

**WORK SESSION
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**August 23 2022
DELRAN, NJ**

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 March 1, 2022 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Jeney, Mr. Burrell were present. Mr. Smith and Mr. Lyon were absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Catrambone, Mayor, Mr. Tabakin, Solicitor, Mr. Bellina, Administrator, and Ms. Eggers, Township Clerk

SAFETY PRESENTATION

Postponed to future meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Resolution 2022-154** Extending Grace Period for 3rd Quarter Taxes.
- b. **Resolution 2022-155** Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes of a Totally Disabled Veteran Located at Block 128 Lot 22 Partial Tax Year 2022 and Thereafter
- c. **Resolution 2022-156** Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes of a Totally Disabled Veteran Located at Block 158 Lot 7 Partial Tax Year 2022 and Thereafter
- d. **Resolution 2022-157** Ratifying the Agreement between the Chief of Police and the Township of Delran
- e. **Resolution 2022-158** Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract to H.A. DeHart and Son for the Purchase of a Compost Turner
- f. **Resolution 2022-159** Awarding Extension of the Contract for Annual Maintenance & Repair of Sanitary Sewer System to Mac-Rose Contractors, Inc
- g. **Resolution 2022-160** Awarding Extension of the Contract for Annual Maintenance & Repair of Mechanical Apparatus to Municipal Maintenance Co.
- h. **Resolution 2022-161** Awarding Extension of the Contract for Annual Maintenance & Repair of Electrical Apparatus to Municipal Maintenance Co.

- i. **Resolution 2022-162** Recommending Plan Endorsement and Adopting the Planning and Implementation Agreement
- j. **Resolution 2022-163** Authorizing the Purchase of One Police Special Service Vehicle
- k. **Resolution 2022-164** Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes of a Totally Disabled Veteran Located at Block 137 Lot 9 Partial Tax Year 2022 and Thereafter
- l. **Resolution 2022-165** Approving Raffle License #617 for the Delran Education Foundation
- m. Authorizing the payment of bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
- n. A motion granting a mercantile license to:
 - Café Brazil, LLC, 5014 Route 130

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu to adopt the above Consent Agenda.

There being no questions the roll was called.

Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Jeney, Mr. Burrell voted aye.

Ayes: 3

Nays: None

Motion Approved

REPORTS

Mr. Bellina – Mr. Bellina reported that the Notre Dame project will go out to bid tomorrow. The bid opening will be about two weeks away. The project will commence this Fall.

Ms. Eggers – **No report**

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone stated that the tax bills are out and taxes will be the same amount as last year. Mr. Catrambone thanked Mr. Bellina for helping him present a no-increase budget. He also thanked the department heads and Council.

Mr. Catrambone reported that The Mason Williams Foundation is hosting their Back to School Mental Health Challenge and Fair on September 18th. They are looking for support from the township. All proceeds go to scholarships and mental health resources for the middle and high school students. More information can be found at masonwilliamsfoundation.org or The Mason

Williams Foundation on Instagram.

Mr. Tabakin– No report

Mrs. Apeadu – No report

Mr. Jeney – Mr. Jeney announced that The Green Team is sponsoring a program called “Everything Water” at the Delran Community Park this Thursday. Water, water usage and water preservation will be discussed. Attendees are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner at 6:30 PM. The presentation will follow.

Mr. Jeney reported that they are working with the VFW Post 3020 to identify another veteran who will be honored at the public meeting in September. Mr. Jeney thanked Sean Huryn, the vice commander, for all of his work and support.

Mr. Burrell – Mr. Burrell congratulated Jeremy Rafanello, a Union soccer player who was raised in Delran Township.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jeney made a motion to open the floor to public comment, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

Joseph Joyce, Delran resident – Mr. Joyce stated that people who have spoken out at Council meetings have suffered retaliations. He noted the termination of the communications director’s contract over allegations that she wrote a blog accusing Mr. Duff of faking cancer. He stated that her termination should have happened when the evidence was first produced. Mr. Joyce asked Mr. Catrambone to resign his position as mayor due to poor decisions. He requested this as a citizen of Delran and in no way should this be considered a political statement.

Mr. Burrell declared that the Mayor and Council definitely do not condone any type of violence and that incidents should be reported to the police.

