

**SPECIAL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**March 9, 2011
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 on March 2, 2011 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz., Mr. Moran, Mr. Catrambone and Mr. Morrow were present.

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

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mr. Hatcher stated that this budget is \$15,695,000. This increase is 1.2% over the previous year. We are \$849,169 under the spending cap and we are also under the 2% levy cap. The tax increase is 1.5 cents over the previous tax rate of .669 cents. The new tax rate is .684. The average assessment home of \$240,000 will have a \$35 increase. The budget will be placed on the Township website and a summary will be placed in the Burlington County Times. Approximately 80% of the line items in this budget were held flat or reduced. There is also the sewer budget is operating at the same level as last year. There is a \$592,200 deficit due to the reduction of revenues. There will be a sewer rate increase to offset the reduction in revenues. The residential base rate will be \$102.75 and a commercial base rate of \$179.20. The excess usage fee for residential users over 10,000 gallons will be \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons and commercial user over 10,000 gallons will be charged \$7.20 per 1,000 gallons. The sewer budget is \$3,613,235, which is a reduction of \$70,000 over the 2009 budget of the Sewerage Authority. Council will be introducing the new rate ordinance tonight. The public hearing on the budget will take place at 7:15 P.M. on April 26th.

Mr. Catrambone asked when it would be appropriate to post the budget on the website.

Mr. Hatcher stated that it can be posted on the website as soon as possible.

Mr. Moran stated that he is thrilled with the 1.5 cent increase; he was hoping that the increase would be fewer than 2 cents. Even though the Governor did not decrease the amount of aid this year, we may have been able to have no increase if he would have restored some of the aid taken from the Township. He stated that unfortunately the sewer rates needed to be increased. He is proud that we were able to keep the increase to 1.5 cents and was able to maintain services.

Mr. Paris stated that unfortunately we can not control the cost of gas and snow removal which are the items that are increasing in the budget. With the introduction of the sewer rate ordinance, we are going to look at all opportunities to minimize the impact prior to the adoption.

Mr. Morrow stated the Mayor and Administrator did a tremendous job on this budget and he is satisfied with the 1.5 cent increase. Unfortunately, the sewer rates had to be increased but this Council will continue to work hard to control costs.

Mrs. Kolodi stated that this has been a learning curve and she thanked everyone for teaching her. She promised to continue to work hard and keep up the good work.

Mr. Schwartz thanked everyone for their time and helping him understand this process.

Mr. Morrow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Catrambone to introduce the 2011 Municipal Budget.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz., Mr. Moran, Mr. Catrambone and Mr. Morrow voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
ORDINANCE 2011-6**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 150 OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, ENTITLED "FEES," TO ESTABLISH FEES
FOR SANITARY SEWERAGE SERVICE**

Mr. Catrambone made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt the ordinance on first reading.

There being no question, the roll was called.

Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz., Mr. Moran, Mr. Catrambone and Mr. Morrow voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

PUBLIC PORTION

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

There were no public comments.

Mr. Catrambone made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Morrow. All were in favor, the motion was approved.

Mr. Catrambone made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morrow to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers
Municipal Clerk