

**WORK SESSION  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**April 25, 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

**REVIEW OF 2023 BOND ORDINANCES – STATUS OF PROJECT**

Mr. Bellina explained that the ordinances on first reading tonight energize the 2023 capital budget. **2023-06** covers the road work on Stewart Avenue, Red Stone Ridge, Pine Valley Road, Drew Court and Randle Court. **2023-07** is for the underground, sanitary improvements that have to be done to those roads. **2023-08** authorizes the use of the American Rescue Plan Act funds that were provided to us in 2021. This will help to reduce the amount of debt that will have to be incurred for the reconstruction of the previously mentioned roads.

Mr. Bellina reported that, in talking with the bond council, there seems to be a trend where ordinances that have been approved in the last few years, have to be supplemented with additional funding. This is due to the marketplace being erratic.

**2023-10** amends bond ordinance **2018-08**. The original ordinance was approved to upgrade the water system and replace two of the aeration blowers at the sewer plant. The tank placement for the new water system involves getting a water development permit from the NJ DEP due to its close proximity to the creek. It will take some time to design and review but hopefully the project will begin in the next couple of months.

Additionally, the engineers reported that the rise in construction costs in the last five years, contributed to the large increase for the project.

**STEWART AVENUE WORK RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE**

Mr. D'Armiento reported that PSE&G is scheduled to begin gas main replacement on Stewart Avenue on May 8<sup>th</sup> (tentatively) and will be working for approximately two months. NJ American Water will then begin work to relocate their main which is in conflict with storm water improvements for Stewart Avenue. Storm sewer improvements will then begin.

Mr. Bellina stated that Mr. D'Armiento promised to have all roads, with the exception of Stewart Avenue, ready for contract award by June 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. D'Armiento commented that construction will begin after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday for the 2023 road program.

## **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes for the January 10, 2023 Public Meeting.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Abstain: 1

Motion Approved

Mrs. Apeadu made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeney to approve the minutes for the January 24, 2023 Work Session.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Abstain: 1

Motion Approved

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

**Ordinance 2023-06** Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Undertaking of Various Roadway Improvements in and for the Township of Delran; Appropriating the Sum of \$1,207,500 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the Township of Delran, County of Burlington, New Jersey, in the Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$889,105; Making Certain Determinations And Covenants; And Authorizing Certain Related Actions In Connection With the Foregoing

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

**Ordinance 2023-07** Bond Ordinance Authorizing The Completion Of Various Sewer Utility Improvements In And For The Township Of Delran; Appropriating The Sum Of \$850,000 Therefor; Authorizing The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Or Bond Anticipation Notes Of

The Township Of Delran, County Of Burlington, New Jersey, In The Aggregate Principal Amount Not To Exceed \$850,000; Making Certain Determinations And Covenants; And Authorizing Certain Related Actions In Connection With The Foregoing

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

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**Ordinance 2023-08** An Ordinance of The Township of Delran, County of Burlington, New Jersey, Appropriating \$800,000 From American Rescue Plan Act Funds For The Undertaking Of Various Roadway Improvements

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

**Ordinance 2023-09** Bond Ordinance Authorizing The Undertaking Of Various Capital Improvements And The Acquisition Of Capital Equipment In And For The Township Of Delran; Appropriating The Sum Of \$448,000 Therefor; Authorizing The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Or Bond Anticipation Notes Of The Township Of Delran, County Of Burlington, New Jersey, In The Aggregate Principal Amount Not To Exceed \$425,600; Making Certain Determinations And Covenants; And Authorizing Certain Related Actions In Connection With The Foregoing

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 2023-10** Bond Ordinance Authorizing The Supplemental Funding For The Completion Of Sewer Utility System Improvements And Upgrades In And For The Township Of Delran; Appropriating The Sum Of \$1,000,000 Therefor; Authorizing The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Or Bond Anticipation Notes Of The Township Of Delran, County Of Burlington, New Jersey, In The Aggregate Principal Amount Not To Exceed \$1,000,000; Making Certain Determinations And Covenants; And Authorizing Certain Related Actions In Connection With

The Foregoing

Mr. Lyon 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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **Resolution 2023-65** Award Contract Route 130 Sanitary Rehabilitation – Phase I
- b. **Resolution 2023-66** Emergency Temporary Appropriations N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 Extending Temporary Budget through May 9, 2023
- c. **Resolution 2023-67** A Resolution Authorizing the Township of Delran to Execute an Agreement with Burlington County for Cooperative Participation in the Community Development Act of 1974, Fiscal Year 2024-2026
- d. Approval of Minutes:
  - 2-14/23 Public Meeting
  - 2-28-23 Work Session
- e. Authorizing the Payment of Bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
- f. A motion granting mercantile licenses to:
  - R & S Auto Sales, LLC 150 A-29 Carriage Lane

Mr. Smith 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

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Resolution 2023-68** Authorizing Executive Session to discuss the following: Litigation – Duff vs. Delran Township

Mr. Burrell reported that the executive session that was scheduled is no longer necessary

## **RESOLUTION(S)**

**2023-69** Authorization to Execute Settlement & Release of All Claims in Patrick Duff v. Delran Township, Et. Al. BUR-L-002254-22

Mrs. Apeadu made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to adopt the above Resolution.

