

**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**April 5, 2016  
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 12, 2016 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

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

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

Mayor Paris presented a proclamation for National Service Recognition Day

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to approve the minutes for February 9, 2016, February 23, 2016 and March 8, 2016 Public Meeting.

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

**ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING**

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
ORDINANCE 2016-04**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 299, SECTION 11 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN'S MUNICIPAL CODE TO REGULATE THE LEAVES, GRASS, AND OTHER COMPOSTABLE MATERIALS FOR COLLECTION BY THE TOWNSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Delran has recognized that it is necessary to clarify the manner in which yard trimmings that are collected by the Township from Township residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Delran now desires to amend Chapter 299, Section 11 of the Township Code to clarify the manner in which yard trimmings shall be collected by the Township be collected by the Township; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Delran, in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, as follows:

**Section 1.** Chapter 299, Section 11(G) of the Township Code shall be amended and shall read as follows:

G. Tree and shrubbery trimmings.

(1) Loose tree and shrubbery trimmings shall be collected by the Township from April 1 through October 15 of each year. No tree trunks, branches, limbs or shrubbery larger than four inches in diameter shall be collected. All trimmings shall be placed at the curbside in a manner so as not to cause obstruction of the public. No pile of yard trimmings bigger than four (4) Cubic Yards (12' Long x 3' High x 3' Wide) will be picked up. Piles of yard trimmings larger than allowed by this section will be left at the curbside and the residential user shall have ten (10) calendar days to dispose of the pile.

(2) Yard trimmings shall not be collected by the Township unless they meet the following criteria: 1) Uncut and left at full length and stacked with ends facing the same direction; 2) Contain no leaves or vines; 3) Piled in a neat and manageable condition as determined by the Collector; 4) Are equal to or less than four (4) inches in diameter.

(3) Residential users may not put out a pile of yard trimmings for collection for at least twenty-one (21) days from the last yard trimmings collection

(4) Tree and shrubbery branches, rootballs, tree stumps, limbs and trimmings cut by landscape or tree service contractors or other commercial workers, or resulting from land being cleared, or resulting from cut down trees, shall not be collected by the Township. Residential users with proof of address within the Township may bring the above-listed items to the public works yard for disposal during normal business hours and the first and third Saturday of the month, 8:00am to 12:00pm. No rootball or tree stump that is greater than twelve-inches in diameter, 2.5 feet in length, or has a root mass of 20 square feet may be brought to the public works yard.

**Section 2. Repealer.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to said inconsistencies and conflict.

**Section 3. 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 affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance. The Township Council 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 4. Effective Date.** The ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

Mr. O'Connell made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Ms. Pangia. 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.

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

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
ORDINANCE 2016 – 05**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH SALARY RANGES FOR VARIOUS EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND REGULATING THE MANNER OF PAYMENT OF SAME.**

**BE IT ORDIANDED** by the Township Council of the Township of Delran in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that:

**SECTION 1. ANNUAL SALARIES**

A. The following designated Township Officials shall receive salaries set within the range herein for each position as determined by Resolution of the Township Council

<b>POSITIONS</b>	<b>2016 SALARY RANGE</b>	<b>PAY PERIOD</b>
Construction Code Official	\$20,000 - \$30,000	Biweekly
Property Maintenance Trainee/ Zoning Official	\$20 to \$25 per hour	Biweekly
Building Sub-Code HHS Official	\$35 - \$42 per hour	Biweekly

**Section II Repeal** - All ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

**Section III Adoption** - This Ordinance shall take effect twenty days after final adoption and publication according to law. This Ordinance is retroactive respectively to January 1, 2016 where applicable.

Ms. Pangia 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 portion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi. All were in favor, motion approved.

Mr. Schwartz 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 2016-57**

**TRANSFERRING ONLINE TAX PAYMENT TO  
SEWER ACCOUNT FOR BLOCK 97, LOT 28**

Ms. Pangia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to adopt Resolution 2016-57.

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  
RESOLUTION 2016-58**

**RELEASING PLANNING AND ZONING  
BOARD ESCROWS**

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to adopt Resolution 2016-58.

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  
RESOLUTION 2016-59**

**RELEASING PERFORMANCE LETTER OF CREDIT  
FOR PF DELRAN, LLC (PATIENT FIRST)  
FOR SEWER IMPROVEMENTS**

Ms. Pangia made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2016-59.

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  
RESOLUTION 2016-60**

**AUTHORIZING 2015 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT**

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to adopt Resolution 2016-60.

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  
RESOLUTION 2016-61**

**CERTIFYING 2015 RECYCLING TAX**

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to adopt Resolution 2016-61.

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  
RESOLUTION 2016-62**

**APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE 496  
CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2016-62.

