

**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**June 13, 2017
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 11, 2017 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

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

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF THE FIBRODYSPLASIA OSSIFICANS PROGRESSIVA AWARENESS (FOP) INITIATIVE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to approve the minutes for the Action/Work Session meeting on May 9, 2017.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 3

Nays: None

Abstained: 1

Motion Approved

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to approve the minutes for the Action/Work Session meeting on May 23, 2017.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to approve the minutes Executive Session meeting held on May 23, 2017.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 3

Nays: None

Abstained: 1

Motion Approved

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE 2017-06

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION
OF SIDEWALKS ON ROUTE 130 IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP
OF DELRAN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$220,000 THEREFOR AND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$41,900 BONDS OR
NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**
(not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Delran, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey (the "Township") as general improvements. For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3 hereof, there is hereby appropriated the principal amount of \$220,000, said sum being inclusive of a \$176,000 State grant (the "State Grant") and a down payment in the amount of \$2,100 now available for said improvements or purposes as required by the Local Bond Law, as amended and supplemented (N.J.S.A. § 40A:2-1 *et seq.*) (the "Local Bond Law"), by virtue of an appropriation from the Capital Improvement Fund of the Township for down payment or capital improvement purposes in a previously adopted budget or budgets, temporary or permanent, as applicable, of the Township.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvements described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$220,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said \$176,000 State Grant and \$2,100 down payment, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$41,900 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Township in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$41,900 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are for the installation of sidewalks on Route 130 within the Township, including but not limited to, as and if required, removal and replacement of, as applicable, deteriorated sidewalks, concrete curbing, curb ramps, driveway aprons, regrading, landscaping, excavation, pavement striping, installation of traffic calming devices, drainage improvements, and various other curb, sidewalk and roadway maintenance.

(b) The above improvements and purposes set forth in Section 3(a) shall also include the following, as applicable, all engineering and design work, surveying, construction planning, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration, and all work, materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(c) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvements or purposes is \$41,900.

(d) The estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$220,000, the excess thereof over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor is the \$176,000 State Grant and \$2,100 down payment available for such improvements or purposes.

SECTION 4. In the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Burlington make a contribution or grant in aid to the Township for the improvements and purposes authorized in Section 3 hereof, other than the State Grant, and the same shall be received by the Township prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Burlington, other than the State Grant. In the event that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Burlington, other than the State Grant, shall be received by the Township after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose.

SECTION 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer of the Township shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at a public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 6. The Capital Budget, permanent or temporary, as applicable, of the Township is hereby amended, as necessary, to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance and to the extent of any inconsistency herewith, a resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended Capital Budget and Capital Program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, will be on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk and will be available for public inspection.

SECTION 7. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are improvements which the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of said improvements or purposes within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is ten (10) years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk of the Township and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$41,900, but such amount shall constitute a deduction from gross debt to the extent permitted by law, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$44,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 40A:2-20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements hereinbefore described.

SECTION 8. Unless paid from other sources, the full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Unless paid from other sources, the obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 9. The Township reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. This Section 9 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Township's official intent to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulations §1.150-2. No reimbursement allocation will employ an "abusive arbitrage device" under Treasury Regulations §1.148-10 to avoid the arbitrage restrictions or to avoid the restrictions under Sections 142 through 147, inclusive, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The proceeds of any bonds or notes authorized herein used to reimburse the Township for costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, or funds corresponding to such

amounts, will not be used in a manner that results in the creation of “replacement proceeds”, including “sinking funds”, “pledged funds” or funds subject to a “negative pledge” (as such terms are defined in Treasury Regulations §1.148-1), of any bonds or notes authorized herein or another issue of debt obligations of the Township other than amounts deposited into a “bona fide debt service fund” (as defined in Treasury Regulations §1.148-1). The bonds or notes authorized herein to reimburse the Township for any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof will be issued in an amount not to exceed \$41,900. The costs to be reimbursed with the proceeds of the bonds or notes authorized herein will be "capital expenditures" in accordance with the meaning of section 150 of the Code. All reimbursement allocations will occur not later than eighteen (18) months after the later of (i) the date the expenditure from a source other than any bonds or notes authorized herein is paid, or (ii) the date the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof is “placed in service” (within the meaning of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2) or abandoned, but in no event more than three (3) years after the expenditure is paid.

SECTION 10. The Township covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Code the interest on all bonds and notes issued under this bond ordinance.

SECTION 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption and approval by the Mayor, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

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

Mr. O’Connell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to adopt Ordinance 2017-06 on second reading.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE 2017-07**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2017 CAPITAL PROJECTS IN AND BY

THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$2,587,500 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,458,125 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Mr. Schwartz asked Mr. Hatcher to provide a breakdown of all the items included in the capital budget ordinance prior to the second reading.

