# REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING MUNICIPAL BUILDING

August 5, 2014 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 December 28, 2012 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

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

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Mr. Paris, Mayor, Mr. DeBrosse, Solicitor and Ms. Eggers, Municipal Clerk.

Mr. Morrow made a motion seconded by Mr. Schwartz to approve the minutes for May 27, 2014.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye. Ms. Pangia abstained.

Ayes: 3 Nays: None Abstained: 1

#### Motion Approved

Mr. Morrow made a motion seconded by Ms. Pangia to approve the minutes for June 24, 2014 and July 1, 2014.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None

Motion Approved

#### ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE 2014-10

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF PORTIONS OF TENBY CHASE DRIVE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$455,000 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 \$432,250; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Delran, County of Burlington, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law, Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law"), as follows:

<u>Section 1.</u> The purposes described in Section 7 hereof are hereby authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by the Township of Delran, County of Burlington, New Jersey ("Township").

**Section 2.** It is hereby found, determined and declared as follows:

- (a) the estimated amount to be raised by the Township from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$455,000;
- (b) the estimated amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$432,250; and
- (c) a down payment in the amount of \$22,750 for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is currently available in accordance with the requirements of Section 11 of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11.

<u>Section 3.</u> The sum of \$432,250, to be raised by the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes, together with the sum of \$22,750, which amount represents the required down payment, are hereby appropriated for the purposes stated in this bond ordinance ("Bond Ordinance").

**Section 4.** The issuance of negotiable bonds of the Township in an amount not to exceed \$432,250 to finance the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 hereof is hereby authorized. Said bonds shall be sold in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law.

Section 5. In order to temporarily finance the purposes described in Section 7 hereof, the issuance of bond anticipation notes of the Township in an amount not to exceed \$432,250 is hereby authorized. Pursuant to the Local Bond Law, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver the same to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their date to delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this Bond Ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

<u>Section 6.</u> The amount of the proceeds of the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance which may be used for the payment of interest on such obligations, accounting, engineering, legal fees and other items as provided in Section 20 of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20, shall not exceed the sum of \$55,000.

<u>Section 7.</u> The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which said obligations are to be issued; the estimated costs of each said purpose; the amount of down payment for each said purpose; the maximum amount of obligations to be issued for each said purpose and the period of usefulness of each said purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law are as follows:

## Purpose/Improvement

A. Reconstruction Tenby Chase
Drive from Parry road to
Haines Mill Road, together
with the completion of all work
necessary therefor or related
thereto, all as more particularly
described in the plans and
specifications on file with the
Township Administrator

Estimated	Down	Amount of Obligations	Period of
Total Cost	<u>Payment</u>		<u>Usefulness</u>
\$455,000	\$22,750	\$432,250	10 years

<u>Section 8.</u> The average period of useful life of the several purposes for the financing of which this Bond Ordinance authorizes the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized for said several purposes, is not less than 10 years.

- **Section 9.** Grants or other monies received from any governmental entity, if any, will be applied to the payment of, or repayment of obligations issued to finance, the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 above.
- <u>Section 10.</u> The supplemental debt statement provided for in Section 10 of the Local Bond Law, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:2-10, was duly filed in the office of the Clerk prior to the passage of this Bond Ordinance on first reading and a complete executed duplicate original thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. The supplemental debt statement shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:2-43, is increased by this Bond Ordinance by \$432,250 and that the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.
- <u>Section 11.</u> The full faith and credit of the Township are irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance, and to the extent payment is not otherwise provided, the Township shall levy <u>ad valorem</u> taxes on all taxable real property without limitation as to rate or amount for the payment thereof.
- <u>Section 12.</u> The applicable Capital Budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this Bond Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith, and the resolution 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, is on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.
- <u>Section 13.</u> The Township hereby declares its intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance pursuant to Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(e), promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), for "original expenditures", as defined in Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(c)(2), made by the Township prior to the issuance of such bonds or bond anticipation notes.

### Section 14. The Township hereby covenants as follows:

- (a) it shall take all actions necessary to ensure that the interest paid on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by the Bond Ordinance is exempt from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income taxation purposes, and will not become a specific item of tax preference pursuant to Section 57(a)(5) of the Code;
- (b) it will not make any use of the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes or do or suffer any other action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "arbitrage bonds" as such term is defined in Section 148(a) of the Code and the Regulations promulgated thereunder;

- (c) it shall calculate or cause to be calculated and pay, when due, the rebatable arbitrage with respect to the "gross proceeds" (as such term is used in Section 148(f) of the Code) of the bonds or bond anticipation notes;
- (d) it shall timely file with the Internal Revenue Service, such information report or reports as may be required by Sections 148(f) and 149(e) of the Code; and
- (e) it shall take no action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code.
- <u>Section 15.</u> The improvements authorized hereby are not current expenses and are improvements that the Township may lawfully make. No part of the cost of the improvements authorized hereby has been or shall be specially assessed on any property specially benefited thereby.
- <u>Section 16.</u> All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
- <u>Section 17.</u> In accordance with the Local Bond Law, this Bond Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Ms. Pangia. All were in favor, motion approved.

