

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 December 23, 2010 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Schwartz., Mrs. Reed, Mr. Catrambone and Mr. Morrow were present. Mrs. Kolodi was absent.

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

Mrs. Reed presented EMT Paula Marsiglia with a Proclamation on behalf of Mayor and Council.

Mr. Catrambone made a motion seconded by Mrs. Reed to approve the minutes for June 15, 2011 and June 28, 2011.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Schwartz., Mrs. Reed, Mr. Catrambone and Mr. Morrow voted aye.

Ayes: 4
Nays: None

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
ORDINANCE 2011-16**

**AN ORDINANCE REVISING EXISTING CHAPTER 306, ARTICLE I OF
THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN ENTITLED "STREET
OPENINGS."**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Reed to approve the ordinance on first reading.

There being no question, the roll was called.

Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Reed, Mr. Catrambone and Mr. Morrow voted aye.

Ayes: 4
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
ORDINANCE 2011-17**

**AN ORDINANCE REVISING EXISTING CHAPTER 150-10 OF THE
CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN ENTITLED "STREET
OPENINGS; DEPOSITS REQUIRED; INSPECTION FEE"**

Mrs. Reed made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to approve the ordinance on first reading.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Reed, Mr. Catrambone and Mr. Morrow voted aye.

Ayes: 4
Nays: None

Motion Approved

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE 2011-18

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MYERS TRACT PROPERTY IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$2,200,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,852,500; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Mrs. Reed made a motion, seconded by Mr. Catrambone to approve the ordinance on first reading.

There being no question, the roll was called.

Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Reed, Mr. Catrambone and Mr. Morrow voted aye.

Ayes: 4
Nays: None

Motion Approved

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
ORDINANCE 2011-13**

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH SALARIES FOR VARIOUS OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND REGULATING THE MANNER OF PAYMENT OF SAME.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Delran in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that:

SECTION 1. ANNUAL SALARY

- A. The following designated Township Officials shall receive salaries set herein for as determined by the Mayor of the Township of Delran. These annual salaries are paid on a biweekly basis. The ordinance is retroactive to the date of the appointment of the employee

Tax Collector - \$57,000
Chief Financial Officer - \$24,000

SECTION 2. REPEAL – All Ordinances or part of Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Section 3. ADOPTION – This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after its passage and publication according to law.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mrs. Reed. All were in favor, the motion was approved.

Mr. Pfeffer asked Council to explain the ordinance.

Mr. Hatcher stated that this ordinance sets the salary for the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer.

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

Mr. Catrambone made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Reed to adopt the ordinance on second reading.

There being no question, the roll was called.

Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Reed, Mr. Catrambone and Mr. Morrow voted aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 2011-84 Releasing the Sewer Maintenance Bond for Taco Bell

Resolution 2011-85 Releasing the Sewer Maintenance Bond for Storage Assets

Resolution 2011-86 Releasing the Maintenance Bond for American Bread, LLC

Resolution 2011-87 Releasing the Performance Bond for Wawa

Resolution 2011-88 Releasing the Sewer Performance Bond for Wawa

Resolution 2011-89 Certification of the 2010 Annual Audit

Resolution 2011-90 Approving the Corrective Action Plan for the 2010 Annual Audit

Resolution 2011-91 Setting the date for the Tax Sale

Resolution 2011-92 Approving Raffle License No. 410 for the Church of the Resurrection and 413 for Samuel T. Lambert VFW Post 3020

Resolution 2011-93 Authorizing the signatures on various bank accounts

Resolution 2011-94 Authorizing the Date Sharing Agreement between the Township of Delran and the County of Burlington for Geographic Information System Digital Files

Resolution 2011-95 Authorizing Sewer Department to make adjustments to various residents' bills.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Catrambone to adopt the resolutions.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Schwartz., Mrs. Reed, Mr. Catrambone and Mr. Morrow voted aye.

Ayes: 4
Nays: None

Motion Approved

Resolution 2011-96 Resolution to Amend Capital Budget

Mrs. Reed made a motion, seconded by Mr. Catrambone to adopt the Resolution 2011-96.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Schwartz., Mrs. Reed, Mr. Catrambone and Mr. Morrow voted aye.

Ayes: 4
Nays: None

Motion Approved

MOTIONS

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

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Schwartz., Mr. Mrs. Reed, Mr. Catrambone and Mr. Morrow voted aye.