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

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2016-63**

**APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE 497 & 498  
BRIDGE PLAYERS THEATRE COMPANY, INC.**

Ms. Pangia made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2016-63.

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

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2016-64**

**APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE 499  
NU NU Chapter – Omega PSI PHI Fraternity, Inc.**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2016-64.

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

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2016-65**

**REFUNDING DUPLICATE TAX PAYMENT  
226 AQUA LANE**

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to adopt Resolution 2016-65.

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

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2016-66**

**AMENDING RESOLUTION 2015-113  
AUTHORIZING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR  
DELRAN COMMUNITY PARK PHASE III  
CONCESSION AND BATHROOM FACILITY**

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2016-66.  
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

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2016-67**

**AUTHORIZING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR  
SITE INVESTIGATION SERVICES 1207 FAIRVIEW STREET  
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$24,100**

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2016-67.  
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

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2016-68**

**REFUNDING CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE FOR  
CONSTRUCTION PERMIT #20150295**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2016-68.  
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

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2016-69**

**RETIRE ABC CLUB LICENSE FOR  
WILLOWBROOK COUNTRY CLUB SOCIAL ORGANIZATION  
ABC LICENSE NO. 0310-31-009-001**

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to adopt Resolution 2016-69.  
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

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2016-70**

**Resolution of the Township of Delran Opposing the Application of Waste Management Submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Agency for a Proposed Landfill to be Located in Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2016-70. 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

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2016-71**

**Resolution of the Township of Delran Opposing the Application of Elcon Recycling Services, LLC, Submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Agency for a Proposed Hazardous Waste Facility to be Located in Falls Township, Pennsylvania**

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to adopt Resolution 2016-71. 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

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2016-72**

**REFUNDING DEPOSIT FOR ROAD OPENING PERMIT 2337  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1290.00 FOR PSE&G**

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2016-72. 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

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2016-73**

**TRANSFERRING ONLINE TAX PAYMENT TO  
SEWER ACCOUNT FOR BLOCK 145, LOT 21**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2016-73. 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

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2016-74**

**AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF HARTFORD ROAD  
ON APRIL 9, 2016 from 9:00 am – 10:00 am**

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2016-74. 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

**MOTIONS**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia confirming the Mayor's appointment of Thomas Mann to the Green Team for a term to expire 12/31/2018.

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 appointing Albert Carp to the Green Team for a term to expire 12/31/2018.

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

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

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

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi 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, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. O'Connell made a motion granting the mercantile licenses listed below. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pangia.

1. Hyperion Tree Service, 27-29 Hartford Road
2. Freedom Auto Sales, 207-6 Carriage Lane

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

## **REPORTS**

**Ms. Eggers** – No report.

**Mr. Hatcher** – Mr. Hatcher reported that the Municipal Public Works Yard will be open the first and third Saturdays from 8 am to Noon for residents to bring leaves, branches, electronics (no monitors or TV's)

Our annual Slam Dunk the Junk will be held at the Public Works Yard on April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. This has been very popular event with our residents. Public Works will accept items at the garage from 7 am to 7 pm on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> and 7 am to 5 pm on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a Clean Community project and paid for from funds received through the Clean Communities grant.

Spring leaf collection will be held from April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. After that leaves must be brought to the Public Works yard.

Finally, security cameras will be installed at Community Park by the end of this month.

**Solicitor, Mr. O'Donnell** – No report.

**Jim Bauer, Fire Commission** – Mr. Bauer reported that the Fire Department has been rather busy with mutual aid. They have responded in both Willingboro and Florence this month. There were also two outside fires in Delran this past month caused by individuals smoking outside and placing the cigarettes in mulch to put them out.

High winds this past Sunday kept the Fire Department busy with downed trees and wires. The Fire Department started at 6 am and finished up at 6:20 pm on Cornell Drive. The light standards in Tenby Chase are becoming a problem as they are getting old and have started to deteriorate. The Fire Department now has a kit that enables them to cut the pole on these light standards. Crews were at Cornell Drive from the morning to evening because it was not high priority for PSE&G.

Mr. Bauer reported on the accident and stabbing on Route 130 and Chester Avenue. The Rescue Crew was out within thirty seconds but there was nothing they could do. Mr. Bauer stated that in his 40+ years of volunteering on the squad, this is one of the first time he saw most of the squad members saying a prayer because no one should die in that manner.

**Ms. Pangia** – Ms. Pangia stated that she was pleased to report that so many members of the community came out for the Easter flower fundraiser that was held at the Chester Avenue Fire Station. The community showed support for the volunteer firefighters and it was appreciated.