There were no comments.

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

Mr. Morrow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to adopt the ordinance on second reading.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None

Motion Approved

#### ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE 2014-11

BOND ORDINANCE **AUTHORIZING** LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS TO DELRAN COMMUNITY PARK; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$248,000 THEREFOR; ISSUANCE AUTHORIZING THE 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 \$235,600; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS **CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING** 

Mr. Morrow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to adopt the ordinance on first reading.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None

Motion Approved

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

# TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN RESOLUTION 2014-99

#### **GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE 2013 ANNUAL AUDIT**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

**WHEREAS**, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2013 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and,

**WHEREAS**, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations, and,

**WHEREAS**, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and,

**WHEREAS,** such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and,

**WHEREAS**, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board, and

**WHEREAS**, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Township Council of the Township of Delran, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Mr. Morrow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to adopt Resolution 2014-99.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone and voted aye.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None

Motion Approved

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN RESOLUTION 2014-100

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs has instituted a requirement for Local Units to prepare a Corrective Action Plan as part of the annual audit

process in accordance with the Single Audit Act, U.S. Office of Management and Budget, Circular A-128 and New Jersey Circular Letter 87-11; and

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Financial Officer is responsible to prepare the plan with the assistance from the other officials affected by the Audit Recommendation and approved by the governing body of the Local Unit.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Township Council of the Township of Delran hereby approve the Corrective Action Plan based on the recommendations in the 2013 Audit Report.

Mr. Morrow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to adopt Resolution 2014-100.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone and voted aye.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None

Motion Approved

#### **RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA**

Resolution 2014-101 Authorizing Various Grass Cuttings

Resolution 2014-102 Approving Totally Disabled Veteran Deduction

Resolution 2014-103 Authorizing the Mayor to sign the amendment to the Shared Services Agreement with the County of Burlington to allow the routing of central communications and "911" calls

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to adopt the Resolutions on consent agenda

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone and voted aye.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None

Motion Approved

#### **MOTIONS**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion authorizing the Engineer to undertake the engineering for the Delran Community Park Phase II project in an amount not to exceed \$19,500.00. This approval will be after the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption of the bond ordinance and the twenty day estoppel period. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pangia.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Schwartz made a motion authorizing the advertisement of bids for the boiler improvements. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morrow.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None

Motion Approved

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

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Morrow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to accept the report of the Tax Collector, CFO and the Township Clerk.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow 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 Ms. Pangia.

- 1. David Gooding, Inc., 1916 Underwood Blvd.
- 2. Two Ent Autos, LLC, 209-2 Carriage Lane
- 3. Das Cars, Inc., 209-5 Carriage Lane
- 4. Nidus Inc., 209-3 Carriage Lane
- 5. H & Z Auto World, 209A-4 Carriage Lane
- 6. Monaco Auto Werks, 209-4 Carriage Lane
- 7. Lab Corp, 5045 Route 130 South

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None

**Motion Approved** 

### **REPORTS**

**Ms. Eggers** – No report.

**Mr. Hatcher** – Mr. Hatcher reported that the tax bills will be mailed out next week and the final day to for payment before a penalty will be September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. DeBrosse** – No report.

**Mr. Bauer** – Jim Bauer, Fire Commissioner, reported that he had the honor of attending the Burlington County Award dinner for "Forty under Forty". It was a fun evening and many Delran residents were honored.

Mr. Bauer stated that there were two notable events. They rescued about nine duckling from the sewer system. This seems to be an annual event.

Mr. Bauer reported that they received an ambulance call and when they opened the back door to the ambulance to load a patient they realized that there was a swarm of bees in the ambulance. The immediately covered the patient but the medic taking care of the patient was stung several times. They believe that it may have been a hornet nest that was disturbed.

**Ms. Pangia** – Ms. Pangia reported that Jake's Place will be holding their 5-K run at their playground in Cherry Hill. Jake's Place is in negotiations with Delran to build a playground. We are hoping to get a nice showing out to their event, which would help support building the playground here in Delran. The event will take place on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Trunk-or-Treat is scheduled for October 25th and we are beginning to plan that event.

**Mr. Schwartz** – Mr. Schwartz reported that it appears that the construction on Brown Street is nearly completed with the painting of the speed limit sign in the road. Several residents have reached out and feel that this will be successful is slowing down the speed on that road.