Ayes: 4
Nays: None

Motion Approved

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

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Schwartz., Mrs. Reed, Mr. Catrambone and Mr. Morrow voted aye.

Ayes: 4
Nays: None

Motion Approved

REPORTS

Mr. Hatcher – Mr. Hatcher stated he does have a report at this time but would like to read the Mayor's report since he is not here tonight.

I would like to again congratulate Carli Lloyd on another successful run, this time at a World Cup. Unfortunately, the US team lost in the finals to Japan, in a very

hard fought game. But Carli is such an inspiration and an exceptional role model for our young athletes here in Delran. Thanks again.

The Delran Fire Company #2 is looking for participants in their 2nd Annual smoking Hot 5K Run/Walk. The event is scheduled for Saturday September 10th at 9 am.

Registration is at 8am. You can register on line at www.delranfire.org/5k or for more information contact Amy Briggs at 609-516-7957.

Finally, the third annual Delran Day is just around the corner, September 25th. Any businesses interested in participating, or any Delran resident interested in volunteering their time to support this wonderful event please contact Janette Hutchinson at the Delran Township Municipal Building, she can be reached at 856-461-7734, then press #2.

Mr. Coluzzi – No report.

Mr. Bauer – Mr. Bauer stated that the EMS calls have doubled in this heat, mostly overnight.

Mr. Bauer also stated that we have had several major accidents this month.

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone stated that Carli Lloyd again brought positive attention to the Township of Delran. Action news was at the Tenby Chase Swim Club while residents were watching the World Cup.

Mr. Catrambone congratulated Mrs. Reed on a great idea with having “Council on your Corner. It was a great experience to sit with residents in an informal setting.

Mr. Catrambone stated that the website has been running a little slow. We have switched hosting companies and are working out a few issues.

Mr. Catrambone stated that it is great to see some new residents in the audience tonight.

Mr. Schwartz – Mr. Schwartz stated that he attended the Historical Society meeting last week where they had a great presentation on Lake Lonnie.

Mrs. Reed – Mrs. Reed stated that the first “Council on your Corner” was a great experience. We are working on the next event for August 27, 2011.

Mrs. Reed stated that she also attended the Historical Society meeting and it was a great presentation on Lake Lonnie. She recommended that everyone attend the next meeting on September 20th, where there will be a presentation on Millside Farms.

Mr. Morrow – Mr. Morrow stated that there was an article in the Burlington County Times about the road program and there were a few roads left out of the article. He stated that Third Street, from Chester Avenue to Brown Street is being reconstructed and Roland Avenue is also be resurfaced with a CDBG grant.

Mr. Morrow stated that a neighbor had someone come to their door and the person was interested in buying jewelry. They let the person into their home but thankfully nothing happened. He informed the resident that no person should be knocking on doors without a permit from the Township. He asked that no one take any chances with someone soliciting door to door.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

June Dorworth, 1 Echo Avenue, stated that she had a Moorestown mailing address and asked who determines which post office they use. She would love to have a Delran mailing address since she lives in Delran.

Mr. Hatcher stated that he will look into this and report back to her.

Bill Pfeffer, Chester Avenue, asked Council if anyone is still concerned about the missing three million dollars from the Sewer Authority.

Mr. Morrow stated that the funds were used by the Sewerage Authority to pay their bill and pay the salaries. Mr. Morrow stated that a forensic audit would cost too much money. Mr. Morrow stated that we are looking into the second jetter truck to see if we can possibly auction the truck.

Mr. Pfeffer asked how Mr. Morrow knows that that is where the money went.

Mr. Morrow stated that he can not say for sure but that is where he believes the funds went. For years, their revenues were going down and they were spending more than they brought in.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we do know where the money has gone. He has copies of the bills and he has looked them over. The funds were spent on Sewer Authority items and the money did not just disappear.

Mr. Pfeffer asked if Mr. Catrambone went through every receipt.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he did not add up every bill but the Accountant did. They were spending more money over years than they were bringing in.

Mr. Pfeffer again asked if Council is going to do anything about the missing money. He stated that Mr. Schwartz is concerned and he has mentioned this before. The residents have a right to know where this money went.

Mr. Morrow stated that this Council was not in charge of the Authority, he is not saying that they will not discuss this issue.

