

**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**June 12, 2018
DELRAN, NJ**

CALL TO ORDER

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

SUNSHINE STATEMENT: Be advised the Township Council has given notice in accordance with the sunshine law in the following manner. Notice published in the Burlington County Times and Camden Courier Post on January 16, 2018 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to approve the minutes for the April 10, 2018 Work Session and Closed Session Meeting.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Burrell, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye. Mr. Schwartz abstained.

Ayes: 4
Nays: None
Abstained: 1

Motion Approved

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to approve the minutes for the April 24, 2018 Work Session and Closed Session.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Burrell, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye. Mr. Schwartz abstained.

Ayes: 4
Nays: None
Abstained: 1

Motion Approved

Mr. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to approve the minutes for the May 1, 2018 Public Meeting.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Burrell, Mrs. Kolodi Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye. Mr. Schwartz abstained.

Ayes: 4
Nays: None

Abstained: 1

Motion Approved

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
ORDINANCE 2018-04**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN AMENDING CHAPTER 150 OF THE
TOWNSHIP CODE CONCERNING SEWER RATES**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Delran (“Township”) have previously dissolved the Delran Sewerage Authority and have previously created the Delran Sewer Department; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council understand the necessity to establish by ordinance, fees for sanitary sewerage service; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council find that an amendment to § 150-16 Sanitary Sewerage Service of the Township Code concerning metered services is necessary to clarify the language appearing therein;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Delran, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that Chapter 150 of the Code of Delran Township shall be amended as follows:

Section 1: §150-16 entitled “Sanitary Sewerage Service” is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

§150-15(A). METERED SERVICES – MINIMUM FEES

Service charges for all ratepayers served by a public water utility are based on water usage as measured by the ratepayer’s water meter. The annual charge to ratepayers with metered water service is based on the ratepayer’s water meter readings inclusive of, but not necessarily limited to, nor necessarily containing the entirety of, the months of January, February, and March of the previous calendar year, or as such information is otherwise provided by the vendor. The water usage experience of these three (3) months is attributed to all four (4) quarters of the billing year resulting in four (4) quarterly charges. Ratepayers with metered water service will be charged a minimum quarterly fee which will apply to all levels of water usage up to 10,000 gallons per quarter. For every additional 1,000 gallons or any part thereof, excess consumption fees will be charged.

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 Mr. Burrell. All were in favor, motion approved.

There were no comments.

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

Mr. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. O’Connell to adopt Ordinance 2018-04 on second reading.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Burrell, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. O’Connell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
ORDINANCE 2018-05**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN AMENDING CHAPTER 150
OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO ADD A FEE FOR FOOD
VENDORS ATTENDING TOWNSHIP SPONSORED EVENTS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council of Delran Township (the “Township”) recognizes the need to charge a fee for food vendors to attend Township sponsored events; and

WHEREAS, in order collect a fee from food vendors, the Mayor and Township Council recognize the need to amend the Township’s Fee Ordinance

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

SECTION 1: §150-3 entitled “Township Clerk” shall be amended to now add a line item which will read as follows:

Type of Service, License, or Permit	Fee
Food vendor fee for Township sponsored events	\$100 per event

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. Burrell 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 Mr. Schwartz. All were in favor, motion approved.

Mr. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Ordinance 2018-05 on second reading.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Burrell, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
ORDINANCE 2018-06**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2018 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$613,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$583,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to adopt Ordinance 2018-06 on first reading.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Burrell, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

RESOLUTIONS

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2018-105**

**REFUNDING DEPOSIT FOR ROAD OPENING PERMIT 2488
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1760.00 FOR 67 ALDEN AVENUE**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to adopt Resolution 2018-105.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Burrell, Mr. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2018-106**

**AUTHORIZING VARIOUS 2018 SEWER ADJUSTMENTS
FOR VARIOUS PROPERTIES**

Mr. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to adopt Resolution 2018-106.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Burrell, Mr. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2018-107**

**AUTHORIZING SEWER CREDIT FOR
BLOCK 116.01, LOT 5 DUE TO DUPLICATE BILLING**

Mr. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to adopt Resolution 2018-107.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Burrell, Mr. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2018-108**

**APPROVING TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION
BLOCK 120.01, LOT 9**

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to adopt Resolution 2018-108.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Burrell, Mr. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2018-109**

**REFUNDING CONSTRUCTION PERMIT 20170470
TO SOLARCITY CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$184.00**

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to adopt Resolution 2018-109.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Burrell, Mr. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2018-110**

**REFUNDING CONSTRUCTION PERMIT 20170055
TO SOLARCITY CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$228.00**

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to adopt Resolution 2018-110

