

**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**April 4, 2017
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 11, 2017 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

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

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

Mayor Paris presented the following Proclamation to William Brady.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to approve the minutes for the Work Session meeting on February 14, 2017.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Abstained: 1

Motion Approved

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to approve the minutes for the Special Budget Work Session meeting on February 21, 2017, Work Session meeting on February 28, 2017 and the Public Meeting on March 7, 2017.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
ORDINANCE 2017-03**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 150 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, ENTITLED "FEES" TO ADD THE NEW §150-17 WHICH SHALL REGULATE ADDITIONAL TRASH CONTAINERS AND CHAPTER 299, SECTION 8 ENTITLED "APPROPRIATE CONTAINERS"

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Delran ("Council") entered into an agreement with Republic Services of NJ to provide trash collection services to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the agreement with Republic Services of NJ provides that households receive a 96 gallon wheeled cart trash container for no fee;

WHEREAS, the agreement with Republic Services of NJ provides that households may obtain additional 64 or 96 gallon wheeled cart trash containers for a fee;

WHEREAS, the Council, in an effort to facilitate the ability of its residents to obtain additional carts through the Township, is desirous of amending Chapter 150 and Chapter 299 of the Township Code to specifically provide for residents to obtain an additional trash containers through the Township, as stated herein; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Delran, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that Chapter 150 of the Code of Delran Township shall be amended as follows:

Section 1: Chapter 150 is hereby amended to include the following §150-17 which shall be entitled "Additional Trash Container" and which shall read as follows:

A. General. This ordinance will allow the Township to charge a fee described herein for obtaining additional trash containers after receiving a 96 gallon trash container.

B. Fees. All additional 64 gallon trash containers shall each be subject to a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fee. All additional 96 gallon trash containers shall each be subject to a sixty dollar (\$60.00) fee. Fees shall be paid to the Administrative Department, whose charge it is to regulate the provision of additional trash containers.

Section 2: Chapter 299 is hereby amended to replace the existing language:

A. Appropriate containers shall be obtained by the owner, tenant, lessee or occupant of the premises from the Township. Containers shall be maintained in a clean, safe and good condition. Any container that does not conform to the provisions of this section or that may have ragged or sharp edges or any other defect liable to hamper or injure the person collecting the contents thereof shall not be utilized. The collector shall have authority to refuse collection services for failure to comply herewith.

B. An appropriate container shall be either a 96 gallon trash container or a 64 gallon trash container and shall be obtained from the Township.

C. In no event shall any residential unit be entitled to set out for collection on each collection day a volume to exceed 3 total trash containers.

D. All trash must fit and be in the appropriate containers. No separate plastic bags or containers will be accepted.

Section 3. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to said inconsistencies and conflict.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, part of any section, or clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not effect the remaining provisions of this ordinance. The governing body of the Township of Delran declares that it would have passed the ordinance and each section and subsection thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 5. Effective Date. The ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

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

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Ordinance 2017-03 on second reading.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN ORDINANCE NUMBER 2017-04

**BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING BOND
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2014-15 FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, IN THE
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ON
NOVEMBER 11, 2014 (WHICH PROVIDES FOR VARIOUS
IMPROVEMENTS AND UPGRADES TO THE TOWNSHIP SEWER
UTILITY SYSTEM), TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION THEREIN
BY \$450,000 AND TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZATION OF
BONDS OR NOTES THEREIN BY \$450,000**

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to approve Ordinance 2017-04 on first reading.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
ORDINANCE 2017-05**

**AMENDING CHAPTER 389 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE,
ENTITLED "ANIMALS AND POULTRY"**

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to approve Ordinance 2017-05 on first reading.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Burrell, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye. Mr. Schwartz voted no.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 1

Motion Approved

2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2017-74**

ALLOWING THE BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE

Mr. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2017-74.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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

There were no comments.

Mr. O'Connell made a motion to close the public hearing on 2017 Municipal Budget, seconded by Mr. Schwartz. All were in favor, motion approved.

