

**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**April 23, 2013
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 28, 2012 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

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

ALSO, PRESENT: Mr. Marmero, Solicitor, Mr. Hatcher, Administrator and Ms. Eggers, Municipal Clerk.

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion seconded by Mr. Morrow to approve the minutes for March 5, 2013, March 12, 2013 and March 26, 2013.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2013-41**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C.5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 thru 7.5 the Township of Delran has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the

Township meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2013 budget year, so

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by (not less than a majority of the full membership) the Township Council of the Township of Delran that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a and b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amount have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:

- a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
- b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
- c. Cash deficit of preceding year
- d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
- e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
- f. Any inclusions of amount required for school purposes

2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at 40A:4-45.3 et seq. are fully met. (Complies with the "CAP: law).

3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.

4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:

- a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate, and corrected stated:
- b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
- c. In itemization, form, arrangement, and content the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.

5, The budget and associated amendments have been introduced, publicly advertised, and adopted in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Mr. Morrow made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt the Resolution 2013-41.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2013-42**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8, as amended by Chapter 259, P.L. 1995 provides that the budget may be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing, a complete copy of the budget has been made available for public inspection in a free library, if any located within our municipality and a county library. If there is no county library located within the municipality, then it must be provided to any county library in the county wherein the municipality is located. Further, the public officer delegated the responsibility for delivery of the copies to said libraries has completed a certification forwarded to the governing body that such deliveries were made and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requesting them; and

WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the budget shall be read by title only.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to adopt the Resolution 2013-42.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

PUBLIC HEARING 2013 BUDGET

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to open the meeting to the public for comments on the 2013 Municipal Budget, seconded by Mr. Morrow. All were in favor, motion approved.

Mr. Gilbert, 75 Stewart Avenue stated that the Governor mentioned that if a Township was going to exceed the cap they need the voter's approval. At the last meeting we adopted an ordinance to increase the cap from 2% to 3.5%.

Mr. Hatcher stated that last month Council adopt the ordinance that allows Council with regards to the spending cap to establish a cap bank. Which gives the Township the ability to bank the difference between the 2% spending cap and the 3.5%. It does not allow for the spending of the funds. With the 2013 Municipal Budget we are well under both the spending and the levy cap.

There were no other questions.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to the close the public hearing on the 2013 Municipal Budget, seconded by Mr. Morrow. All were in favor, motion approved.

ADOPTION OF CY 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION 2013-43 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2013 CY BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Delran, County of Burlington that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purpose stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

a) \$10,649,000 (Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
d) \$325,000.00 Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Trust
Fund Levy

1.	General Revenues	
	Surplus Anticipated	2,700,000.00
	Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	2,082,000.00
	Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	365,000.00
2.	Amount to be raised by taxation for municipal Purposes (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)	10,649,000.00
	Total Revenues	15,796,000.00

Mr. Morrow made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2013-43 adopting the 2013 Municipal Budget.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN ORDINANCE 2013-4

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN AMENDING CHAPTER 150 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO PERMIT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CHARGE A FEE FOR DELIVERY OF WOOD CHIPS TO PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council of Delran Township (the "Township") recognize the benefit of providing wood chips to those Township residents and property owners who desire wood chips; and

WHEREAS, currently Township residents and property owners are permitted to obtain wood chips free of charge when they load them themselves for use at their properties; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to make wood chips available by delivery from the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to implement a fee for delivery of wood chips; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Council of Delran Township as follows:

SECTION 1: §150-14, entitled "Department of Public Works and Public Property" shall be revised to add a subsection (C) which shall read as follows:

C. Wood chips

(1) Wood chips are available for free to Township residents and property owners for pick up from the Department of Public Works.

(2) Wood chips are available for delivery to Township residents and property owners for a fee of \$40.00 per truck load.

(3) The Township reserves the right, at any time, to suspend or limit this service.

(4) The Township reserves the right to establish policies for available days and hours for loading and delivery of wood chips.

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 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 4. 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 Mrs. Kolodi. All were in favor, motion approved.

There were no comments.

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

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

There being no question, the roll was called.

Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
ORDINANCE 2013-5**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2012-9 OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, COUNTY OF
BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Delran, County of Burlington, New Jersey ("Township") (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law, Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law") and other applicable law, as follows:

Section 1. Section 6 of Ordinance 2012-9, duly adopted by the Township Council on August 28, 2012 ("Ordinance"), is hereby amended in its entirety to provide as follows:

Section 6. The amount of the proceeds of the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance which may be used for the payment of interest on such obligations, accounting, engineering, legal fees and other items as provided in Section 20 of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20, shall not exceed the sum of \$45,000."

