**February 3, 2015
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 23, 2014 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

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

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

Mr. Schwartz made a motion seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to approve the minutes for November 25, 2014 and December 2, 2014.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4
Nays: None
Abstained: 1

Motion Approved

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN

ORDINANCE 2015-1

**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 to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. O'Connell. All were in favor, motion approved.

There were no comments.

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell. All were in favor, motion approved.

Ms. Pangia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to adopt the ordinance on second 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

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN

ORDINANCE 2015-2

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN AMENDING CHAPTER 150 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR A THIRD PROPERTY LIEN

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. O'Connell. All were in favor, motion approved.

There were no comments.

Mr. O'Connell made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi. All were in favor, motion approved.

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to adopt the ordinance on second 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 2015-18

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 2014.**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2015-18

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2015-19**

**REFUNDING VARIOUS ROAD OPENING DEPOSITS
FOR JOHNNIE'S PLUMBING**

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to adopt Resolution 2015-19.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2015-20**

**REFUNDING ROAD OPENING DEPOSIT
FOR 18 STEWART AVENUE**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2015-20.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2015-21**

**WAIVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A
RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT AND INDEMNIFYING AND HOLDING
HARMLESS THE BURLINGTON COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE FUND**

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2015-21.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2015-22**

**RELEASING PLANNING AND
ZONING BOARD ESCROWS**

Ms. Pangia made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2015-22.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2015-23**

**RELEASING SEWER BOND FOR
MANHATTAN MANAGEMENT
(HUNTER'S GLEN PHASE 1)**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2015-23.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 2015-24 Approving Raffle License No. 472 & 473 for the Delran Middle and High School PTA

Resolution 2015-25 Approving Raffle License No. 474 for the Knights of Columbus Council #5337

Resolution 2015-26 Approving Sewer Connection Application for Hyperion Tree Service, 27 Hartford Road

Resolution 2015-27 Approving Sewer Connection Application for Davol, Inc., 1829 Underwood Blvd., Suite 1

Ms. Pangia made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt the Resolutions on consent agenda.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

MOTIONS

Mr. Schwartz made a motion authorizing the payment of bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Connell.

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 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, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz 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. Empire Car Sales, 150-18 Carriage Lane
2. Tony's Pizza, 1361 Fairview Blvd., Unit L

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

REPORTS

Ms. Eggers – No report.

Mr. Hatcher – Mr. Hatcher reported that the Public Works Department recycled 1,195 Christmas trees. If anyone has a Christmas tree now they should just put it out with the trash.

Mr. O'Donnell – No report.

Mr. Bauer - Mr. Bauer, Fire Commission, reported that both companies responded to the fire in Mt. Holly on New Year's Eve. Delran supplied water to the fire departments that were fighting the fire. Both companies responded to a fire in Riverside. There was a bedroom fire in Tenby Towne in the middle of the night. The Fire Marshall is investigating that fire. Chester Avenue fire department responded to a house fire in Cinnaminson.

Mr. Bauer stated that recently there was a small article in the paper about volunteer fire departments and whether they should be paid fire departments. The article was concerning Bucks County. The article stated it is hard to keep volunteers due to some people having to work two jobs and not having enough time to volunteer. Mr. Bauer stated the reason he is bring this up is in case our residents read the article and ask questions concerning our volunteer fire department. Mr. Bauer stated that Delran does not have a volunteer problem. Mr. Bauer stated that Delran has an incentive program and volunteers are given a small check at Christmas time which is a small price to pay for spending some nights at the fire house. By having some volunteers spending the night it enables us to get a fire truck out quickly in case of a fire and not everyone has to go out in the middle of the night.

Mr. Bauer reported that the fire department is going for a grant to replace Cory Hullings who is no longer one of our career staff during the day time.

Mr. Bauer reported that the Emergency Squad appreciates the LOSAP program that the Township has seen fit to install and keep in place which is an incentive to volunteer in the Emergency Squad. Mr. Bauer mentioned the passing of Mr. Manning who had a heart attack on an ambulance call and his family appreciated the LOSAP program in helping to pay for his funeral.