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Burrell, Mr. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2018-111**

**REFUNDING CONSTRUCTION PERMIT 20180553
TO SUNRUN, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$366.00**

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to adopt Resolution 2018-111.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Burrell, Mr. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2018-112**

AUTHORIZING 2018-2019 LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to adopt Resolution 2018-112.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Burrell, Mr. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2018-113**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR "ANNUAL
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM" TO MAC-ROSE
CONTRACTORS, INC.**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to adopt Resolution 2018-113.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Burrell, Mr. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2018-114**

**AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CREATE
SEWER ACCOUNTS AND 2018 BILLING VARIOUS PROPERTIES**

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to adopt Resolution 2018-114.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Burrell, Mr. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2018-115**

RELEASING ZONING BOARD ESCROW

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to adopt Resolution 2018-115.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Burrell, Mr. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2018-116**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF
TWO (2) 2018 POLICE INTERCEPTOR AWD VEHICLES
UNDER STATE CONTRACT T-2776
EXPIRATION DATE 3/15/19**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to adopt Resolution 2018-116.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Burrell, Mr. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2018-117**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRASS CUTTING FOR
VARIOUS PROPERTIES**

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to adopt Resolution 2018-117.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Burrell, Mr. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Catrambone stated that he asked the Township Clerk to prepare the following Resolution.
Action on this Resolution is needed tonight as this is the 20th day.

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2018-118**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN DENYING MAYOR'S REQUEST TO TERMINATE
GRACE, MARMERO & ASSOCIATES, LLP AS THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN SOLICITOR/HEAD OF
DEPARTMENT OF LAW**

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Township of Delran, Burlington County, State of New Jersey, has requested, by electronic mail, that the Township of Delran remove the law firm of Grace, Marmero & Associates, LLP, (formerly known as Long, Marmero & Associates, LLP) as Township Solicitor/ Head of the Department of Law without cause; and

WHEREAS, the Council for the Township of Delran received the Mayor's request to remove Grace, Marmero & Associates, LLP, which pursuant to local Township ordinance cannot occur without Council approval; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of Delran finds that it is not in the best interest of the Township to remove Grace, Marmero and Associates, LLP, this time;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. That the Council of Delran Township has the authority to approve or deny the request of the Mayor to remove a head of the Township of Delran department by a vote of (4) four Council members; and
2. The Township of Delran, Burlington County, State of New Jersey hereby denies the request of the Mayor to remove Grace, Marmero and Associates, LLP as Township Solicitor/Head of Department of Law; and

3. That no other action shall be taken in that matter, until December 31, 2018.

Mr. Paris objected to adoption of this ordinance and referenced NJSA 40:69A-49C which states removal will take effect on the 20th day after the filing of such notice unless Council shall prior thereto adopt a Resolution by a 2/3 vote. Mr. Paris stated that the action since no action was taken removal would have been effective prior to today.

Mr. Schwartz stated agreed that this is outside the scope of the twenty days.

Mr. Long stated that Council has within twenty days to act and this is the 20th day.

Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Paris disagreed with Mr. Long.

Mr. Long stated that they have the opportunity to appeal the Resolution within the estoppel period.

Mr. Catrambone asked for a motion to approved Resolution 2018-118.

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to adopt Resolution 2018-118.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Burrell, Mr. Kolodi, Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye. Mr. Schwartz abstained.

Ayes: 4

Abstain: 1

Nays: None

Motion Approved

MOTIONS

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

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Burrell, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

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

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Burrell, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. O'Connell made a motion accepting the report of the CFO including the May YTD Revenue Report, YTD Budget Report and May Check Register. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schwartz.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Burrell, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

REPORTS

Ms. Eggers – Ms. Eggers reported that the next Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, July 3rd.

Mr. Hatcher – Mr. Hatcher reported that he received notice from Burlington County Emergency Management that the County is close to meeting their threshold under Winter Storm Quinn which took place on March 7, 2018 in order to have FEMA declare an emergency. We are going to provide them with some additional information regarding our costs with respect to the damages.

Mr. Hatcher reported that a pre-construction meeting should take place for Pheasant Road Reconstruction within the next two weeks. We will provide a construction schedule to Council after the meeting.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the Engineer indicated today that they are a few days away from completing the plans for the 2018 Road Program. The Engineer has asked that Council authorize the advertisement of bids to keep on schedule.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to authorize the Engineer to advertise the bids for the 2018 Road Program.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Burrell, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Solicitor – Mr. Long stated that it is nice to see everyone since he hasn't been here in a while.

Fire Commissioners – No representative was present.

