

**WORK SESSION
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**May 24, 2016
DELRAN, NJ**

Sunshine Statement: Be advised that proper notice has been given by the Township Council in accordance with the sunshine law in the following manner. Notice advertised in the Burlington County Times and Camden Courier Post on January 12, 2016 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

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

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

SEWER ADJUSTMENTS

Mr. Hatcher stated that the following commercial properties need to be adjusted due to NJAW reporting zero usage.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>ADJUSTED GALLONS</u>
Canal's	5020 Route 130 N.	27,000
Red Balloon	St. Mihel Drive	41,000
Edible Arrangements	4004 Route 130 North	28,000
Kiddie Academy	2908A Route 130 North	85,000
Bridgeboro Square	80-88 Hartford Road	157,000 plus addition of 5 th unit
The Meadows	4027 Route 130 South	56,000
Serv. Properties & Management	108 S. Bridgeboro Street	Addition of 2 nd unit

Mr. Hatcher stated that if Council agrees, we will draft a Resolution for the public meeting. Council agreed.

SEWER – NEW OWNERS

Mr. Hatcher stated that the following properties have new owners and based on the regulations, the sewer bill will be adjusted to the minimum. They are:

Block 32, Lot 11 – 332 Ithaca Avenue

Block 118.01, Lot 6 – 1 Liberty Trail

SEWER CLAIMS

338 Huntington Drive – Mr. Hatcher stated that the resident indicated that their child left the water running in the bathroom for a month before they realized. They are asking for an adjustment in the usage for that month down to 7,000 gallons. That is a 4,000 adjustment. Council agreed and will place a resolution on the public meeting agenda.

Block 87, Lot 17 – Mr. Hatcher stated that this resident is contesting their 2015 sewer bill which is a year late; however, they were billed for 100,000 and we have no idea where that number came from. Based on the NJAW reading, their usage was 22,000 during the billing period. We will ask them to consider either a credit against the 2016 sewer billing or a refund. Council agreed to make the adjustment and will place a resolution on the public meeting agenda

VACANT & ABANDONED PROPERTY SERVICES RFP

Mr. Long stated that this is a very new process so he tried not to make the RFP very specific in order to let the bidders show the services they can provide.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he would like to make sure we ask them to provide references.

Mr. Hatcher stated that he was working off a list of approximately 100 homes and the Zoning Officer is working on them slowly.

Mrs. Kolodi asked if there is an out in the contract in case it does not work.

Mr. Long stated that will be written into the contract.

Council had no other changes.

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion to authorize the advertisement, seconded by Ms. Pangia. All were in favor, motion approved.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND THE DELRAN AA REGARDING FUNDRAISING

Council discussed the agreement regarding fundraising for Delran Community Park.

Mr. Long stated that as per the agreement, all donations collected by the Delran AA must be turned over to the Township within three days with specific detail as spelled out in the agreement. He would like to make a few minor changes to the agreement before we approve it at the public meeting. Council agreed.

JUNE PUBLIC MEETING DATE

Council discussed changing the date of the June 7th public meeting due to the Primary Election. Council agreed to move the meeting to June 14th in place of the work session. There will only be one work session in June, unless there is a need to add an extra meeting.

REPORT ON JAKE'S FUNDRAISING

Ms. Pangia updated Council on the status of the Jake's Place Fundraising. At the end of 2015, they had \$124,000 in fundraising for Jake's Place Delran. They also had a few big fundraisers this year and have other events coming up this year. They have also talked to the County about a possible grant.

Mr. Catrambone asked what our goal is for the project.

Ms. Pangia stated that the total project is approximately \$600,000. We have an obligation of approximately \$130,000. She anticipates there will be another two years of fundraising.

Mr. Catrambone asked that Ms. Pangia get provide a summary on where we are and what is needed.

TENBY CHASE SWIM CLUB TRI-COUNTY MEET

Mr. Catrambone stated that we have an update on the parking. He has notified the swim club that the area between Parry and Cinnaminson Park is property of PSE&G and the Township has no jurisdiction to permit parking. The only area we need to discuss is the area between Forge and Parry Road. He asked them to come up with a plan to protect the area they are referring to as tent city, where the teams will be set up. We discussed placing a line of cars around the area.

Mrs. Kolodi stated they look at the large drums filled with water.

Mr. Catrambone stated that after the last work session, it appeared Council was in agreement to make Forge Road one-way. They will also be using the Police Department and the Emergency Squad. They believe there could be up to 700 cars there at one time. If we allow them to use the same area we provide for the County Swim Meet, they feel they can meet most of that and will look at other areas if PSE&G does not permit the use to their property.

After discussion, Council agreed to allow them to use the Township field for parking.