Section 2. All other parts of the Ordinance not amended hereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. All bonds or bond anticipation notes heretofore issued and now outstanding pursuant to the Ordinance, and any moneys expended or any expenses incurred pursuant to appropriations made by the Ordinance, if any, shall be accounted and deemed to have been issued, expended or incurred pursuant to the Ordinance, as amended by this ordinance.

Section 4. In accordance with the Local Bond Law, this ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

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

There were no comments.

Mr. Morrow made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Ms. Pangia. All were in favor, motion approved.

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

There being no question, the roll was called.

Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
ORDINANCE 2013-6**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2012-10 OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, COUNTY OF
BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Delran, County of Burlington, New Jersey ("Township") (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law, Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law") and other applicable law, as follows:

Section 1. Section 6 of Ordinance 2012-10, duly adopted by the Township Council on August 28, 2012 ("Ordinance"), is hereby amended in its entirety to provide as follows:

Section 6. The amount of the proceeds of the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance which may be used for the payment of interest on such obligations, accounting, engineering, legal fees and other items as provided in Section 20 of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20, shall not exceed the sum of \$65,000."

Section 2. All other parts of the Ordinance not amended hereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. All bonds or bond anticipation notes heretofore issued and now outstanding pursuant to the Ordinance, and any moneys expended or any expenses incurred pursuant to appropriations made by the Ordinance, if any, shall be accounted and deemed to have been issued, expended or incurred pursuant to the Ordinance, as amended by this ordinance.

Section 4. In accordance with the Local Bond Law, this ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi. All were in favor, motion approved.

There were no comments.

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

Mr. Morrow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to adopt the ordinance on second reading.

There being no question, the roll was called.

Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN ORDINANCE 2013-7

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN AMENDING CHAPTER 150 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO ADD A SEASONAL FEE FOR FARMERS MARKET VENDORS

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to approve the ordinance on first reading.

There being no question, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

RESOLUTIONS

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN RESOLUTION 2013-44

WHEREAS, the Inspection Department has received a request for a refund for permit # 20100177.

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has recommended that the permit over charge of \$55.00 be refunded to:

Glenn Vanard

60 Springcress Dr.
Delran, New Jersey 08075

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Delran that Glen Vanard be refunded the permit overcharge fee of \$55.00 and that the Township Clerk file a signed copy of this resolution with the Inspections Department and Township Treasurer.

Ms. Pangia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morrow to adopt Resolution 2013-44.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2013-45**

WHEREAS, the Planning Board requires an escrow to be filed for applications before the board; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board determined that a remaining balance in certain escrows are no longer necessary as the work has been completed, and

WHEREAS, the secretary for the board has confirmed that all outstanding bills have been paid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Board escrow, as stated below, be refunded and a signed copy of the resolution forwarded to be Secretary of the Planning Board.

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>File #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ANABG, LLC Throwbacks Bar & Grill 2929 Route 130 North Delran, NJ 08075	PP2012-01	\$756.38

Mr. Morrow made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2013-45.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 2013-46 Confirming the Mayor's appointment of Walt Bauer as the Emergency Management Coordinator April 23, 2016.

Resolution 2013-47 Approving Raffle License #450 for the American Cancer Society

Resolution 2013-48 Supporting Participation in the Sustainable New Jersey Municipal Certification Program

Mr. Morrow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to adopt the above resolutions.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

MOTIONS

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to sanction the Red Cross Blood Drive to be held at the Municipal Building on May 9, 2013. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kolodi.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Morrow 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.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

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

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Morrow made a motion granting the mercantile licenses listed below. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kolodi.

1. King Global Auto Venture, 207A-14 Carriage Lane
2. Daniel Goncalves-Auto Repair, 8006 Route 130 Unit 9

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

REPORTS

Ms. Eggers – No report.

Mr. Hatcher – Mr. Hatcher reported that we had a pre-construction meeting for Haines Mill Road. Concrete work will begin on Monday or Tuesday and paving the following week.

Mr. Hatcher thanked everyone for their participation in the Clean-up days. When the final recycling and landfill numbers are in, he will report to Council but it is his understanding that it was very successful.

Mr. Hatcher thanked Mayor, Council and Department Heads for their work on the 2013 Municipal Budget.

Mr. Marmero – No report.

Mr. Bauer – Mr. Bauer, Fire Commissioner, stated that on behalf of Walt Bauer, he appreciates the re-appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator.

Mr. Bauer thanked Mr. Schwartz for the pizza he sent to the Chester Avenue Station.

Mr. Bauer reported that we had a few near misses. The incident on Burning Tree, which was called in as a fire on the side of the building, turned out to be trash. We had a close call on Janeway for a malfunctioning heater. They tried to shut the valve off but that did not work and they ended up calling PSE&G out to walk them through what to do.