Mr. Schwartz congratulated Ms. Pangia for her "Forty under Forty" award and thanked Mr. Bauer for allowing him to talk his ear off during the evening.

**Mr. Morrow** – Mr. Morrow stated that many of his neighbors have noticed a lot of work going on up and down Fairview Street with the sidewalk project and the improvements to the shopping center. He received some questions for resident with concerns about why the sidewalks to not extend past Stecher Avenue. Mr. Morrow explained that we have been fighting for this sidewalk since we received the grant funding from the state. The first issued we faced was that this is a County Road. The County has the final say with the construction of the sidewalk and they required certain improvements as part of this project. Because of timing we had to allocate additional funding from another project to help cover those extra cost or we would have lost the grant funds. The amount of the funding took us right to Stecher Avenue. This project is not completed because that portion of the sidewalk needs to be completed and stated that Council needs to get the project into the capital budget next year. The funding would have been in place if the County did not require certain improvements that increased the cost of the total project. We also ran into an issue with PSE&G regarding the relocation of two poles. Those are the reasons that the project did not extend down to the VFW. Going into next year he would encourage Council to finish the project.

**Mr. Catrambone** – Mr. Catrambone stated that at the recommendation of the neighbors he visited the area and he agrees that it looks like the project is not completed. That is not because Council did not want the project completed or a lack of effort. We will be opening up the meeting to the public for comments.

**Mr. Paris** – Mr. Paris reported that the Township has been very busy with road improvements. Brown Street and Lowden are completed and we will be working on finishing Tenby Chase Drive.

In regards to Fairview Street, Mr. Morrow worked very hard for that project, which Mayor and Council supported. We were able to receive a grant that unfortunately did not finish that project. We will reach out to the State for additional funding as well as looking at the

capital budget to finish this projects. We are working very hard to catch up on the infrastructure improvements.

Mr. Paris stated that a representative from the Governor's office was down here last week and they are looking at Hartford Road, which is in need of reconstruction. They also met with resident down along the creek. We will continue to look to funding for these project.

Mr. Paris stated that Delran Day is Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and we are looking for volunteers. If anyone is interested they can contact the Clerk's Office.

Mr. Paris stated that the RAC has been very active. They held a meeting with Moorestown and are looking at combining activities for both the senior and the special needs program. We will also be reaching out to other towns.

Mr. Paris reported that the tax bill will be out shortly. Everyone worked extremely hard on this budget and we were able to keep the local tax stable again this year.

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Donna Shepard, 83 Stecher Avenue, stated that she will be speaking with Mr. Deltoro, 1131 Fairview Street, because he does not speak English very well.

Mrs. Shepard, stated that she believe that the should have started that Fairview Street sidewalk project at the VFW, instead of starting it on the other side of Stecher Avenue and heading to Route 130. It seems that they singled out Mr. Deltoro property. She stated that the sidewalk needs to get done in front of Mr. Deltoro's property.

Mr. Deltoro stated that the contractor asked to park the equipment on his property, they never told him that they were going to dump the millings on his property.

Mrs. Shepard stated that for the last few weeks he had his customers parking on Stecher Avenue. The contractor told him they were going to spread out the milling and make it look nice, which never happened. He was also lead to believe that the sidewalks would extend to his property. He feels that he was being used.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he wants to make sure a few things are clear. We received a grant for \$215,000 and when we put this out to bid the County required that we install the sidewalks to their specifications. We also appropriated additional funding from an existing ordinance. When the bids came in we were still over the amount we had appropriated. We decided that because we were in jeopardy of losing the grant, we would construct the sidewalks and end the project at Stecher Avenue, which was a natural place to end. Our intention was always the safety of the residents walking to the highway. That is the reason we started at Route 130 and worked our way to Stecher.

Mrs. Shepard stated that it is not right that the piece of sidewalk was left out. It is a major piece that leads to the shopping center on Fairview Street.

Mr. Morrow stated that because the County required certain standards, took money away for the Township to be able to complete the project. They were not willing to work with us on this.

Mr. Deltoro asked why they did not start the project at his property.

Mr. Morrow stated that because this was a state grant for safe streets to transit we had to start at Route 130.

Mr. Paris stated that it was our intention to do the entire project. The County put us through a lot of red tape with their requirements. Because they required us to increase the width of the sidewalk it increased the total cost.

Mrs. Shepard asked if the contractor will be coming back to take care of the millings.

Mr. Catrambone stated that on a side agreement Mr. Deltoro agreed to allow him to put the millings onto his property.

Mr. Deltoro stated that he allowed them to park their equipment, he never agreed to the millings.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he spoke with the contractor today and was told that Mr. Deltoro agreed to the placing the millings there and they would have them spread out. If he does not want them, we will instruct them to remove the millings.