Mr. Hatcher stated that they are lumped into groups by Department in the ordinance. He will provide Council with a list of each item.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to approve Ordinance 2017-07 on first reading.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

RESOLUTIONS

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2017-102**

AUTHORIZING 2017-2018 LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

Mr. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to adopt Resolution 2017-102.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2017-103**

**AUTHORIZING 2017 SEWER ADJUSTMENTS FOR
NEW PROPERTY OWNERS**

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to adopt Resolution 2017-103.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2017-104**

**AUTHORIZING VARIOUS 2017 SEWER ADJUSTMENTS
FOR VARIOUS PROPERTIES**

Mr. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2017-104.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2017-105**

**APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE 525 FOR
PTA HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2017-105.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2017-106**

AUTHORIZING VARIOUS GRASS CUTTINGS

Mr. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2017-106.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2017-107**

**AUTHORIZING REFUND OF VARIOUS
ZONING BOARD ESCROWS**

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to adopt Resolution 2017-107.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2017-108**

**Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation
in accordance N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87: 2016 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over**

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to adopt Resolution 2017-108.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2017-109**

**Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation
in accordance N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87: Recycling Tonnage Grant**

Mr. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to adopt Resolution 2017-109.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2017-110**

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DELRAN TOWNSHIP AND
THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON FOR
PERMISSION TO INSTALL AN ANTENNAE ON COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to adopt Resolution 2017-110.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2017-111**

**AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF NEW 2017 SEWER
ACCOUNTS FOR VARIOUS RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES**

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to adopt Resolution 2017-111.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2017-112**

**APPROVING CLOSE OUT CHANGE ORDER
FOR THE DELRAN COMMUNITY PARK PHASE III IMPROVEMENTS
(COMFORT AND CONCESSION BUILDING)
AND AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT TO TRI-FORM CONSTRUCTION, INC.
(DECREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,873.50)**

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by to adopt Resolution 2017-112.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

MOTIONS

Mr. O'Connell made a motion appointing the following members to the Chicken Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burrell.

Chairperson - Beth Thompson Moorhouse (Mayor's Appointment)

Jill Rosvold

Silvia Gorostiza

Michael Gorostiza

Beth Johnson

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Schwartz made a motion authorizing the advertisement of bids for the 2016/2017 Road Program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burrell.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Schwartz made a motion confirming the Mayor's appointments to the Recreational Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Connell.

Eva Jackson-Conner - for a term to expire 12/31/2017

Bridget Depenbrock - for a term to expire 12/31/2019

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4
Nays: None

Motion Approved

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

Ayes: 4
Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to accept the report of the Tax Collector, CFO and the Township Clerk.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4
Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Schwartz made a motion granting the mercantile licenses listed below. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Connell.

1. Krauszer's – 236 Chester Avenue
2. IDEX MPT – 1835 Underwood Blvd.
3. Cash Mart, LLC – 1103 Fairview Blvd.
4. Stone Boutique – 1825 Underwood Blvd.
5. JDoc Marine – 43 Norman Avenue
6. Kaleidoscope Printing – 1812 Underwood Blvd.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4
Nays: None

Motion Approved

REPORTS

Ms. Eggers – Ms. Eggers reported that the next Blood Drive is scheduled for July 5, 2017 from 1:30-6:30 PM at the Municipal Building. Appointments can be made by visiting redcrossbloo.org or calling the Clerk's Office.

Mr. Hatcher – Mr. Hatcher reported that Resolution 2017-109, which was adopted tonight, accepted receipt of the Recycling Tonnage Grant in the amount of \$27,081.75. We also received notice that we have received a Clean Communities grant in the amount of \$32,500 and we will have a future Resolution accepting those funds.

Mr. Hatcher reported that the Township is currently managing over sixty properties with regards to grass cutting. Most we were able to get the owners to eventually cut. We have been working on the registration of vacant properties for the last year and we have an excess of fifty properties registered and more that have been identified.

Mr. Hatcher stated that Lieutenant Davenport retired last Friday with 27 years of service.

Solicitor – No report.

Fire Commissioners – No report.

Mr. Schwartz – Mr. Schwartz stated that tonight we presented a Proclamation in support of the FOP Awareness. There is a documentary on the illness and it is a very sad disease.

Mr. Schwartz stated that he wanted to acknowledge the passing of previous Councilman Anthony Ogozalek.

Mr. Schwartz reminded everyone that since school is nearly done for the summer please be careful on the roads.

Mr. Burrell – No report.

Mr. O'Connell – No report.

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone stated that we are testing out our new recording device and working on some issues. The recordings will be available in the near future.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he reached out to Councilman Ogozalek's son to extend condolences on behalf of Mayor and Council.

