

**PUBLIC MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**May 9, 2023
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 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. Bellina, Administrator, and Ms. Larkin, Township Deputy Clerk

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

Mr. Jeney presented a proclamation to Petty Officer Third Class Henry Stellwag, United States Navy

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu to approve the minutes for the March 14, 2023 Public Meeting.

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

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeney to approve the minutes for the March 28, 2023 Work Session.

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

MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Resolution 2023-70 Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu to adopt Resolution 2023-70

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

Resolution 2023-71 Allow the Budget to be Read by Title

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeney to adopt Resolution 2023-71

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

Public Hearing on the 2023 Municipal Budget

Mr. Smith made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Jeney. All were in favor, motion approved.

Bill Pfeffer, 43 Chester Avenue – Mr. Pfeffer asked for the total amount the township owes in outstanding bonds and whether it is in excess of a million dollars. Mr. Bellina stated that it is over a million dollars and he can get the exact figure later. Mr. Bellina explained that in the state of NJ, a town is allowed to go into debt at a percentage of 3.5% of its total assessed valuation. Currently Delran Township isn’t even at 1%. Mr. Pfeffer asked the township to stop bonding.

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

Mr. Burrell stated that the budget is something we should all be proud of. There was no tax increase this year, spending is below the state cap on appropriations, below the tax levy and the sewer budget has a no rate increase for the 14th year in a row. This is despite the increased cost in a variety of things across the board. Mr. Burrell thanked Joe Bellina and his administration. Mr. Catrambone stated that we are in the best financial shape that the township has ever been in.

Resolution 2023-72 Adopting the 2023 Municipal Budget

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to adopt Resolution 2023-72

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

Mr. Burrell pointed out that the mayor and council are responsible for 21% of the total tax bill. The rest of the bill goes to the school district, fire district, and the county. Mr. Bellina added that within that 21% is a 12% fund for people who do not pay their taxes since we have to make up for that loss when paying other entities.

ORDINANCE(S) ON SECOND READING

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
ORDINANCE 2023-02**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, BURLINGTON COUNTY,
NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTERS 355 “ZONING” TO AUTHORIZE AND
ENCOURAGE ELECTRIC VEHICLE SERVICE EQUIPMENT AND MAKE
READY PARKING SPACES**

This Ordinance sets forth procedures for the installation of Electric Vehicle Supply/Service Equipment (EVSE) and Make-Ready parking spaces and establishes associated regulations and other standards within the Township of Delran and the County of Burlington.

WHEREAS, supporting the transition to electric vehicles contributes to Delran Township's commitment to sustainability and is in the best interest of public welfare; and

WHEREAS, installation of EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces encourages electric vehicle adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Delran encourages increased installation of EVSE and Make Ready parking spaces; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this ordinance supports the State of New Jersey's goals to reduce air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector as outlined and supported by various programs related to NJ's 2019 Energy Master Plan, Global Warming Response Act (P.L.2007, c.112 (C.26:2C-37 et al.)), and EV Law (P.L. 2019, c. 362); and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2021, c.171, which Governor Murphy signed into law on July 9, 2021, requires EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces be designated as a permitted accessory use in all zoning or use districts and establishes associated installation and parking requirements; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this ordinance will support the Master Plan of the Township of Delran adopted in concurrence with P.L. 1975 c. 291, s. 1 eff. Aug. 1, 1976, and is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Master Plan, which include to encourage the establishment of policies, codes, and standards that promote the use of sustainable development, and to promote energy efficiency and conservation and increased use of renewable energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Delran wishes to encourage greater ownership and use of electric vehicles, thus the Township of Delran is amending the Zoning ordinance to establish standards and regulations for the safe and efficient installation of EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces at appropriate locations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Township Council of the Township of Delran, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey as follows:

FIRST: ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY/SERVICE EQUIPMENT

A. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote and encourage the use of electric vehicles by requiring the safe and efficient installation of EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces through municipal parking regulations and other standards. EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces will support the State's transition to an electric transportation sector, reducing automobile air pollution,

greenhouse gas emissions, and storm water runoff contaminants. The goals are to:

1. Provide adequate and convenient EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces to serve the needs of the traveling public.
2. Provide opportunities for residents to have safe and efficient personal EVSE located at or near their place of residence.
3. Provide the opportunity for non-residential uses to supply EVSE to their customers and employees.
4. Create standard criteria to encourage and promote safe, efficient, and cost-effective electric vehicle charging opportunities in all zones and settings for convenience of service to those that use electric vehicles.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED that Chapter 355 of the Code of the Township of Delran entitled “Zoning”, shall be amended as follows:

Part II General Legislation

Chapter 355 Zoning

Article II Terminology

Section 355-6 Definitions

Electric Vehicle: Any vehicle that is licensed and registered for operation on public and private highways, roads, and streets; and operates either partially or exclusively using an electric motor powered by an externally charged on-board battery.

Electric Vehicle, Charging Level: The amount of voltage provided to charge an electric vehicle varies depending on the type of EVSE as follows:

1. ***Level 1 operates on a fifteen (15) to twenty (20) amp breaker on a one hundred twenty (120) volt AC circuit.***
2. ***Level 2 operates on a forty (40) to one hundred (100) amp breaker on a two hundred eight (208) or two hundred forty (240) volt AC circuit.***
3. ***Direct-current fast charger (DCFC) operates on a sixty (60) amp or higher breaker on a four hundred eighty (480) volt or higher three phase circuit with special grounding equipment. DCFC stations can also be referred to as rapid charging stations that are typically characterized by industrial grade electrical***

outlets that allow for faster recharging of electric vehicles.

Electric Vehicle Supply/Service Equipment or (EVSE): *The equipment, including the cables, cords, conductors, connectors, couplers, enclosures, attachment plugs, power outlets, power electronics, transformer, switchgear, switches and controls, network interfaces, point of sale equipment, and associated apparatus designed and used for the purpose of transferring energy from the electric supply system to a plug-in electric vehicle. "EVSE" may deliver either alternating current or, consistent with fast charging equipment standards, direct current electricity. "EVSE" is synonymous with "electric vehicle charging station."*

Electric Vehicle, Make-Ready Parking Space: *means the pre-wiring of electrical infrastructure at a parking space, or set of parking spaces, to facilitate easy and cost-efficient future installation of Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment or Electric Vehicle Service Equipment, including, but not limited to, Level Two EVSE and direct current fast chargers. Make Ready includes expenses related to service panels, junction boxes, conduit, wiring, and other components necessary to make a particular location able to accommodate Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment or Electric Vehicle Service Equipment on a "plug and play" basis. "Make-Ready" is synonymous with the term "charger ready," as used in P.L.2019, c.362 (C.48:25-1 et al.).*

Electric Vehicle, Private EVSE: *EVSE that has restricted access to specific users (e.g., single and two- family homes, executive parking fleet parking with no access to the general public).*

Electric Vehicle, Publicly-accessible EVSE: *EVSE that is publicly available (e.g., park & ride, public parking lots and garages, on-street parking, shopping center parking, non-reserved parking in multi- family parking lots, etc.).*

Part II General Legislation

Chapter 355 Zoning

Article XIX Supplemental Regulations

A new sub-chapter, §355-99.1 entitled "Electric Vehicle Service Equipment" shall be established.

- A. An application for development submitted solely for the installation of EVSE or Make-Ready parking spaces shall be considered a permitted accessory use and permitted accessory structure in all zoning or use districts and shall not require a variance pursuant to C.40:55D-70.***

- B. *EVSE and Make-Ready Parking Spaces installed pursuant to this Chapter in development applications that are subject to site plan approval are considered a permitted accessory use as described in paragraph A above, and shall not be subject to any setback requirements as found elsewhere in this chapter except as such setbacks apply to all off-street parking areas.***
- C. *All EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces shall be subject to applicable local and/or Department of Community Affairs permit and inspection requirements.***
- D. *The Township Construction Code Official shall enforce all signage and installation requirements described in this ordinance. Failure to meet the requirements in this ordinance shall be subject to the same enforcement and penalty provisions as other violations of Delran Township's zoning regulations.***
- E. *An application for development for the installation of EVSE or Make-Ready spaces at an existing gasoline service station, an existing retail establishment, or any other existing building shall not be subject to site plan or other land use board review, shall not require variance relief pursuant to C.40:55D-1 et seq. or any other law, rule, or regulation, and shall be approved through the issuance of a zoning permit by the administrative officer, provided the application meets the following requirements:***