Mr. Schwartz – Mr. Schwartz stated that County announced to today that they were making twenty million dollars available to high schools in the county including safety improvements for their facilities.

Mr. Schwartz stated that everyone that sits in one of these chairs hopes that when they finish their term they have something to give back and that situation happened for him recently. Mr. Schwartz stated that recently he was able to assist the resident in obtaining a veteran exemption for surviving spouse. In speaking with the resident she was very happy and indicated that this gave her the option to stay in Delran.

Mr. Burrell – Mr. Burrell reported that the RAC is in the process of planning Delran Night Out to be held August 7th at Delran Community Park. The gates will open at 5:30. Additional information will be posted at the end of the week.

Mrs. Kolodi – No report.

Mr. O'Connell – Mr. O'Connell stated that he had the pleasure of attending a meeting regarding Route 130 corridor improvements. It was an informative meeting and some of the plans include roadway improvement in Delran including signage. The plans are still drafts but they are moving forward. We have asked that the Township be kept up to date.

Mr. O'Connell stated that his mom passed away a week ago. He thanked Council for the floral arrangement and the Mayor and his wife for attending the viewing. That meant a lot to him and his family.

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone stated that along with Mr. Burrell he had the pleasure of attending the ceremony for three young men obtaining the Eagle Scout rank. We were happy to present the proclamation on behalf of the Mayor and Council.

Mr. Catrambone stated that Mrs. Kolodi will be participating via telephone for summer meetings.

Mr. Paris – Mr. Paris thanked Mr. Rosenberg for attending the meeting tonight. He was hoping to have him appointed as Solicitor tonight and stated that his credentials are fantastic. Mr. Paris read through some of the credentials.

Mr. Paris stated that he feels we breached the sunshine law during an executive session. Mr. Paris asked what process he follows if he feels a closed session was handled improperly.

Mr. Long stated that he can file a complaint with the Department of Community Affairs.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to open the meeting to the public for any questions. All were in favor, the motion was approved.

Ted Rosenberg, 321 New Albany Road Moorestown, NJ stated that he met Mayor Paris for the first time tonight but was familiar with his good work for many years. Mr. Rosenberg stated that the Mayor indicated to him that he was dissatisfied with the representation from the current Township Attorney. Mr. Paris believed that as the Mayor he was entitled to have direct consultation with legal counsel. Mr. Rosenberg stated that he has been involved in municipal government for the better part of thirty years and during that time he has represented numerous municipalities. Mr. Rosenberg stated that he was not soliciting the job of Solicitor and told the Mayor he had no interest in taking over for someone else. What he is concerned about is good government and hopes everyone on the dais would join him in that. Mr. Rosenberg stated that under the Township form of government the Mayor, like Council, is entitled to meaningful

assistance from capable counsel. With respect to the legal issue before Council tonight he does have an opinion as a member of the public. Mr. Rosenberg stated that he doesn't feel the Solicitor should have given an opinion regarding the recall of his law firm of Solicitor. That is the essence of a conflict of interest. Mr. Rosenberg stated under this form of government, Council must take action on the Mayor's request for removal within 20 days. It would seem to him that Council's decision tonight to conclude that their action was within the 20 days is erroneous and he wanted to bring this to their attention and ask Council to reconsider. Mr. Rosenberg stated that what this town needs a Solicitor that is devoid of politics.

Mr. Long stated that there was a Supreme Court case on the ethics complaint regarding a School Board decision where the Solicitor had to give an opinion. There was an ethic complaint against the Solicitor and the Supreme Court upheld that because they are looking for the body to be given advice at that time. Mr. Long asked Mr. Rosenberg when he received the documents regarding the dates.

Mr. Rosenberg stated that he is not answering any questions from Mr. Long.

Mr. Long stated that he has been here for ten years and the Mayor has numerous times stated that he has enjoyed his firm's representation. His job is to give advice to this body and the Mayor.

Mr. Paris stated that he did provide good counsel but it could have been a lot better. Mr. Paris went over some of his concerns and indicated that he is disappointed. He feels politics has a lot to do with what is going on right now.

Mr. O'Connell stated that Mr. Rosenberg's name has been mentioned by the Mayor indicating he wanted him to serve as the attorney. He understands that the Mayor is entitled to have someone he can rely on for opinions. No one on Council questioned his qualifications. We didn't even receive them until tonight and he doesn't want Mr. Rosenberg or the residents to think we are not happy with him, which is not the case.

Mr. Paris asked Council what their reasons are for continuing on this course.