Mr. Pfeffer asked Mr. Hatcher who was present when the Sewer Authority handed over all their documents when the transition took place.

Mr. Hatcher stated that all those documents are still in the same place as they were. He stated that we have provided documents as to where the revenues were and what the expenses were for the last five years and it is very clear where the money went. The expenses were roughly \$3.8 million dollars and they were only bringing in revenues of \$3 million so every year they were taking the funds from their surplus to make up the difference. There is nothing illegal about doing that. Mr. Hatcher stated that if there was missing money the audit would have reported it.

Mr. Pfeffer stated that there is missing money and that Mr. Schwartz feels that there is missing money.

Mr. Catrambone stated that the money is not missing it has been spent. We may not know if it needed to be spent but it has been spent. Spending money on a forensic audit does not make sense.

Mr. Pfeffer stated that that is his assumption. Unless a forensic is completed, they can not know where every dime was spent.

Mr. Catrambone stated that it is not an assumption, it is based on the information that he has.

Mr. Pfeffer asked even if the Sewerage Authority spent more than they brought in, is it still possible for them to have a surplus.

Mr. Morrow stated that if they were fiscally responsible, possibly.

Mr. Hatcher stated he wants everyone to be aware that when the audit is completed is July; you are going to get a significantly lower surplus because the debt service payment is front end loaded. The debt service is due in August which is about a third of their budget.

Mr. Pfeffer asked if during Mrs. Reed's time on the Sewer Authority she was aware of the expenditures and purchases. He also asked if she was given copies of the minutes.

Mrs. Reed stated that she was given copies at the meeting of the expenditures. Mrs. Reed also stated that she received copies of the minutes.

Mr. Pfeffer asked if she was familiar with the 2009 and 2010 budget.

Mrs. Reed stated yes.

Mr. Pfeffer asked if Mrs. Reed remembers being questioned at a meeting by a resident about whether she knew what was going on with the Sewer Authority and she answered no.

Mrs. Reed stated that she does not believe the resident asked a specific question. There were many things going on and some things she did not have knowledge. If he is asking amount the budget, then yes she did receive a copy of the budget the night of the vote.

Mr. Coluzzi stated that this is a public meeting and any member of the public is able to make comments. He advised Council that if they do not have specific information there is no need to provide information.

Mr. Pfeffer asked if Mrs. Reed remembers Mr. Catrambone stating that it was Mrs. Reed that notified Council that the Sewerage Authority was spending cash on the jetter truck. He also asked if Mrs. Reed remembers Mr. Catrambone stating that she was Council's eyes and ears on the Authority.

Mrs. Reed stated yes.

Mr. Pfeffer asked then how could she say that she did not know what is going on.

Mrs. Reed stated that her question was not specific.

Mr. Morrow stated that no one knew what was going on with the Sewer Authority. If he goes back and looks at their minutes, no one ever attended the meetings with the exception of Mr. Catrambone.

Mrs. Reed stated that on many occasions she asked where the Authority stood with their surplus and she was always told that they don't have a handle on the surplus balance. If they did not know, how would she know. She asked the questions and did not get the answers.

Mr. Pfeffer stated that if we can not come up with this missing money, he feels Council should consider, at any cost, a forensic audit.

Mr. Morrow stated that in September we can place this item on the work session agenda.

Mr. Pfeffer stated that Mr. Schwartz stated at the last work session that he still had concerns over the missing money and he was thinking about a forensic audit.

Mr. Schwartz stated that his concern was that in January of 2010 there was approximately \$1.4 million dollars that was suppose to be used for emergencies and then months later it was all gone. He understands that we have the bills but he wanted to get the information to the residents on how the money was spent. He is still for finding where that money was spent.

Mr. Pfeffer stated that he does not feel it is right that Council bond \$2.2 million dollars for the Myers Tract and increase the taxes again. He feels we should put a moratorium on some of this spending.

Mr. Morrow stated that the money being spent on the Myers Tract is coming from the Open Space fund it has no affect on the taxes.

Mr. Hatcher stated that those funds are already collected and will be continued to be collected. This will not increase the taxes. The open space fund and grants from the County will pay for the debt service.

Mr. Pfeffer stated that at the last meeting it was brought up about grass cutting. He asked if the Township knows whether or not the properties are vacant.

Mr. Hatcher stated that there are various scenarios. Some are foreclosures, tax sales and others. All of the properties where we ended up cutting the grass are vacant.