 - 1) *The proposed installation does not violate bulk requirements applicable to the property or the conditions of the original final approval of the site plan or subsequent approvals for the existing gasoline service station, retail establishment, or other existing building;***
 - 2) *All other conditions of prior approvals for the gasoline service station, the existing retail establishment, or any other existing building continue to be met; and***
 - 3) *The proposed installation complies with the construction codes adopted in or promulgated pursuant to the "State Uniform Construction Code Act," P.L.1975, c.217 (C.52:27D-119 et seq.), any safety standards concerning the installation, and any State rule or regulation concerning electric vehicle charging stations.***
- F. *An application pursuant to Section E above shall be deemed complete if:***

 - a. *The application, including the permit fee in accordance with the fee requirements for electrical fixtures and devices as found in §150-6.A(2), and all necessary documentation, is determined to be complete,***

- b. *A notice of incompleteness is not provided within 20 days after the filing of the application, or*
 - c. *A one-time written correction notice is not issued by the Construction Code Official within 20 days after filing of the application detailing all deficiencies in the application and identifying any additional information explicitly necessary to complete a review of the permit application.*
- G.** *EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces installed at a gasoline service station, an existing retail establishment, or any other existing building shall be subject to applicable local and/or Department of Community Affairs inspection requirements.*
- H.** *A permitting application solely for the installation of electric vehicle supply equipment permitted as an accessory use shall not be subject to review based on off-street parking requirements.*
- I.** *Requirements for New Installation of EVSE and Make-Ready Parking Spaces*
- 1) *As a condition of preliminary site plan approval, for each application involving a multiple dwelling with five or more units of dwelling space, which shall include a multiple dwelling that is held under a condominium or cooperative form of ownership, a mutual housing corporation, or a mixed-use development, the developer or owner, as applicable, shall:*
 - a. *Prepare as Make-Ready parking spaces at least 15 percent of the required off-street parking spaces, and install EVSE in at least one-third of the 15 percent of Make-Ready parking spaces;*
 - b. *Within three years following the date of the issuance of the certificate of occupancy, install EVSE in an additional one-third of the original 15 percent of Make-Ready parking spaces; and*
 - c. *Within six years following the date of the issuance of the certificate of occupancy, install EVSE in the final one-third of the original 15 percent of Make-Ready parking spaces.*
 - d. *Throughout the installation of EVSE in the Make-Ready parking spaces, at least five percent of the electric vehicle supply equipment shall be accessible for people with disabilities.*
 - e. *Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to restrict the ability to install electric vehicle supply equipment or Make-Ready parking spaces at a faster or more expansive rate than as required above.*
 - 2) *As a condition of preliminary site plan approval, each application involving a*

parking lot or garage not covered in sub-section 1) above shall:

- a. Install at least one Make-Ready parking space if there will be 50 or fewer off-street parking spaces.*
- b. Install at least two Make-Ready parking spaces if there will be 51 to 75 off-street parking spaces.*
- c. Install at least three Make-Ready parking spaces if there will be 76 to 100 off-street parking spaces.*
- d. Install at least four Make-Ready parking spaces, at least one of which shall be accessible for people with disabilities, if there will be 101 to 150 off-street parking spaces.*
- e. Install at least four percent of the total parking spaces as Make-Ready parking spaces, at least five percent of which shall be accessible for people with disabilities, if there will be more than 150 off-street parking spaces.*
- f. In lieu of installing Make-Ready parking spaces, a parking lot or garage may install EVSE to satisfy the requirements of this subsection.*
- g. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to restrict the ability to install electric vehicle supply equipment or Make-Ready parking spaces at a faster or more expansive rate than as required above.*
- h. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, a retailer that provides 25 or fewer off- street parking spaces or the developer or owner of a single-family home shall not be required to provide or install any electric vehicle supply equipment or Make-Ready parking spaces.*