There being no questions the roll was called.

Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Burrell voted aye. Mr. Jeney abstained. Mr. Lyon voted nay.

Ayes: 3

Nays: 1

Abstain: 1

Motion Approved

Mr. Burrell stated that the decision to settle this suit is purely a cost benefit analysis. While council disputes the merits of the claim, after consulting with the township attorneys, staff and professionals, it was decided that defending this litigation would likely have been costlier to the residents of Delran Township than settling. This decision was not taken lightly.

## **REPORTS**

**Emergency Services** – Jim Bauer stated that the fire department is in the process of taking care of the downed trees at the corner of Haines Mill Road and Conrow Road on property that they own. The work will cost more than \$17,500 so the work had to go out to bid. The large tree on the corner has already been taken care of as an emergency expenditure due to the danger of potentially hazardous, falling branches.

**Mr. Bellina** – Mr. Bellina reported that the NJ DEP has a program called “It Pays to Plug.” This program provides grant money to help municipalities purchase and install level two charging stations on municipal property. PSE&G may provide some funds as well. Towns have the ability to ask for one to eight dollars per hour for anyone that would like to use the EV charging stations.

**Ms. Eggers** – No report

**Mr. Catrambone** – Mr. Catrambone thanked Ms. Eggers and Ms. Larkin for making headway on the minutes.

Mr. Catrambone thanked Michelle Reasso, librarian and Sue Howard, assistant librarian at Millbridge Elementary School for all their hard work on Story Walk. Story Walk opened at Delran Community Park on Sunday, April 23, 2023. Mr. Catrambone also thanked the Delran Education Foundation, the many businesses who sponsored and worked on the project and Delran Public Works who made sure everything was ready for the grand opening.

Mr. Catrambone explained that he, Councilwoman Apeadu and Councilman Jeney will be at the VFW post this Sunday at 1:00 PM to meet informally with any residents that have questions. This is the first of our town hall meetings this year.

**Mr. Tabakin** – No report

**Mr. D’Armiento** – Mr. D’Armiento thanked the police department and public works for their assistance after the tornado hit Delran, Work on Haines Mill Road would not have progressed as quickly without their help.

Mr. D’Armiento also reported that he and Mr. Bellina had a meeting with Burlington County regarding the Creek Road sewer extension. More information will follow in the coming weeks but funding will probably be provided via Burlington County.

PSE&G will be replacing the gas mains on Stewart Avenue, Burge Street, Frederick Avenue and River Drive. Since River Drive has recently been repaved, PSE&G will be repaving again after they complete their work. This will not be done immediately since the project has to settle for a few months before repaving occurs.

Mr. Catrambone asked for an update regarding some issues with the striping on Haines Mill Road. Mr. D’Armiento replied that he spoke with the contractor on Monday and was told that it would be addressed this week. He will follow up.

**Mrs. Apeadu** – Mrs. Apeadu thanked the women responsible for Story Walk. She also stated that she is looking forward to seeing ward 1 residents on Sunday at 1:00 PM at VFW Post #3020

**Mr. Smith** – Mr. Smith thanked the mayor and council and everyone involved in making Story Walk a success.

**Mr. Jeney** – Mr. Jeney stated that the Cinnaminson Library is having a book sale this weekend. Books will be very affordably priced. He also reported that the Green Team is extremely active. Mr. Jeney and Al Carp bought sixteen trees that will be planted in various parks in Delran Township. Anyone interested in helping with the planting can go to [Delran.green@gmail.com](mailto:Delran.green@gmail.com) you can get additional information. Everyone is invited to a free, sapling giveaway on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 10:00 AM at Conrow Park.

**Mr. Lyon** – Mr. Lyon commented on how nice the event at Delran Community Park was. The

park was crowded with everyone enjoying the day. Mr. Lyon wished Jamey Eggers a happy birthday. She is very appreciated. Mr. Lyon also asked for updates on the Creek Road project.

**Mr. Burrell** – No report

**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. Smith 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. Jeney. All were in favor; the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers  
Municipal Clerk