Barb Littleton, Delran, NJ – Ms. Littleton explained that she feels the mayor is good at heart but the decisions he has made have not been good for the residents of Delran Township. In addition to the Dunphy’s law suit and the Carli Lloyd event, Ms. Littleton explained that residents have been asking whether the township is covered if the communications director does something that results in a court case. Ms. Littleton reported that the communication director’s insurance was not valid at the time of the post she is accused of publishing. Ms. Littleton also asked for the mayor’s resignation.

Patrick Duff, Haddon Heights, NJ – Mr. Duff explained that he was determined to find out who created a blog that accused him of faking cancer and stealing money from a memorial. Mr. Catrambone stated the he denounced the blog when it came out and he does not believe that his personal assistant wrote it. Mr. Duff reported her cell phone was directly attached to the blog and asked why she was fired. Mr. Catrambone stated that he was not involved in that decision. Mr.

Duff explained that he has filed a defamation lawsuit and the township is liable.

Candy Cure, Delran, NJ – Ms. Cure stated that the Green Team event is being held, tomorrow, Wednesday, August 24th not Thursday.

Jen Reppert, Delran, NJ – Ms. Reppert expressed her concerns about the current happenings in the township and asked that the mayor and Council do the right thing.

Ian Smith – Mr. Smith explained that Mr. Duff is a good human being who assists people that don't know how to get help. He stated that Mr. Duff and everyone who supports him, will not let the current issues go. He advised the mayor and Council to do the right thing.

Mr. Jeney made a motion to close the floor to public comment, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

Mr. Burrell thanked everyone who spoke or supported the speakers tonight by being at the meeting. He remarked that he shares the frustrations of the people who came to the meeting. All of the employees of the township have had to deal with the current controversies. He stated that he feels the people want accountability. He explained that Council has done their best to be accountable by previously getting rid of the township solicitor and by terminating the contract of the communications director this evening. Mr. Burrell stated that he would like answers from the mayor because until that happens, it will be very difficult to get anything except the day to day running of the township done. He discussed the standard of conduct that is acceptable for elected officials. He advised that the mayor should strongly consider what the residents have suggested tonight.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he appreciated the comments of Mr. Burrell but he noted that everything related to Dunphy's was Council approved. The Carli Lloyd Event was handled by Council and the RAC. Mr. Catrambone explained that this is a heartbreaking situation but that he was elected to do a job and he has no intention of resigning.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time, Mr. Burrell asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-166 authorizing the executive session.

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN RESOLUTION 2022-166

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:
NEGOTIATIONS/POTENTIAL LITIGATION – VENDOR CONTRACT FOR
TRASH COLLECTION
POTENTIAL LITIGATION – TERMINATION OF VENDOR
CLAIMS/POTENTIAL LITIGATION – CONFIDENTIAL
INVESTIGATION (COMPTROLLER)
POTENTIAL LITIGATION – TORT CLAIM NOTICE**

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 August 23, 2022 for the following reasons:

1. Negotiation/Potential Litigation – Vendor Contract for Trash Collection
2. Potential Litigation – Termination of Vendor
3. Claims/Potential Litigation – Confidential Investigation (Comptroller)
4. Potential Litigation – Tort Claim Notice

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

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu to adopt Resolution 2022-166.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Jeney, Mr. Burrell voted aye

Ayes: 3

Nays: None

Motion Approved

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

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2022-167**

**RATIFYING TERMINATION OF VENDOR CONTRACT BETWEEN
THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN AND WENDY MITCHELL
D/B/A WLMITCHELL CONSULTING**

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2022, the Township, by and through Township Solicitor Mark A. Tabakin, Esq., terminated the vendor consulting contract between the Township of Delran and Wendy Mitchell d/b/a WLMitchell Consulting, by way of email and letter received by the consultant.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Delran that the termination of the vendor consulting contract with Wendy Mitchell d/b/a WLMitchell Consulting, be and is hereby ratified with an effective date of August 10, 2022.

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu to adopt Resolution 2022-167

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Jeney, Mr. Burrell voted aye.

Ayes: 3

Nays: None

Motion Approved

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

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers
Municipal Clerk