J. Minimum Parking Requirements

- 1) All parking spaces with EVSE and Make-Ready equipment shall be included in the calculation of minimum required parking spaces pursuant to Section 355-92.***
- 2) A parking space prepared with EVSE or Make-Ready equipment shall count as at least two parking spaces for the purpose of complying with a minimum parking space requirement. This shall result in a reduction of no more than 10 percent of the total required parking.***
- 3) All parking space calculations for EVSE and Make-Ready equipment shall be rounded up to the next full parking space.***
- 4) Additional installation of EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces above what is required in Section D above may be encouraged, but shall not be required***

in development projects.

K. Reasonable Standards for All New EVSE and Make-Ready Parking Spaces

1) Location and layout of EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces is expected to vary based on the design and use of the primary parking area. It is expected flexibility will be required to provide the most convenient and functional service to users. Standards and criteria should be considered guidelines and flexibility should be allowed when alternatives can better achieve objectives for provision of this service.

2) Installation:

a. Installation of EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces shall meet the electrical sub-code of the Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.16.

b. Each EVSE or Make-Ready parking space that is not accessible for people with disabilities shall be not less than 9 feet wide or 18 feet in length. Exceptions may be made for existing parking spaces or parking spaces that were part of an application that received prior site plan approval.

c. To the extent practical, the location of accessible parking spaces for people with disabilities with EVSE and Make Ready equipment shall comply with the general accessibility requirements of the Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23, and other applicable accessibility standards.

d. Each EVSE or Make-Ready parking space that is accessible for people with disabilities shall comply with the sizing of accessible parking space requirements in the Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23, and other applicable accessibility standards.

3) EVSE Parking:

a. Publicly-accessible EVSE shall be reserved for parking and charging electric vehicles only. Electric vehicles shall be connected to the EVSE. {Note: The use of time limits is optional and shall be determined by the owner.}

b. Electric vehicles may be parked in any parking space designated for parking, subject to the restrictions that would apply to any other vehicle

that would park in that space.

- c. Public Parking. Pursuant to NJSA 40:48-2, publicly-accessible EVSE parking spaces shall be monitored by the municipality's police department and enforced in the same manner as any other parking. It shall be a violation of this Section to park or stand a non-electric vehicle in such a space, or to park an electric vehicle in such a space when it is not connected to the EVSE. Any non-electric vehicle parked or standing in a EVSE parking space or any electric vehicle parked and not connected to the EVSE shall be is subject to fine and/or impoundment of the offending vehicle as described in the general penalty provisions of this Municipal Code. Signage indicating the penalties for violations shall comply with Section 5 below. Any vehicle parked in such a space shall make the appropriate payment for the space and observe the time limit for the underlying parking area, if applicable.*

4) Safety

- a. Each publicly-accessible EVSE shall be located at a parking space that is designated for electric vehicles only and identified by green painted pavement and/or curb markings, a green painted charging pictograph symbol, and appropriate signage pursuant to Section 5 below.*
- b. Where EVSE is installed, adequate site lighting and landscaping shall be provided in accordance with Delran Township's ordinances and regulations.*
- c. Adequate EVSE protection such as concrete-filled steel bollards shall be used for publicly-accessible EVSE. Non-mountable curbing may be used in lieu of bollards if the EVSE is setback a minimum of 24 inches from the face of the curb. Any stand-alone EVSE bollards should be 3 to 4-feet high with concrete footings placed to protect the EVSE from accidental impact and to prevent damage from equipment used for snow removal.*
- d. EVSE outlets and connector devices shall be no less than 36 inches and no higher than 48 inches from the ground or pavement surface where mounted, and shall contain a cord management system as described in e. below. Equipment mounted on pedestals, lighting posts, bollards, or other devices shall be designated and located as to not impede pedestrian travel, create trip hazards on sidewalks, or impede snow removal.*
- e. Each EVSE shall incorporate a cord management system or method to minimize the potential for cable entanglement, user injury, or connector damage. Cords shall be retractable or have a place to hang the connector*

and cord a safe and sufficient distance above the ground or pavement surface. Any cords connecting the charger to a vehicle shall be configured so that they do not cross a driveway, sidewalk, or passenger unloading area.

