

**PUBLIC MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**July 11 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, Ms. Quiroga, Solicitor, Mr. Bellina, Administrator, and Ms. Larkin, Township Deputy Clerk

**PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION**

Mr. Jeney presented a proclamation to Specialist 5 James Throgmorton – US Army Vietnam Veteran

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **Resolution 2023-102** Authorizing Township To Participate In And Enter Into An Agreement With The Department Of The Army For The Emergency Streambank And Shoreline Erosion Protection Of Public Works (Section 14) Feasibility Study For The Rancocas Creek
- b. **Resolution 2023-103** Authorizing The Purchase Of A Dump Truck Under Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing System
- c. **Resolution 2023-104** Authorizing 2023-2024 Liquor License Renewals
- d. **Resolution 2023-105** Authorizing CME Associates To Perform Additional Engineering Services For Brown Street Baseball Field Improvements
- e. **Resolution 2023-106** Authorizing Dental Insurance Contract
- f. **Resolution 2023-107** Authorizing The Award Of A Non-Fair And Open Contract To Dave's Truck Repair
- g. **Resolution 2023-108** Awarding Extension Of The Contract For Annual Maintenance & Repair Of Electrical Apparatus To Municipal Maintenance Co.

- h. Resolution 2023-109** Awarding Extension Of The Contract For Annual Maintenance & Repair Of Mechanical Apparatus To Municipal Maintenance Co.
- i. Resolution 2023-110** Authorizing Township Applications And Documents To The County Of Burlington For Road Closure Of Hartford Road And Parking Lot Use At 10 Hartford Road For The Township Event Known As “Delran Night Out”
- j. Resolution 2023-111** Rejecting Bids for Brown Street Baseball Field Improvements and Authorizing Rebid
- k. Approval of Minutes**
  - May 23, 2023 Work Session
  - June 13, 2023 Public Meeting
- l.** Authorizing the payment of bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
- m.** Accepting the report of the CFO including the June YTD Revenue Report, YTD Budget Report and June Check Register.
- n.** Accepting the report of the Tax Collector and Township Clerk
- o.** A motion granting mercantile licenses to:
  - Delran Auto Sales, LLC., 207-8 Carriage Lane
  - Top Tier Motors, LLC, 207-31 Carriage Lane

Mr. Bellina gave a brief explanation as to why the bids for the Brown Street Baseball Field were rejected.

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu 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

## **MOTION(S)**

**Dave Hermansky** to the **Zoning Board** as **Alternate 2** for a term to expire **December 31, 2023**

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyon to approve the above appointment. 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

**Mr. Bellina** – Mr. Bellina reminded everyone that at the last meeting a contract was awarded for the repaving of Red Stone Ridge, Pine Valley, Drew Court and Randle Court. Once paved, these roads will have a five-year moratorium on them. Residents from those roads have been invited to a public forum where the project will be discussed. Any questions will be answered at that time. Mr. Bellina also explained that the Stewart Avenue project is progressing nicely.

**Ms. Larkin** – No report

**Mr. Catrambone** – Mr. Catrambone reported that there is a lot of roadwork currently being done in town which can make driving a little challenging. He advised consulting the township website for scheduling updates. Mr. Catrambone also stated that the Burlington County Farm Fair will be held from July 18<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>. He also congratulated Mr. Throgmorton.

**Ms. Quiroga**– No report

**Mrs. Apeadu** – Mrs. Apeadu congratulated Mr. Throgmorton and thanked him for his service.

**Mr. Smith** – Mr. Smith congratulated Specialist 5, James Throgmorton and stated that his testimonial was very touching. Mr. Smith explained that more time may be needed while traveling in the area due to road work in adjoining towns as well as Delran. He also warned motorists to be aware of children while driving.

**Mr. Jeney** – Mr. Jeney congratulated James Throgmorton. He also referenced Resolution 2023-102 stating that it was a long time coming and it's nice to be moving forward with finding solutions for the Rancocas Creek erosion issue. He explained that the Green Team will be holding a

children's craft fair as well as a family hike in Princeton Park at 6:30 PM on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Jeney also reported that at 6:30 PM on August 9<sup>th</sup> at Brown Street Park, Rob Maher will be showing people how to make traps for the Spotted Lanternfly.

**Mr. Lyon** – Mr. Lyon congratulated Specialist 5 Throgmorton for his service in the Vietnam War. Mr. Lyon asked residents to be patient with any delays due to road construction that they may encounter while driving.

**Mr. Burrell** – Mr. Burrell also congratulated James Throgmorton. He informed everyone that Delran Night Out will be held on August 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM. "Don't Call Me Francis" will begin playing at 7:30 PM and fireworks will start at 9:30 PM. Mr. Burrell also reported that the Historical Society has various items in the lobby of the municipal building. He thanked the administrator, mayor and the Delran Public Works department for their efforts in facilitating the painting of the municipal building. DPW workers have saved the township a sizable amount of money by taking on the work themselves.

### **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.

Bob Gilbert, 75 Stewart Avenue – Mr. Gilbert questioned the status of the riverbank erosion issue. Mr. Burrell explained that the study is moving forward.

Mr. Gilbert asked if there were any plans to install more storm drains on Stewart Avenue. Mr. Bellina will talk to the township engineer about this. Mr. Gilbert also asked if curbing will be replaced and if trees that are spreading on to the roadway will be removed on Stewart Avenue. Both of these issues will be reviewed by the engineer.

Mr. Gilbert stated that the American Legion will be having a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on August 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

Mr. Gilbert explained that cars leaving McDonald's and turning left on Chester Avenue are causing traffic issues. He asked if a "no left-hand turn" sign could be placed there. Mr. Gilbert was informed that the engineer will take a look at that area.

Mr. Gilbert asked if there are any plans for a Veterans Day celebration. Mr. Burrell responded that it will be discussed.

Kim Custer, 48 Norman Avenue – Ms. Custer asked if the agreement the township is entering into with the Army Corp. of Engineers will encompass the flooding issue as well as erosion. Mr. Burrell stated that their main objective is erosion with over the riverbank flooding being secondary. Ms. Custer asked if Riverside land is included in the study. She was informed that it is only Delran.

Renee Brizzi, 179 Wildflower Place – Ms. Brizzi reported that there is a site marker that the Delran Historical Society has by the Bridgeboro Bridge that keeps falling into the on ramp. She asked if the sign can be moved into a field close by. Mr. Burrell stated that it shouldn't be a problem to relocate it.

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith 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 2023-112 authorizing the executive session.

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2023-112**

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:  
SETTLEMENT DISCUSSION – NJ DIVISION ON CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION**

**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 July 11, 2023 for the following reasons:

1. Settlement Discussion - NJ Division on Civil Rights Violation

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

Mrs. Apeadu made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeney to adopt Resolution 2023-112.

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 stated there was no action to take after the executive session.

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