Ms. Pangia reported that she attended the Wine don't Whine fund raiser for Jake's Place and it was a fabulous fundraiser. She thanked all who came out to support this endeavor. There will be a painting fundraiser on May 21<sup>st</sup> and tickets are \$40.

Ms. Pangia stated that there are some problems with her Township e-mail and anyone who wants to reach her should use her cell phone or Facebook.

Ms. Pangia asked Township Council to support the Delran Township school resolution on receiving our fair share of the State Funding which the Governor has plans to cut. This would seriously harm both budgets. Ms. Pangia asked to put this on the agenda for the next meeting so we can support the School's Resolution.

**Mr. Schwartz** – Mr. Schwartz stated that he wanted to recognize a few people and businesses in town. Delran has been a leader in special needs sports over the years. The kids not only look forward to their sport but also is an opportunity to socialize with their friends. Mr. Schwartz thanked Mr. Kulinski and Ms. Horton, who runs the Delran Residents Facebook page. There was some confusion that caused the winter program to almost not happen. Being the community that it is, local business stepped in including Breeze Motors and Delran Pharmacy and even a contribution by Brian Boland to the President of Delran Fire Station No. 1, to make the program happen which really benefited the kids. This Saturday is their final session before they transition to baseball. Mr. Schwartz thanked Arlene Fox and Bonnie Orfe for running the program.

**Mr. O'Connell** – Mr. O'Connell stated that in regards to the accident on Route 130, he wanted to thank the Police Department for their quick response in apprehending the suspect. It was a horrific story to read in the paper.

**Ms. Kolodi** – Mrs. Kolodi stated that the opening of Community Park will be held this Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10 o'clock. All of the AA teams will be present. There will be a little ceremony as the VFW was kind enough to move the flag pole from Willow Brook to the Community Park. The VFW will raise the flag and a High School student will sing the Star Spangled Banner and God Bless America. All the kids will parade into the park and then the games will begin about 11 am. Mrs. Kolodi stated that she has heard from many people on how beautiful the park was and were excited that this year it is getting a good "kick off" as last year it was open and used for tournaments but there was no official grand opening. In the afternoon, there will be balloons, magicians, relay races and many things for the children. Weather permitting, it will be a wonderful day for the community. Unfortunately, if it does rain or the weather does not permit this to go on there is no rain date at this point because schedules are set for games.

Mrs. Kolodi stated that she would like to give a quick update on fundraising. We are proceeding and have received donations for score board, bleachers, banners, and one community park bench so far. Mrs. Kolodi stated that they are continuing to work with the businesses as it is an ongoing project.

**Mr. Catrambone** – Mr. Catrambone reminded everyone of the new branch pickup regulations. Branches can no longer be picked up that go from end to end of a property. There are strict regulations on branch pickup and these regulations were distributed with the sewer bills.

Mr. Catrambone reported that next Tuesday will be our budget hearing and there will be an opportunity for public questions. Any questions or concerns will be answered

**Mr. Paris** – Mr. Paris thanked Councilwoman Kolodi who has worked very hard with the Athletic Association in her fundraising efforts for the Community Park. There was a lot of time and effort put into this endeavor by Mrs. Kolodi and also Bob Kennedy. Mr. Paris stated that a lot of businesses have contributed substantially and that shows the true Delran Township spirit.

Mr. Paris thanked the County for approving another grant in the amount of \$180,000 for Community Park to continue with the next phase. Work will start on the concession stand soon.

Mayor Paris stated that we sent out notices to the residents on the roads that are being completed this year. We are doing Cleveland Avenue, Main Street from Front to Third and Fox Chase between Waterford and Beaverbrook.

Mr. Paris stated that the 2016 budget was been introduced and he is proud to say that the municipal surplus of 8 million dollars is probably the highest that he can recall and municipal taxes have been stable since 2011. Mayor Paris stated that the Sewer Budget has a 4.5 million dollar surplus and we have done a lot of major upgrades to the sewer plant.

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Linda Lisiecki, 905 Oak Avenue stated at the last meeting we felt we were making a step forward in regards to 903 Oak Avenue and now it became a few steps backwards. Animal Control came

and took the dog and now the dog is back at the house. They have also adopted a baby pit-bull. There are now four dogs and four cats, at least ten to twelve adults and also four to six children that come daily for day care. Their electric was shut off and for a whole week they lived in the house without electric. Mr. Hatcher had the Health Department deem the house uninhabitable; however, two to three hours later, the electric was turned back on. After coming to Council for eight months, they are still living in hell. Mrs. Lisicki asked where the Township is with the new ordinance.

Mr. Catrambone stated that the new regulation deals with abandoned homes and the issue we are facing is the home is not vacant.

Mrs. Lisicki asked if the property is legally occupied.