- f. Where EVSE is provided within a pedestrian circulation area, such as a sidewalk or other accessible route to a building entrance, the EVSE shall be located so as not to interfere with accessibility requirements of the Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23, and other applicable accessibility standards.*
- g. Publicly-accessible EVSEs shall be maintained in all respects, including the functioning of the equipment. A 24-hour on-call contact shall be provided on the equipment for reporting problems with the equipment or access to it. To allow for maintenance and notification, Delran Township shall require the owners/designee of publicly-accessible EVSE to provide information on the EVSE's geographic location, date of installation, equipment type and model, and owner contact information.*

5) Signs

- a. Publicly-accessible EVSE shall have posted regulatory signs, as identified in this section, allowing only charging electric vehicles to park in such spaces. For purposes of this section, "charging" means that an electric vehicle is parked at an EVSE and is connected to the EVSE. If time limits or vehicle removal provisions are to be enforced, regulatory signs including parking restrictions shall be installed immediately adjacent to, and visible from the EVSE. For private EVSE, installation of signs and sign text is at the discretion of the owner.*
- b. All regulatory signs shall comply with visibility, legibility, size, shape, color, and reflectivity requirements contained within the Federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices as published by the Federal Highway Administration.*
- c. Wayfinding or directional signs, if necessary, shall be permitted at appropriate decision points to effectively guide motorists to the EVSE parking space(s). Wayfinding or directional signage shall be placed in a manner that shall not interfere with any parking space, drive lane, or exit and shall comply with b. above.*
- d. In addition to the signage described above, the following information shall be available on the EVSE or posted at or adjacent to all publicly-accessible EVSE parking spaces:*

- e. *Hour of operations and/or time limits if time limits or tow-away provisions are to be enforced by the municipality or owner/designee;*
- f. *Usage fees and parking fees, if applicable; and*
- g. *Contact information (telephone number) for reporting when the equipment is not operating or other problems.*

6) Usage Fees

- a. *For publicly-accessible municipal EVSE: In addition to any parking fees, the fee to use parking spaces within the Township of Delran identified as EVSE spaces shall be \$1.50 for each hour that the electric vehicle is connected to the EVSE, for the first two hours, and \$3.00 for each additional hour that the electric vehicle is connected to the EVSE after the first two hours.*
- b. *This fee may be amended by a resolution adopted by the governing body.*
- c. *Private EVSE: Nothing in this ordinance shall be deemed to preclude a private owner/designee of an EVSE from collecting a fee for the use of the EVSE, in accordance with applicable State and Federal regulations. Fees shall be available on the EVSE or posted at or adjacent to the EVSE parking space.*

SECOND: SEVERABILITY

If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

THIRD: REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCES

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

FOURTH: EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as provided by law.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing proposed Ordinance was introduced and read by title at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Delran.

Mr. Lyon mad a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu. All were in favor, motion approved.

Bill Pfeffer, 43 Chester Avenue – Mr. Pfeffer asked who is paying for the electric vehicle chargers. Mr. Burrell explained that the people who install the stations pay for them which includes the developers of new buildings. The township does not have to pay for the chargers.

Jennifer Reppert, Ms. Reppert asked if there was a way to get the ordinance ahead of time. Mr. Burrell explained that it has been published for at least two months and is available online. Ms. Reppert stated everyone needs to know about the companies the township works with and what connections they have.

Debra Hammond, 230 Paddock Way – Ms. Hammond explained that this ordinance reflects the state-wide requirements that all municipalities must require new, multi-family developments to provide electric vehicle, charging equipment. The ordinance makes it easier for homeowners and businesses to install EV chargers. It went through the planning board already and it's a good thing.