Mr. Bauer reported that another pedestrian was hit along Route 130. The Fire Department happened to be three cars behind the vehicle involved. Even where an overpass is provided, he has witnessed people not using them. As far as he knows, the individual will be okay.

Mr. Paris stated that we are looking at ways to help make Route 130 a safer corridor.

Mr. Bauer stated that everyone is welcome to attend the Fire District meeting which begins at 8:00 P.M.

Mr. Schwartz – Mr. Schwartz thanked the Mayor for his work on the budget. Delran is a financially healthy town compared to others in our area. Taxes have been stable under the plan set up by the Mayor during his term.

Mr. Schwartz stated that Council took some action at the last meeting to stop organizations from holding coin drives along the intersections in light of the recent tragedies.

Mr. Schwartz thanked the Fire Department for their donation to the VFW to help rebuild. Mr. Schwartz stated that he was invited to an additional fundraiser for the VFW over the weekend.

Mr. Schwartz thanked the local chapter of the National Federation for the Blind for allowing him to speak at their event. He also thanked Mr. Catrambone for being a speaker at the event at the last minute on Saturday morning.

Mr. Morrow – Mr. Morrow stated that this is the fifth budget he worked on along with the Mayor and Mr. Catrambone and it continues to get harder and harder to provide the current services.

Mr. Morrow stated that living near Fairview Street and Route 130 he has brought to Council his concerns over that intersection. Traveling Route 130 to work every day he sees that there are major issues in also Willingboro and Burlington City. At 6:20 A.M. he witnessed someone jumping over the concrete median holding a cup of Wawa coffee. People always want to take the shortest route possible. He asked that everyone be careful while traveling that road.

Mrs. Kolodi – Mrs. Kolodi echoed Mr. Morrow and Mr. Schwartz's comments on the budget. She thanked Mr. Paris, Mr. Hatcher and Ms. Eggers for all the work that they do.

With regards to Route 130, we are pursuing talking to the Principals at the local middle and high school to start the education at that level.

Mrs. Kolodi stated that with Earth Day coming this week she is happy that Delran has approved joining the Sustainable Jersey Program.

Ms. Pangia – Ms. Pangia thanked Mr. Hatcher, Ms. Eggers and staff for their work on all the projects she has brought since coming on board.

There are several events coming up in May. The Kids Expo is on Friday, May 3rd and we currently have twenty-two vendors. The Mobile Mammogram Van will be coming back on May 7th. May 9th will be the Red Cross Blood Drive and there are sign-up sheets here tonight if anyone is interested. The Mental Health Expo is scheduled for Monday, May 20th.

Ms. Pangia thanked Mr. Curzie for bringing the Sustainable Jersey program to Council and she is very happy that we were able to approve the program.

Ms. Pangia stated that we are moving forward with the Farmers' Market which will run the last two weeks in June through the end August. We are looking to have about twelve vendors participate.

Ms. Pangia reported that she had an opportunity to speak at an event for the League of Women's Voters at Cherokee High School.

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone stated that ultimately our number one goal was to stabilize taxes and we were able to keep the impact on taxes at \$23.00 for the average home for the year. We worked very hard on this budget.

Mr. Paris – Mr. Paris reported that we worked very hard on the budget again this year. He thanked Mr. Hatcher and each Department Heads for their work of the

budget. After five years of cutting this budget, there is not much left to cut. He thanked Council for working with him on this budget.

Mr. Paris thanked Walt Bauer for the amount of time he dedicates to this town. During Hurricane Sandy he worked non-stop and he is glad to have him as our Emergency Management Coordinator.

Mr. Paris stated that he was at the event where the Fire Department presented the check to VFW. It was a fantastic effort by the Fire Department and they were able to donate \$8,000 to help the VFW rebuild.

Mr. Paris stated that tomorrow night representatives from Council will be attending the VFW event where they will be recognizing Jeff Hubbs, from the Police Department and Steven Walter from the Emergency Squad for their achievements this year.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Schwartz 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.

Bill Curzie, 118 Haines Mill Road, recommended that the school remind students to not only keep their eyes open but their ears open. He sees many students walking with headphones in their ears.

Louis Hayner, 23 Frech Avenue, discussed with Council his concerns over the abandoned property at 17 Frech Avenue. He has seen groundhogs running through the property and also in the summer there is a constant issue with mosquitos.

Mr. Hatcher stated that we will make sure that we get this property on the grass cutting list. He does not feel that we will be able to do anything about the groundhogs.

Mr. Hayner stated that there is also a pool attached to the property and he does not know what condition it is in.