Mr. Pfeffer asked how much money the Township has spent and who the contractor is that cuts the grass.

Mr. Hatcher stated that he does not have the exact number but it is under a few thousand. There are two different contractors that perform the service and he can get him that information.

Mr. Pfeffer asked who bills for these services.

Mr. Hatcher stated that they go on tax liens and whoever ends up with lien pays the bill.

Mr. Pfeffer asked who the Chief Financial Officer is and her salary.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the Chief Financial Officer is Dawn Emmons and her salary is \$24,000 per year.

Mr. Pfeffer asked whom the Parks Supervisor is and if his salary is \$62,853.

Mr. Hatcher stated the Parks Supervisor is Larry Jack. He stated that he does not have his salary sheet with him but believes the salary sounds about right.

Mr. Pfeffer asked who the Construction Code Official is and if the salary is \$42,515. He also asked about the Director of Inspections and that salary of \$42,515.

Mr. Hatcher stated that Mr. McCurley holds both titles.

Mr. Pfeffer asked who the Director of the Sewer Department is now.

Mr. Hatcher stated that Jeff Williams is the Director.

Mr. Pfeffer asked what his salary is and if he has any assistants.

Mr. Hatcher stated that his salary is about \$104,000 and he has one assistant.

Brian Gorman, 232 Split Rail Court, asked if we have an estimated start date on the Myers Tract.

Mr. Hatcher stated that we do not have an estimated date yet. He need to have second reading on the bond ordinance and then the Engineer can begin his work in the early fall.

Mr. Gorman asked how long before we can begin to use the fields.

Mr. Hatcher stated that it will be about a year before we can begin to use the fields. We intend to phase the project but a lot of the development will be in the first phase.

Mr. Gorman stated that we are beginning to outgrow our facilities now. For \$30,000, we could put two brand new fields at Leon Avenue. He also recommended minor improvements to both Notre Dame Park and Tenby Chase. He asked if we could use the Open Space funds for those improvements.

Mr. Morrow stated that yes we could. We also receive the Kostic grant, which we could use to update some of those fields. We are really trying to concentrate on getting the Myers Tract up and running. Mr. Morrow stated that if we can do improvement to the other fields we will but we feel if we focus on the Myers Tract it will help with some of these problems.

Mr. Gorman stated that he is glad to hear that the project is less than two years away. He asked if Council would consider contributing to improvements to other fields.

Council recommended that we place this on an upcoming work session agenda.

Mr. Catrambone stated that if there are items that are in disrepair to please report it to the Township.

Mr. Gorman also stated that as an organization, they contribute also. He also asked what they would need to do if they wanted to move forward with improvements to Leon Avenue field.

Mr. Morrow stated that they can present the plan to Council for approval.

Don McCabe asked if they need to speak into the microphone.

Council stated that it needs to be heard on the recording.

Mr. McCabe stated that he would like to see the minutes posted sooner on the website. He stated that the April minutes were not posted until July.

Mr. Catrambone stated that they minutes must be approved by Council before they are posted on the website.

Mr. McCabe stated that he feels things can be covered if the minutes are posted faster.

Mr. Coluzzi stated that the minutes need to be approved by Council before posting on the website.

Mr. McCabe asked that the minutes be posted as soon as possible.

Mr. McCabe asked if we could work with other municipalities to try and consolidate fields instead of putting up additional fields. We have residents on River Drive that we need to help with the flooding. He also stated that the

Township asked for a Historical Society and they get no funding from the Township but we spend \$2.2 million on ball fields. We are not looking at what the people need.

Mr. Morrow stated that the \$2.2 million dollars is coming from the Open Space Fund and can only be used for recreation. We can not use that on River Drive but we are trying to help the residents.

Mr. McCabe asked if the Township is willing to fund the Historical Society.

Council stated that they are willing to discuss the possibility.

Mrs. Reed stated that by raising awareness, she feels they will receive new membership.

Mr. McCabe asked if there was any further action on 1207 Fairview Street and if the property owner accepted the proposal.

Mr. Coluzzi stated that they did not accept the proposed purchase price and we are in negotiations.

Mr. McCabe asked if he can have Council's absolute word that they will not condemn that property.

Mr. Morrow stated no.