REPORTS

Chief Parente – No report.

Jeff Williams, Sewer Director of Operations – No report.

Ms. Eggers – No report.

Mr. Hatcher – Mr. Hatcher reported that the issues regarding award of the towing contract have been resolved and the contract should be awarded at the public meeting. Council agreed.

Mr. Long – No report.

Mr. O'Connell – No report.

Ms. Pangia – Ms. Pangia asked Mr. Long what steps Council could or would do to take to launch an investigation into the abuse of power allegations against the Mayor.

Mr. Long asked what those allegations were.

Ms. Pangia stated that the Mayor contacted the Police Department to have a Facebook post removed. The officer then reached out to the resident.

Mr. Long stated that the Mayor is a citizen just like everyone else and if he wants to file a complaint he can. Council would need to determine whether to pursue an investigation. They would need to hire an outside council to handle this investigation.

Ms. Pangia stated that she feels this is something Council should take seriously.

Mr. Long stated that in his opinion, the Township will spend a lot of taxpayer money investigating this issue which he feels is a personal matter.

Ms. Pangia stated that requests have been made to the Prosecutor's Office and the Attorney General's Office to investigate this and she feels we should reach out to them and see if we can participate or help them in any way.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he is not sure what Council could contribute. He was not present during any conversation between the Mayor and the Police Department, nor was any other Council members.

Chief Parente stated that in light of the possibility that this could be sent to the Prosecutor's Office, he is not sure that we should discuss the issue at this point.

Mr. Long stated that he feels the Township would be better off letting the Prosecutor's Office handle this issue. We would save a lot of time and money.

Mrs. Kolodi stated that she spoke with the resident and she did change a portion of the post because she found out that it was not accurate.

Mr. Catrambone stated that there are a lot of assumptions going around. He was not there and does not know why the Police Officer reached out to the resident but it is a leap to say that it was on the Mayor's order.

Ms. Pangia stated that is why she feels there needs to be an investigation. Ms. Pangia stated that it also appears that the Mayor has retained an Attorney and she would like to know if the Township is paying for those services.

Mr. Long stated that only Council would know.

Mr. Catrambone stated that the Township is not paying for any Attorney fees.

Ms. Kolodi stated that it upsets her to see this stuff on Facebook. We have to be better than this. All decisions are decided on at this table.

Mr. O'Connell stated that he agrees. He used Facebook as a way to introduce himself to the residents after he was elected. He quickly learned that no matter what, there is a group of people that cannot find anything good to say. He is familiar with the post and the article in the Burlington County Times. Mr. O'Connell stated that he feels the Township should wait to see if the Prosecutor's Office or the Attorney General's Office feel there is any merit to the allegations before we decide to use Township money to investigate.

Mr. Catrambone, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. O'Connell indicated that they would like to wait on the decision of the Prosecutor's Office.

Ms. Pangia asked that Council consider placing this on a future agenda for further discussion.

Mr. Long asked the Chief if the Mayor order him or one of the officers to contact the resident in question.

Chief Parente stated that according to Sgt. Mitchell, the Mayor did not ask him to contact the resident. He took it upon himself to try and mediate the situation.

Mrs. Kolodi – No report.

Mr. Catrambone – No report.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Mal Anderson, President of the Delran Historical Society, stated that they talked some time ago about a few things that he wanted to update Council on, first being the time capsule. After the last discussion, it appeared Council was in agreement to re-bury the time capsule around Delran Day.

Mr. Catrambone stated that is correct.

Mr. Anderson reported that the historical signs have been ordered and he thanked Council for their support.

Mr. Anderson stated that he is the past President of the Bridgeboro Fire Department and back in 2006 he asked about the possibility of getting Cleveland Avenue repaved. Mr. Anderson asked if there has been any coordination with the Fire District to try and get the back parking lot paved.

Mr. Catrambone stated that Cleveland Avenue will be completed in the fall of 2016. In terms of the parking lot, Mr. Winckowski was working with the Fire Department to look into the options.

Mr. Anderson stated that the Historical Society has two fundraisers. First they are hosting a hoagie sale from May 1st through July 31st and also a bus trip to Washington D.C. on September 17th.

Mike Lisicki, 905 Oak Avenue asked if the RFP for Vacant & Abandoned Property Services includes the property next to them.

Mr. Long stated that hopefully that issue is settled before then.

Linda Lisicki discussed an issue that happened over the weekend at the property. Friday afternoon, the son of the homeowner decided to knock on the door and there was an altercation.

Mr. Long stated that the Township has authorized an appraisal on 903 Oak Avenue and a bona fide offer will be made. The process is moving as quickly as possible.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jamey Eggers, Township Clerk