Mr. Schwartz stated that under the new ordinance it would be deemed a vacant property.

Mr. Catrambone asked where we are in terms of the dog being back at the property.

Mr. Hatcher reported that the police were out today and they did not answer the door. They are going back tonight as they have to see the dog in order to remove it. In terms of the vacant property ordinance, the Solicitor indicated that the home could qualify as a vacant property. The twenty day estoppel period ran out this past weekend and we are moving forward with the enforcement of the ordinance.

Mrs. Lisicki stated that guarantees they will not answer and she does not understand why nothing can be done.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we cannot just go into the house like the military and have them removed.

Mrs. Lisicki asked what can be done about the four dogs and four cats.

Mr. Hatcher stated that Animal Control has to see the animals unless the neighbors are willing to sign a complaint.

Mr. Catrambone asked if the court has been able to determine that they are not authorized to be there.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the court has not been able to make that determination. PSE&G has indicated that the bill has been in the same name for a significant period of time. The bill was paid and that is why the power was turned back on.

Mrs. Lisicki stated that she was told that Delran is one of the only towns that is not notified when PSE&G discontinues service.

Mr. Hatcher stated he spoke to Mike Coyle, Governmental Relations at PSE&G, and he told him that is not the case, they do not notify towns. Even if they did, there is nothing the town can do to prevent PSE&G from reconnecting service.

Mr. Schwartz stated that it was a matter of when they initiate service, not disconnect. He was told that most towns are notified when service is initiated and Delran is not. If they notified the Township, we could have notified them that it was not a registered rental.

Mr. Hatcher stated that PSE&G indicated the opposite. They only want to provide so much information. Mr. Hatcher stated that the rental registration requirement has nothing to do with PSE&G reconnecting service. This property has never been registered as a rental and the owner has been cited.

Mr. Lisicki stated that something just doesn't seem right. She will not give up on this fight.

Joseph Cancelleri, 400 Greenwood Avenue, Riverside, NJ stated that his concern is they are bringing another animal into their home and they already have a very aggressive pit bull. He stated that he has people come to his house that could not run from the dog. The dog has come into his yard and has come after him in his vehicle. What can we do since these people do not care about anything?

Mr. Catrambone stated that we are working on having the dog removed again.

Mike Lisicki, 905 Oak Avenue asked what the next plan is with the vacant house ordinance.

Mr. O'Donnell answered that he would have to review the ordinance again to determine the next step.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we want to as aggressive as we can.

Mr. Hatcher stated that Mr. Long indicated that once the law is in affect we can take the steps to cite the property as vacant. Once the timeframe runs out, it will come back to Council to determine the next step.

Mr. Schwartz stated that the rental registration puts into motion the inspection for fire safety inspection. Mr. Schwartz stated that Mr. Long needs to look at it from that angle.

Mr. Lisicki stated that he was told by the Fire Department that when new residents come in, the Fire Department can do an inspection to see if it is safe and no one ever did that.

Mr. Bauer stated that they do inspect all rentals when there is a change of tenant to check for smoke detectors and fire extinguishers. They can receive a fine if they do not but that does not constitute a fire hazard.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that it is a process and takes time but they will move forward.

Mr. O'Connell asked Mr. O'Donnell if he could discuss this with Mr. Long and report back to Council at the next meeting. He does not understand why the dog has returned.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that he will discuss this with Mr. Long tomorrow.

Mrs. Kolodi asked if the dog has actually bitten anyone.

Mrs. Lisicki said not to her knowledge. It has knocked someone down and has bite another dog.

Deborah Hammond, 230 Paddock Way stated that we are seeing some action. A house was sold and people are cleaning up their properties. Mrs. Hammond feels that the ordinance is working.

William Tilden, 59 Alden Avenue stated that a few months ago there was a meeting about the flooding situation in Riverside Park with various officials such as Senator Allen, Assemblyman

Troy Singleton, etc. He asked if the Township has received anything back or is there any action at this point.

Mr. Catrambone said Council has budgeted for a feasibility study and have asked for an estimate on the cost of the report.

Mr. Schwartz stated that after the budget is adopted, we will send a letter to the Army Corps for them to consider the study.

Mrs. Lisicki, 905 Oak Avenue, asked if Township finds out who adopted the dog, will they be held responsible for the fine.

Mr. Hatcher stated that it will be handled by the Court and that would be a Judge's decision.

Jeff Lucas, representative for the Stellwag Farm project asked is there a date or a hearing when there will be some kind of action and we can move forward. A lot of information has been provided and they have responded to the information requested. He asked for an update on what is happening.

Mr. Catrambone stated that the Township is waiting for a report back from the Township Planner. He will reach out and get some information

There were no further questions.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. O'Connell. 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