Mr. McCabe stated that that is the most despicable thing you can do to someone. He does not want this Council to do this, they should not be known for condemning a property. Mr. McCabe asked if Forest Hills was supposed to take that property and make it a recreation area.

Mr. Catrambone stated that they are not aware of that.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the approvals are with the Planning Board but he is not aware of that.

Mr. McCabe stated that no matter what, the residents are paying for the purchase of the property.

Mr. Morrow stated we are trying to preserve as much open space as we can.

Mr. McCabe stated that the owner of the property should have been told, before they bought the property, that they could not build on it.

Mr. Morrow stated that the residents would have purchased the property had they been given the chance. It was a private transaction between NJ American Water Company and the developer.

Mr. McCabe stated that realtors should have known that the property could not be built on. He does not feel we need an additional park. He stated that he heard it was going to be a dog park.

Mr. Morrow stated that it has not been discussed how the property is going to be used.

Mr. McCabe asked why we don't eliminate the Open Space Tax if there is no more land in the town.

Mr. Morrow stated that it is a twenty year tax and the funds can be used for development.

Mr. McCabe asked why Council can not make a law that seniors don't have to pay school tax.

Mr. Morrow stated that this Council can not do anything about the school taxes. He recommended that he go to the School Board.

Mr. McCabe stated that he is just thinking of the people. He asked whether we need to pave roads when people are losing their homes.

Mr. Morrow stated that this Council has a responsibility to keep up with the roads and the infrastructure.

Mr. McCabe stated that the roads Council is talking about repairing do not need to be repaired. He has a moral obligation to neighbors and he can see that Council does not. He doesn't understand how they can just let people lose their properties. He recommended that Council stand up for the people and tell the state we are not doing things. Mr. McCabe stated that he appreciates what they do but he feels there are some changes that need to be made.

Rich Pattanite, 409 Brown Street, discussed with Council an issue with residents parking along the curve and speeding along Fifth Street. He was almost hit twice.

Mr. Schwartz stated that several residents have had the same concern and he has reported it to the Chief of Police.

Bill Pfeffer, 43 Chester Avenue, asked if there is any way the Township can place dirt along the river banks to help with the flooding along River Drive.

Mr. Morrow stated that they can discuss this with the Engineer.

Tom Tartaglia, Springcress Drive, stated that a few months ago Mr. Gorman and himself, had a meeting with Councilman Schwartz. He would like to see Council focus on our current fields. If we put some money into Leon Avenue Field, we could charge for signage on the outfield fences. Mr. Tartaglia stated that we asked for capping to be placed on the fence at Notre Dame Drive Field and it has not been done yet.

Mr. Morrow stated that it has already been approved and he should contact Public Works.

Mr. Tartaglia stated that it may be several years before we can use Myers Tract. He stated that the girls in this Township are in need of fields. We have to go out of town to use fields.

Mr. Morrow told him to bring his plan to the work session for Council to discuss.

Mr. Tartaglia stated that Leon Avenue could be a showcase for this Township. For \$50,000, we could put two really nice fields on that property. That would solve our problem right now and would give us the ability to raise money.

David Travis, Stoneham Drive, stated that parking is definitely an issue on Notre Dame Drive but traffic is not. Most of the owners knew the fields were there when they bought their house. The parking that the Township installed has helped. Mr. Travis stated that he does not want to see Norte Dame Fields neglected because they are three really nice fields. The capping on the fence is one thing that needs to be installed.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we will get the capping done.

Mr. Travis stated that he was not aware that there was a Historical Society and he is interested in possibly joining. He feels that it is a great thing but there are so many kids that benefit from the recreation areas.

Mr. Travis discussed the issue of speeding on Stoneham Drive. The cars cut through from Hartford to Creek Road. He understands that a permanent speed bump is not feasible but there are temporary ones.

Mrs. Reed stated she has witnessed this and she has brought this to Council's attention. The Township does not own the road yet but the Chief will be putting out traffic calming devices to try and get people to slow down.

Mr. Morrow stated that he should also reach out to the homeowners association.

Mr. Travis stated he feels the proposal for Leon Avenue is a great plan. He feels the Myers Tract is at least two years away.

Mr. Morrow stated that we will get the Myers Tract project moving as fast as we can.

Mr. Catrambone made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Schwartz. All were in favor, the motion was approved.

Mr. Catrambone made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Reed to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers
Municipal Clerk