Mr. Catrambone stated that Council has decided that we do not want to remove Grace Marmero at this time. Mr. Catrambone stated that everything going on right now we would like to continue to have their advice as they have the history on the issues before us such as litigation. We would like to make this transition in an orderly fashion.

Jennifer Reppert, 174 Westover Court, stated that she heard this week that Council had a conversation with the Superintendent regarding armed police officers in the schools. She wanted to get an update from Council on the next steps.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we were trying to negotiate a shared service for Class III officers. We discussed providing the hiring, training, certification and equipment for the officers. The Superintendent invited him and Mr. O'Connell to a meeting with a private security firm. We indicated that they had every right to hire who they wanted but it wasn't our responsibility to cover the cost.

Ms. Reppert stated that as citizens we should reach out to the Superintendent and indicate that we would like this to be done through the Delran Police Department. Ms. Reppert stated that maybe the money from the County would help.

Mr. O'Connell stated that he did see some of the social media posts and what was disappointing was that they were represented as not caring about the safety of the children. Council was willing to enter into a shared services agreement and pay a portion of the cost because we all share the same concern. He found it insulting that we were portrayed as not caring. Before giving the Township an answer on our proposal they provided a new proposal.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we have not received official notification but they have indicated they were moving to a third party.

Bob Gilbert, 75 Stewart Avenue, stated that his understanding is the Mayor hires certain employees and can discharge certain people with just cause. He asked how Council can override that decision.

Mr. Catrambone explained that the Mayor makes appointments with advice and consent of Council. The same goes for removal, it is with the advice and consent of Council.

Mr. Gilbert stated that the problem he has is with the current attorney giving advice when the Mayor wants him out. He feels that is a conflict of interest.

Mr. Catrambone stated that it is the Solicitor's job is to give legal advice.

Mr. Gilbert stated that in his opinion it has become political. Instead of getting things done for the town they are spending money we don't have and it is not in the best interest of the town.

Mr. Catrambone stated that at this time Council doesn't feel we should remove Grace Marmero.

Mr. Gilbert stated that he doesn't care how you count it 20 days is 20 days.

Mr. Catrambone stated that today is day 20.

Mr. Gilbert stated that Mayor is saying one thing and Mr. Catrambone is another. Someone is wrong and in the meantime all this legal stuff is costing us money.

Mr. Paris stated that there was insubordination and that is why he brought this back a second time. He spelled that out and has everything documented. Mr. Paris stated that all information has been sent by him to the DCA.

Mr. Gilbert stated that they are not doing what's best for this town.

Mr. Gilbert asked whether there are still plans for the veteran's dinner.

Mrs. Kolodi stated that it is still on.

John Miscenich, 127 Swedes Run Drive, asked if Council was aware that the homestead rebate amount was reduced in last year's state budget. This affects our ability to pay taxes. The credit was reduced in half. The new governor is reducing again in his budget. Mr. Miscenich asked if Council would reach out to Senator Singleton, Assemblyman Conway and Assemblyman Murphy and let them know this is unfair to the residents of this Township.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he will personally make those calls tomorrow.

Mr. O'Connell recommended that all residents also call their representatives before the state budget is adopted.

John Schmidt, Gloucester City, stated that Senator Robert Byrd once said the golden rule isn't just good scripture to live by it is good scripture to govern by. Mr. Byrd was a politician but he worked and governed as a person who cared about his common man. He made mistakes but he always tried to do his best and work with everyone. Mr. Schmidt stated that he was reflecting on that tonight and thought it was appropriate. Mr. Schmidt stated that if someone wants to have a conversation with him he is more than okay with that. We may not agree on everything but we are humans. If anyone wants to talk to him he is extending that branch but if you come after him he will stand up for himself and fight for the values he holds dear. Mr. Schmidt stated that the four individuals know what he is talking about.

Mr. O'Connell stated that he has listened to him for several meetings and he doesn't know what he is talking about. Don't stand here in front of my officials and residents of this town and accuse me knowing something.

Mr. Schmidt recommended that Mr. O'Connell read the minutes.

Mr. Stahl, 184 Natalie Road, asked how many times the Mayor can request to terminate the Attorney.

Mr. Catrambone stated as many times as he wants.

Mr. Stahl asked when the requested from the Mayor voted on tonight was made.

Mr. Catrambone stated that it was sent by email at approximately 10:24 PM on May 22nd and forwarded to Council on the 23rd. In our opinion the clock started on the 23rd.

Mr. Stahl stated that the request came after the meeting May 22nd which was the last meeting before tonight. It would seem to him that one only way to vote on this before tonight would have been to call a special meeting. There was a very narrow window other than to vote tonight.

Mr. Burrell made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Schwartz. 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