Mr. Bauer, Fire Commissioner stated that the Fire Department was inside that property about six months ago for a re-sale inspection and he can have the inspector get Mr. Hatcher a copy of the report.

Mr. Morrow stated that with the new website, residents will have the ability to report these kinds of issues to the Township.

Ms. Pangia reported that the County does have a groundhog relocation program that they can sign up for. If he leaves his phone number with her after the meeting and she will get him the information.

Bob Gilbert, 75 Stewart Avenue, thanked the Mayor, Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Catrambone for being present for the check donation for the Fire Department. He thanked the Fire Department for the donation. Mr. Gilbert reported that the ground breaking ceremony will be on May 18th at about 2:00 P.M. About a week after that, they hope to begin construction.

Mr. Paris asked that Mr. Gilbert have the VFW send the information to the Township.

Mr. Gilbert asked if we received anything from the DEP regarding the permit for Stewart Avenue.

Mr. Hatcher stated that we have not received anything yet.

Mr. Catrambone stated that they requested additional information, which they received and we have been told that they are working as quickly as they can.

Mr. Gilbert stated that he does not know why we need a DEP permit to fix an existing structure.

Mr. Paris stated that if we could do the work without a permit we would have moved forward.

Mary Barth, 51 Cornell Drive, stated that her concern is regarding the park on Conrow Road. There is a lot of glass and debris that has collected on the hill and she wanted to make Council aware so Public Works can address the issue.

Mr. Catrambone thanked her for reporting the issue.

Bill Tilden, 59 Alden Avenue, asked what kind of response the Township received from the Army Corps survey they sent out to the residents in Riverside Park.

Mr. Hatcher stated that they have been coming in slowly with only about a quarter of them responding so far with the affected homes only about half. We are going to give them to the end of the month to respond and then we will try and follow up.

Bill Schlosky, 23 Haines Mill Road, stated that two of the fatalities along Route 130 were at intersections and within crosswalks. He stated that you can educate until you are blue in the face but it is a dangerous road. He was happy to hear Mr. Schwartz report that Council will no longer allow organizations to hold coin drives along the jug handles.

Mr. Schlosky stated that even though the tax increase is only twenty dollars it is still going up. He sees neighbors moving out and housing prices are going down. Overall, he gives them credit for stabilizing taxes. Mr. Schlosky stated that in the letter that came from the Tax Office with the supplemental school taxes it states to direct questions to the Board of Education. As a resident, he takes issue with that. He believes that the Tax Department should be able to handle any issues with a tax bill that they are sending.

Mr. Catrambone stated that the intention of the letter was to let the residents know that this bill was strictly for the additional taxes from the referendum that was approved by the voters and there was nothing Council to do to change that.

Richard Grockenberger, 84 Alden Avenue, stated that he has seen some surveying being done at the end of Stewart Avenue and he hopes that means we are finally seeing some movements.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the Engineer was out there with Public Works to get a better look at the pipe in order to report back to the DEP on the additional information they requested.

Mr. Grockenberger discussed the odor coming from Sewer Plant. He reported that there were also trees dying in the area and he hopes they will be replaced.

Mr. Hatcher asked if the odor is worse at any particular time or all the time.

Mr. Grockenberger stated that it seems worse in the evening and on the weekends.

Mal Anderson, Edgewater Park, stated that as most of you know he is very active in Delran. He reminded Council that the time commitment the volunteers put forward in the Fire Department is extraordinary and need more commendation from Township Council. They need encouragement and to be thanked in a more personal way. Many communities surrounding use have gone to paid departments and he feels it is very sad and also very expensive.

Mr. Anderson stated that it seems that the tide in the creek has become elevated over the years. His assessment of that is the river and the creek are silting in and the problems will not be resolved until they are dredged. He asked if Council can combine with other municipalities to try have get some help.

Mr. Paris stated that we have pushed this with everyone at the state level and will continue to look for grants to help. With Hurricane Sandy most of the funding will be helping communities that had severe damage.

Mr. Morrow stated that the Army Corps has notified us that they are not doing any dredging in the area right now.

Mr. Anderson stated that he understands and feels bad for the residents.

Mr. Schwartz stated that even if with had unlimited amount of money there are certain things, like dredging that we cannot do because we do not have jurisdiction. Mr. Schwartz stated that he does agree with Mr. Anderson about the volunteers with the Fire Department.

Mr. Anderson stated that the Historical Society has a few projects on the books. They are actively working on the historical site markings. They continue to try and get more memorabilia.

Bill Curzie, 118 Haines Mill Road, stated that the sustainable community program will help with reaching out to other communities on these issues.

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

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

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers
Municipal Clerk