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2017-75**

ADOPTING THE 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2017-75.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

RESOLUTIONS

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2017-76**

**Supporting the 2017 UDrive, UText, UPay
Distracted Driving Crackdown April 1 - 21, 2017**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to adopt Resolution 2017-76.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2017-77**

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE "MUTUAL RELEASE AGREEMENT" BETWEEN
BERK AND BERK AT HUNTERS GLEN, LLC, LOUIS VEGA, AND THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN**

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2017-77.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Abstained: 1

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2017-78**

**AUTHORIZING 2016 SEWER ADJUSTMENTS
FOR BLOCK 118, LOT 4**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2017-78.
There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2017-79**

**AUTHORIZING 2016 SEWER ADJUSTMENTS FOR
NEW PROPERTY OWNERS**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2017-79.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2017-80**

**APPROVING CHANGE ORDER # 1
FOR THE 2015 ROAD PROGRAM AND APPROVING
PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 3**

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to adopt Resolution 2017-80.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

MOTIONS

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

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to accept the report of the Tax Collector, CFO and the Township Clerk.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

REPORTS

Ms. Eggers – Ms. Eggers reminded everyone that the next Blood Drive is scheduled for May 9th from 1:30 – 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Hatcher – Mr. Hatcher reported that the Township will be holding their annual clean up days on Friday, April 21st from 7 am – 7 pm and Saturday, April 22nd from 7 am – 5 pm.

Mr. Hatcher mentioned that we are now accepting televisions again. They can be dropped off at the municipal building Monday – Friday from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM and the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

Finally, the 2017 Budget has a .003 cent decrease over last year, which result in a reduction \$6.27 for the average homeowner. The total 2017 budget is \$16,818,596.00

Solicitor – No report.

Jim Bauer, Fire Commissioner – Mr. Bauer reported that they would like to use the Municipal Building for training on the new air packs. They would use the building the rest of this week in the evening beginning at 7:30 PM. Council agreed.

Mr. Bauer reported that they provided mutual aid to Cinnaminson twice, Palmyra twice and Willingboro three times all for structural fires. In town, there was a rear building fire on Stevens Drive. The resident was able to knock it down with a garden hose. Crews were in house so they were able to get there rather quickly. Mr. Bauer reported that there was another pedestrian death along Route 130. There were also two major auto accidents one on March 20th where the driver hit a telephone pole and the wires came down on the vehicle. On April 1st, there was an overturned vehicle on Route 130 near Creek Road. Today, there was a kitchen fire at Hunters Glen with minimal damage.

Mr. Schwartz – No report.

Mr. Burrell – Mr. Burrell reported that the Delran Education Foundation held their 2nd Annual Casino Night this past Saturday. It was a successful event and it was great to see the community come out in support.

Mrs. Kolodi – Mrs. Kolodi thanked all the residents for all their hard work in putting together the Chicken Pilot and Council for giving the pilot a chance.

Mr. O'Connell – Mr. O'Connell thanked Mr. Brady for his service to the Township.

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone reported that it was mentioned that this is the sixth year that the tax rate has either remained the same or dropped and he would like to thank the Mayor, Administrator, Department Heads and Council for doing the work necessary to do this.

Mr. Catrambone stated that the Jake's Place fundraiser on April 29th is sold out which is great news. Prudential Fox and Roach made a \$10,000 donation and also Uber made a \$10,000 contribution. Donations were also received from Virtua, Fulton Bank, M&T Bank and also Cake Boss. It should be a fantastic event.

Mr. Catrambone thanked Mr. Brady for his service to the Township and stated that he learned a lot about running a meeting from him.

Mr. Paris – Mr. Paris thanked Mr. Brady, who was the Chairman of the Planning Board when he was elected to Council. He appreciates everything Mr. Brady has done for this community.

Mr. Paris stated that the Easter Egg Hunt will be held this Saturday and 12 PM with the rain date on Sunday. The RAC has done a fantastic job putting this event together.