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

Mrs. Apeadu made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeney to adopt Ordinance 2023-02 on second reading.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

ORDINANCE(S) ON FIRST READING

Ordinance 2023-11 Bond Ordinance Authorizing Supplemental Funding for Various Park Improvements in and for the Township of Delran; Appropriating the Sum of \$325,000 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 \$308,750; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyon to adopt Ordinance 2023-11 on second reading.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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 2023-73** Authorizing the Transfer of Ownership of a 2003 10,000lb Eagle Trailer to the Township of Delanco in exchange for a John Deere 444 Front End Loader from the Township of Delanco
- b. **Resolution 2023-74** Resolution Authorizing The Cancellation Of Taxes Of A Totally Disabled Veteran Located At Block 118.05 Lot 18 Partial Tax Year 2023 And Thereafter
- c. **Resolution 2023-75** Authorizing The Cancellation Of Taxes Of A Totally Disabled Veteran Located At Block 116 Lot 23.87 Partial Tax Year 2023 And Thereafter
- d. **Resolution 2023-76** Appointing Joseph Cunningham, Jr. As Emergency Management Coordinator
- e. Authorizing the payment of bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
- f. Accepting the report of the CFO including the March YTD Revenue Report, YTD Budget Report and March Check Register.
- g. Accepting the report of the Tax Collector and Township Clerk
- h. Granting a mercantile license to:
 - Millside Diner & Café, 2929 Route 130 South

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

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

REPORTS

Emergency Services – Chuck McSweeney, Delran Emergency Squad. Mr. McSweeney reported that last month they handled 271 calls and hired three new people and one additional volunteer. The new staff has allowed for a second ambulance from 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM on most days. Monthly education continues for emergency services.

Mr. Bellina – No report

Ms. Larkin – No report

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone reported that Notre Dame Drive is prepped and a paving schedule should be available soon. Mr. Catrambone stated that he participated in the Amico Island clean up sponsored by the county. The event was very well attended with volunteers coming from Burlington Township. High School, Amazon, NFL Films to name a few.

He also delivered a proclamation at the 100th birthday celebration of Florence Kempista, declaring tomorrow, May 10, 2023, Florence Kempista Day. Mr. Catrambone will also be giving a proclamation to James Turcich at a meeting of the fire commissioners this evening. Mr. Turcich has been serving Delran Township for 50 years and we are very proud of his work.

Mr. Tabakin – No report

Mrs. Apeadu – Mrs. Apeadu congratulated Petty Officer Third Class Henry Stellwag and thanked him for his service. She wished all the mothers in Delran a happy Mother's Day. Mrs. Apeadu reported that the first town hall was at VFW Post 3020 on Sunday, April 30th. It was informal and very informative.

She visited with senior citizens today and listened to a presentation on health care. She would like to have speakers continue to educate seniors on important topics such as scamming. Mrs. Apeadu urged residents to attend the Burlington County Senior Expo on June 14, 2023. The event will have a wealth of information for senior citizens.

Mr. Smith – Mr. Smith congratulated Petty Officer Henry Stellwag for his military service and his continued service to Delran. He advised everyone to celebrate the moms in their lives.

Mr. Jeney – Mr. Jeney congratulated Henry Stellwag. He explained that veterans continue to impress us with what they do in our community well after their military service. Mr. Jeney thanked and congratulated Mr. Bellina and his staff for another great budget. Mr. Jeney reported that the town hall was a very impressive gathering and will continue to be held around town.

He also congratulated the Green Team who he feels is one of the most successful groups in town. They have worked to develop the EV ordinance and have planted 17 large trees around Delran over the last two weeks. Mr. Jeney thanked the police department and everyone else who volunteered to dig holes. He reported that the Green Team also gave out 200 saplings at the intermediate school. Mr. Jeney also stated that he was very pleased to attend a retirement dinner that recognized four fire and two police personnel.

Mr. Lyon – Mr. Lyon congratulated Mr. Stellwag for his service to his country and community. He wished everyone a happy Mother’s Day and he is looking forward to becoming a first-time grandfather shortly. Mr. Lyon thanked Mr. Bellina, the mayor and the department heads for their work on the budget. He also thanked the Green Team for their efforts with the EV ordinance, the tree giveaway, Arbor Day and everything else they do in the community.

