

**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 4, 2024 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. Grace, Solicitor, Mr. Bellina, Administrator, and Ms. Eggers, Township Clerk

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **Resolution 2024-111** Approval to Submit an additional Award Extension Request for LA-2022 SST Delran Township FY-2022 Route 130 & Chester Avenue Pedestrian Safety Improvements 03 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation
- b. **Resolution 2024-112** Approval to Submit an Additional Award Extension Request for LA-2022 Bike Delran Township FY-2022 Delran Community Park Bike Path Improvement 03 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation
- c. **Resolution 2024-113** Providing for Appointment of Hearing Officer
- d. **Resolution 2024-114** Authorizing 2024 Sewer Adjustments
- e. **Resolution 2024-115** Approval to submit a grant application on and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Improvements to Pancoast Boulevard
- f. **Resolution 2024-116** Authorizing the Purchase of Alcotest 9510 System Through State Contract
- g. **Resolution 2024-117** Authorizing the Release of Performance Guarantee for STO LAT/ N.J. Homes Office - Block 120 Lot 14.05
- h. **Resolution 2024-118** Authorizing 2024-2025 Liquor License Renewals
- i. **Resolution 2024-119** Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes of a Totally Disabled Veteran Located at Block 26 Lot 5 Partial Tax Year 2024 and Thereafter

- j. Resolution 2024-120** Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes of a Totally Disabled Veteran Located at Block 22 Lot 1 Tax Year 2024 And Thereafter
- k. Resolution 2024-121** Authorizing 2023-2024 Liquor License Renewals
- l.** Authorizing the payment of bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
- m.** Accepting the report of the CFO including the May 2024 YTD Revenue Report, YTD Budget Report and May Check Register.
- n.** Accepting the report of the Tax Collector and Township Clerk

Mrs. Apeadu made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeney 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** – No report

**Boards/Committees** – No report

**Mr. Bellina** – No report

**Ms. Eggers** – No report

**Mr. Grace** – No report

**Mrs. Apeadu** – No report

**Mr. Smith** – Mr. Smith reminded residents that Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> is the last day for township schools before the summer break. He cautioned motorists to exercise caution while driving.

**Mr. Jeney** – Mr. Jeney reported that he will be meeting with Sean Huryn from VFW Post 3020 to discuss how the township and VFW can complement each other in the coming year in addition to

recognizing veterans at township meetings.

**Mr. Lyon** – Mr. Lyon congratulated the high school graduates and wished them well in the future.

**Mr. Burrell** – Mr. Burrell reported that planning for Delran Township’s National Night Out is in full swing. He also mentioned that the townwide yard sale will be on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Residents can register online for free for this very popular event.

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

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

William Spych, 518 Brown Street referenced Resolution 2024-113 asking why a hearing officer is needed and whether they are compensated. Mr. Bellina explained that they are required for a personnel issue. Mr. Burrell noted that the hearing officer is compensated for their time, and they are required under the civil service law.

Mr. Spych also asked about sewer adjustments. Mr. Burrell explained that sometimes a resident may have a temporary issue that causes an increase in their sewer bill. The issue is investigated and if the township deems it to be valid, an adjustment is made to the resident’s rate.

Mr. Spych questioned Resolution 2024-116 authorizing the purchase of the Alcotest 9510 System through a state contract. Mr. Bellina explained that this is a DUI testing system used by the police during some traffic stops.

Mr. Spych asked about Resolution 2024-117 authorizing the release of performance guarantee for STO LAT/NJ. Ms. Eggers explained that they are a new business that just finished building an office near Dooney’s Pub. Since the office is now complete, their performance bond has been released and they are being put on maintenance for two years. This is standard practice.

Mr. Spych asked for a definition of the cooperative purchasing agreement. Mr. Bellina explained that it is the payment of bills and the process that allows the township to make purchases. Mr. Jeney noted that it is a way for townships to buy products from state and county approved businesses without going out to bid.

Mr. Spych asked for the name of the township CFO. Ms. Eggers stated that it was Kareemah Press.

Samantha Hutchins, 800 South Chester Avenue – asked for the budget amount for Delran Night Out. Mr. Burrell stated that the breakdown for the event will be available and the total budget for the Recreation Advisory Committee is approximately \$80,000.

Ms. Hutchins asked for clarification on sewer adjustments. Mr. Burrell explained the process.

Ms. Hutchins reported that she has been having an issue with her sewer line backing up into her home. She mentioned that there is a moratorium on Chester Avenue that prohibits the road being opened so the problem can be fixed. Mr. Burrell explained that there are exceptions that can be made for necessary repairs.

Pam Geary, 9 Aster Court – Ms. Geary asked whether residents ever find out the particulars when there is an incident involving a township employee and a hearing officer. Mr. Bellina explained that the township keeps the matter confidential. After consulting with Mr. Lyon, Mr. Burrell explained once the hearing officer makes a decision and the Civil Service Commission agrees with it, the decision would become a public record. She questioned whether the matter would be made public if it involved an elected official. Mr. Burrell responded that the public would be informed of any wrongdoing in that case.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** At this time, Mr. Burrell asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-122 authorizing the executive session.

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2024-122**

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:  
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS – EXTENSION OF CONTRACT DELRAN  
EMERGENCY SQUAD**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 10-4.6 et seq. (Open Public Meeting Act) provides for the exclusion of the public from public meeting for certain reasons; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to close the work session meeting of June 11, 2024 for the following reasons:

1. Contract Negotiations – Extension of Contract Delran Emergency Squad

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the meeting is closed for the reasons above in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyon to adopt Resolution 2024-122. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

Mr. Lyon made a motion to end the closed session and reopen the meeting to the public. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeney. All were in favor, motion approved.

Mr. Lyon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu. All were in favor; the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers  
Municipal Clerk