Mr. Paris – Mr. Paris extended his condolences to Councilman Ogozalek's family. He had many years of service with the Township in the Police Department and as a Councilman.

Mr. Paris reported that the Township received a grant for the reconstruction of Hartford Road for approximately \$185,000. He will be working with the Engineer and the County to determine what will be needed for the road to be taken over by the County.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Jennifer Reppert, 174 Westover Court, questioned if there is an update on the Stellwag Farms development.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we are currently in litigation surrounding that development.

Mrs. Reppert stated that her big concern is the burden that additional low income homes will out on the Township. Mrs. Reppert stated that the Delran High School will be receiving kids from Edgewater Park so the schools system will be getting banged pretty hard.

Mr. Catrambone stated that it is a School Board issue but he understands that was discussed but was not aware that was a done deal.

Mrs. Reppert stated she feels that Delran is following a slippery slope downhill bringing in more low income housing. She is very concerned for the quality of our schools.

Mr. Long stated that in the State of New Jersey there is a constitutional right for every municipality to supply low to moderate income housing based on the Mt. Laurel decision. The Fair Share Housing group works to make sure that the municipalities are meeting their responsibilities. If they feel they are not, they will file suit and in this case they selected the Stellwag Farms development as well as many others across the State.

Mrs. Reppert stated that it does not make any sense to her. You can't just have other entities beating down municipalities at will and have them take it because they are afraid to fight it.

Mr. Long stated that it was a Supreme Court decision.

Mr. Paris stated that unfortunately we are bound by the rules of the State.

Mrs. Reppert asked that Council keep the residents updated on any information possible.

Debbie VanCuren, 90 Cooper Avenue, stated that she wanted to come back again to discuss the property at 92 Cooper Avenue. She contacted Mr. Reimel in regards to having the grass cut and he came out today to try and light a fire under them to get it done. She can stand on her front steps and see three for sale and she feels they will not sell as long as there are issues with this property. She appreciates all that Mr. Reimel and Mr. Hatcher are doing but she feels that their hands are tied. Mrs. VanCuren stated that she feels the ten day notice given to residents to cut their grass needs to be shortened.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we have shortened the process several times.

Mrs. VanCuren stated that they were issued tickets by Mr. Reimel and they will be appearing in court. They did clean up the yard a little bit; however, they have never used a weed whacker or an edger. Mrs. Van Curen asked if we can make stronger ordinances.

Mr. Long stated that it is a balance between someone's property rights and the nuisance to the neighbors. The Township has strong ordinances in place.

Mrs. VanCuren stated that she will keep coming back to the meetings.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we are always very cautious about changing the laws for one specific issue because it tends to have unintended consequences. We are trying to work within the laws that we have and if we get to a point where we need to adjust the law Council will have a discussion and make a decision.

Mr. O'Connell stated that he visited the property and it seems that most of the issues are between her house and the neighbors. Let's hope that bringing them to court changes things.

Mr. Hatcher stated that if she sees any additional violations, don't hesitate to contact him.

Lou Hayner, 23 Frech Avenue, stated that he is here about a similar issue. Mr. Paris along with Mr. Reimel visited the property at 19 Frech today and indicated that everything will be resolved. Mr. Hayner stated that it is a nice neighborhood but there are issues with vacant homes.

Mr. Paris stated that the grass will be cut at the property and they are aware of the broken window and it will be replaced. The contractor is planning on getting done as soon as possible but it may take a few months.

Mr. Hayner stated that three years is too long for a contractor to complete the work under a permit.

Mr. Hatcher stated that if they do not begin the work the permit is void after one year. Once the contractor starts the work they have three years to complete but it cannot be abandoned for a six month period.

Mr. Hayner stated that he feels the extended work on the home is bringing the neighborhood down. Mr. Hayner stated that Mr. Reimel also look at 10 Frech Avenue.

Mr. Hatcher stated that there are three vacant properties on Frech Avenue that have registered.

Rich Grockenberger, 84 Alden Avenue, asked if there is any update on the flooding, he understand someone was out surveying the river bank.

Mr. Hatcher stated that was likely for the County bike trail.

Mr. Paris stated that we haven't received any update from the Army Corps but stated that he should attend the next work session when the Engineer will be present.

Mr. Catrambone stated that the Engineer is on notice to bring any potential grants to our attention.

Mr. Grockenberger stated that he hopes the home that is being built next to him will not push any water to the surrounding properties. He indicated that they are supposed to have a surveyor certify that will not happen.

Mr. Catrambone stated that the Building Inspector should verify that information prior to issuing any permits.

Cindy Cramer, 1 Army Drive, brought to Council's attention the property located at 4 Stevens Drive. The grass is high and she wasn't sure if the Township was aware.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the property is on our list.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. O'Connell. 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