Mr. Burrell – Mr. Burrell congratulated Petty Officer Third Class Henry Stellwag for his service. He also congratulated Joey Cunningham for his appointment as the emergency management coordinator. He is a true asset to the community. Mr. Burrell wished all mothers a happy Mother’s Day.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu to open the meeting to the public All were in favor; the motion was approved.

Mary Janus, Delran – Ms. Janus stated that she heard Delran Township edited a video so that it didn’t show the passage of a resolution settling litigations brought forth by a free speech advocate. Mr. Burrell responded that wasn’t the case. Everything is a part of public record and the meeting streams live to YouTube. The resolution was published the Friday before the meeting and a statement was made at the meeting. Mr. Burrell stated that he will check the video after the meeting just to make sure that there wasn’t a technological issue.

Debbie Hammond – Ms. Hammond advised that the Delran School District STEM Fair will be on Monday, May 15, 2023 from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM. There will be an electric vehicle showcase where people can talk to the owners of the cars.

Bill Pfeffer – Mr. Pfeffer commended Mr. Bellina for preparing an excellent budget which is not an easy task. Mr. Pfeffer questioned the money spent on the parking lot and drainage at the Delran Community Park. He asked if the township council hired a professional excavating company to take care of the problem. Mr. Burrell explained that the engineers were involved in the project.

Mr. Pfeffer stated that \$400,000 has been approved for open space, recreation, farmland and historic trust fund. He asked what farmland or historic buildings we have in Delran. Mr. Bellina explained that this is the open space tax which can be used to purchase property and stop development. Nothing is currently scheduled to be purchased with this money.

Mr. Pfeffer asked for an explanation on the Stewart Avenue reconstruction. Mr. Burrell stated that Stewart Avenue will be getting new gas and water pipes and then a complete repaving of the roadway.

Mr. Pfeffer asked for the status of the Abrasive Alloys location. Mr. Burrell explained that the state has given the township some money for clean-up and a developer is helping us rehabilitate the contaminated area. Mr. Bellina stated that it will take some time. Mr. Pfeffer commented that part of it is in a flood plain. Mr. Burrell commented that a portion is along the water and is not able to be developed.

Lois Jewell, Bentwood Drive – Ms. Jewell asked how the decision is made to pave certain streets stating that Bentwood needs to be repaired. Mr. Burrell explained that the engineer's office and the public works superintendent drive around the township and make recommendations. Mr. Bellina stated that after Labor Day, the township will have a better idea as to what roads will be paved the following year. Mr. Catrambone and Mr. Bellina will make sure that Bentwood Drive is inspected tomorrow and will provide a durable, temporary patch. Ms. Jewell asked if Tenby Chase Drive is going to be paved near Route 130. Ms. Jewell was advised that the state is doing some work in that area. Council will follow up.

Al Carp, Oneda Avenue – Mr. Carp thanked public works for their help with the trees and cleaning up the Conrow Road area after the tornado.

Pam Geary – Ms. Geary asked about a commercial building on Suburban Blvd that is asking for rezoning. Mr. Burrell advised residents to go to the zoning board meetings where this would be discussed. He explained that everyone who owns property within a 200-foot radius of the location will receive a letter prior to the zoning board meeting. Ms. Geary stated that people think it might be a marijuana establishment. Mr. Burrell and Mr. Catrambone advised that it is not one of the approved locations for a marijuana business. Mr. Burrell further explained that council cannot comment on zoning board matters.

Ms. Geary asked about money being taken out of the rainy-day fund in the past so that there was no tax increase. Mr. Burrell explained that what she is referring to is fund balance which is used for cash flow management. A brief discussion followed about how the process works.

Ms. Geary asked how many children are living at Chester Woods Apartments. She explained that the intermediate school can't use their gym because it's being used as classrooms. Mr. Burrell explained that the township is trying to encourage 55 and older developments to decrease the number of children in the school system. Mr. Burrell advised Ms. Geary to contact the Delran Board of Education with any questions or concerns.

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith 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. Smith. All were in favor; the

meeting was adjourned.

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers
Municipal Clerk