Mr. Paris stated that this past week he has a meeting with Jake's Place and Simon & Schuster. It was a very successful meeting and we are hoping that they provide a donation as well as hold fundraisers within their facility. He also met with Simon and Schuster along with the Delran High School in regards to the STEM grant they received. We are looking for them to become advocates and they seemed very interested. On May 8th the High School will be holding a STEM Fair from 5:30-7 PM. We will have the new leaf truck on display and the Green Team will also be in attendance. They will also be holding a STEAM camp. Registration is from April 13th – June 2nd.

Mr. Paris stated that he is very proud of the budget again this year. He gives all the credit to the Department Heads who continually work hard to keep the budget stable.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to open the meeting to the public for any questions. All were in favor, the motion was approved.

Debbie VanCuren, 90 Cooper Avenue, discussed with Council the property maintenance concerns at 92 Cooper Avenue. She provided the Township Administrator with photographs. When the Township sends them out a violation they seem to fix the issues and she is not sure where we go from here so the neighbors stop leaving trash in the yard including rakes, lawnmowers and other trash. Mrs. VanCuren also provided pictures of the corner property 4197 Bridgeboro Road that has similar issues.

Mr. Hatcher stated that he will discuss this issue with the Code Enforcement Officer and keep the

property on a regular inspection schedule. If there are violations, he will give them one warning and then the second time we will bring them to court.

Mrs. VanCuren reported that they also out their dog on the leash out front which allows the dog to extend onto the sidewalk and she can't walk her dog past their property. They also do not mow the lawn in the back yard.

Mr. Paris stated that any violation that we can enforce we will.

Lou Hayner, 23 Frech Avenue, stated that he has similar issues at 15 Frech Avenue. There is an abandoned hot tub on the property along with construction debris. They were supposed to have a dumpster out there several weeks ago to clean up the property and nothing has been done.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the property is being rehabilitated. The Construction Code Officer went out to the property yesterday and they indicated that they will have a dumpster out there this week. If they do not, we will issue a violation and they will have to appear in court.

William Tilden, 59 Alden Avenue, thanked Council for keeping the budget on target. He also feels the issues with the new trash containers are working themselves out and he appreciates all the information on the website.

Mr. Tilden asked if we heard anything from the Army Corps on the flooding issues in Riverside Park or if there has been follow up from the Township.

Mr. Hatcher stated that we have no update at this time.

Mr. Tilden thanked Council for the installation of the street sign at the road so he can see what's happening.

Mr. Schwartz asked if he has seen any changes in the flooding on the streets since the Township installed the new valve at Norman Avenue.

Mr. Tilden stated that he feels it is better, especially since the valve was replaced at Stewart Avenue.

Thomas Morrow, 94 Pancoast Blvd, thanked the Mayor, Township Administrator and the Department Heads for their work on the budget this year. Along with Council, they have done great job on the municipal side. Where we really need help is on the school side. One thing that continues to help the municipal side is the new businesses coming into town along with the growth of the current businesses. Being taxpayers, any reduction is better than an increase.

Mr. Morrow stated that as far as the situation along the river the new valve seems to be doing its job. The water down there is getting higher. Many trees along the river bank are gone which is compounding the situation. A lot of the water is coming up through the ground. To fix the problem it will take a ton of money and we will need Federal help.

Silva Gorostiza, 23 Cranberry Lane, thanked Council for the great job they have done.

Chuck Stahl, 184 Natalie Road, stated that on Thursday after the rain he was down by the river and there was about 1/10 mile of the road that was under water. The river did not crest over the bank but from what he could tell the water wasn't draining out. The drain at the corner of River Drive and Alden Avenue had water coming up through the drain.

Mr. Catrambone stated that the valves will not open at high tide because we don't want the river water coming back through the pipe; therefore, the water is also unable to get out.

Mr. Stahl stated that the pump stations that were mentioned at the work session are something that will be needed in the area.

Mr. Catrambone recommended that we stay on top of the valve inspections.

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

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers
Municipal Clerk