Ms. Pangia – Ms. Pangia mentioned the Red Cross blood drive on February 24, 2015.

Ms. Pangia asked Mr. Hatcher to reach out to the crew at Public Works and thank them for doing an excellent job in keeping our roads safe this winter.

Mr. Schwartz – Mr. Schwartz wanted to thank the Chief and Captain who during the rain storms directed the duty crew into Riverside Park to make sure that the storm drains were clear so the water could run off. The people down there have suffered with flooding and every little bit that is done helps.

Mr. Schwartz commented on Mr. Bauer's report about volunteers and although he did not see the article about volunteers but he stated that he has a degree in Fire Protection Services. Mr. Schwartz stated that he feels that Delran's Fire Department and

Emergency Services are the best in the county or even in the state. Mr. Schwartz stated that he listens to his emergency radio on a regular basis and from his experience he knows that the volunteers do not consider it “just a job” but consider it a service. Mr. Schwartz commended the Fire Department and Emergency Squad for all the effort they put into the departments.

Mr. Schwartz stated that in his personal life he looks for ways to personally improve himself and when he was active in fire service the “old timers” would say that they put fires out with sand so why do you need water. Mr. Schwartz stated that looking back is not the answer and thanked Mr. Bauer for what they do to continue to move forward.

Mr. O’Connell – Mr. O’Connell stated that even as a new Council person he realizes the fine service that our Fire Department and Emergency Squad provide and agrees with Councilman Schwartz, “if it isn’t broke don’t fix it”.

Mr. O’Connell stated that his first month has been a whirlwind of meetings and he also attended a few seminars. Everything has been very positive so far. When Mr. O’Connell signed on to run for office he hoped it would be a great experience and after a month he can say that it has been. Mr. O’Connell thanked the residents who offered him the opportunity to serve.

Mrs. Kolodi – No report.

Mr. Catrambone – No report.

Mr. Paris – Mayor Paris stated that the auditing of the department head budgets is complete and the budget will be passed over to Council for their review. Mayor Paris said he is very happy with the department heads. They have kept their budgets in line and most of them are the same as last year and where necessary a slight increase. This is going on the seventh year with the Department Heads cooperation and we have been able to keep the taxes stable.

The Mayor stated he is trying to do a shared service for a new roof that is needed on the Municipal Building and that may help keep the cost down.

The Mayor wants everyone to drive safely with the weather and be safe. Mr. Paris reminded everyone to keep their cars off the street, if possible, so the Public Works can do their job.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

William Tilden - 59 Alden Avenue – Mr. Tilden had some follow-up questions on earlier meetings. He asked if there is any movement on the engineering survey for the flapper valve to try to use more flexible material.

Mr. Hatcher answered there is a quote for the flapper valve and it will be one of the items in the budget discussion.

Mr. Tilden asked if there is any further status on grants for bank stabilization.

Mr. Hatcher a grant was submitted under the NJ Coastal Engineering grant and the engineer reached out to them in late December and again in January and they said they reviewed it and pushed it on to a higher authority. We are still waiting for word on that grant.

Mr. Tilden thanked everyone for answering his questions.

Thomas Morrow – 94 Pancoast Blvd. - Mr. Morrow stated that he drives down River Road frequently and over the past couple of week there were a lot of high tides, storms and full moons and he said it makes him feel good that the work done on Stewart Avenue has made a difference. Mr. Morrow feels if the work was not done, there would have been water coming up on the road.

Mr. Morrow asked Solicitor Doug Long about a resident on Pancoast Boulevard who may be a renter. There is a tree that is dropping many branches on the sidewalk area and Mr. Morrow asked if that something that the Township can reach out to the landlord to clean up. The tree is on the property at 68 Pancoast Blvd.

Mr. Long answered that the property owner should be notified

Richard Grockenberger – 84 Alden Avenue – Mr. Grockenberger stated that they have been lucky this year with the river. During the heavy raid the river was running low. During heavy rain when the river is running high, it still comes up past his house.

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

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

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers
Municipal Clerk