Mrs. Shepard stated that Mr. Deltoro is very upset and he feels that this is discrimination, because he is the last house in Delran.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he is going to have to stop her here. He understands that they are upset but to insinuate that this Council had anything to do with discrimination, he will not have it. Up until today, he did not even know Mr. Deltoro. The decision was made to start at Route 130 because of the bus stops, which is the reason we received the grant.

Mr. Deltoro asked why that was not explained to him. When he originally received the letter, he believed his sidewalk was being done.

Mr. Paris stated that we did what we had to do based on the requirements from the County and we took the project as far as we could. We will continue to look for funding to finish.

Mr. Morrow stated that he worked so hard for five years on this project and he was disappointed by the delays. If you look at the big picture, this road is now safer than it

ever was before and it will get completed. He recommended that they reach out to Mr. Hatcher instead of talking with the contractor.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the issue with the letter that Mr. Deltoro received is that the letter was sent a year and a half ago. It was our intent to do the entire road. The first step was to adopt the bond, based on the Township Engineer's estimate. Then the Engineer notified us of the County requirements, which increased the cost of the project by 30%-40%. At that point we added funding for an existing increase. When the bid was sent out there was a deletion item included. Once we received the bids it was higher than the amount we had budgeted and we were in jeopardy of losing the grant if we did not move forward. Council approved moving forward with the project, including the deletion item, which ended the project at Stecher Avenue.

Mr. Catrambone stated that our choice was to do nothing, or do as much as we could with the funding available.

Mr. Deltoro asked why they could not send him a letter explaining this.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he does not know. He stated that if they ever have a questions, they need to reach out to Mr. Hatcher.

Mr. Paris stated that we promise to do everything we can to get this project completed.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we have a lot of interest in getting this done as quickly as we can and he feels Council is committed to this project. Mr. Catrambone asked Mr. Hatcher to reach out to Mr. Winckowski to make sure that the contractor holds up to whatever agreement Mr. Deltoro worked out with them.

Mrs. Shepard stated that she appreciates the help from everyone.

Glenn Davies, 80 Stecher Avenue, stated that he has two daughters that walk along that street. The kids that live there have to walk that street to Pancoast for the school bus. The sidewalk is a good thing and a huge gain for the safety of the children. He stated that the speed on the road is very dangerous and now the sidewalk was installed we can no longer have a patrol car sitting there to control the speeding. He fears that the speeding will increase.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he does not believe the police were instructed not to continue their enforcement on the road.

Mr. Davies stated that they are no longer able to sit at the gate to the park because of the sidewalks.

Mr. Paris stated that we can continue to increase the patrol of the speeding and we will make sure that they aware area of the issues.

Mr. Catrambone asked that Mr. Hatcher and Mr. Paris make sure that whatever presence that they had there continues.

Mr. Davies stated that it was more about the location of the police vehicle, it was very visible and help to slow the speeding.

Mr. Morrow stated that the police will also sit in the parking lot at the shopping center. One thing that you will notice is that with the County requirements, we were forced to take more of the road away which made it narrower. He noticed that this has helped slow down the speeding. One thing that he has talked to the Freeholder's about is improving pedestrian crosswalks and he is trying to get a pilot program together. There is a lot more pedestrian traffic on our roadways. We are aware of the safety concerns.

Mr. Paris stated that we have the same safety concerns along Bridgeboro Street for which we have applied for grants and have not received.

Mr. Davies asked if Council has an estimate of the cost to finish the project.

Mr. Catrambone stated that deletion item that was remove was around \$33,000. There is a lot more that goes into this than it appears.

Mr. Davies stated that he would exchange the \$33,000 instead of putting teddy bears and roses up and down that street.

William Tilden, 59 Alden Avenue, stated that back at the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting there was a question about the functionality of the pipes under Alden Avenue and there was to be an engineering report. He asked if the Township has received an update.

Mr. Hatcher stated that they have not received that report and the Engineer needs the help of the Sewer Department to camera the lines. The camera is currently under repair. We did receive an answer on the flapper valve at Norman Avenue and there will be a recommendation for Council to review at the work session. There are some new materials that may help that valve to better function.

Mr. Tilden stated that he noticed that when the tide has gone back out there is still water in the drains.

Mr. Paris stated that with the improvements to the flapper valve should help get the water out.

Mr. Hatcher stated that with the new materials it will help the valve open with less pressure.

Mr. Catrambone stated that this item is next on the list.

Mr. Tilden asked that some time ago there was a suggestion to let the foliage grow along the berm. He felt that was a great idea but there seems to be a section by the Sewer Plant that was cut and he believes also sprayed.

Mr. Catrambone stated that in a conversation with the Engineer it was determined that that the cutting, as long as it goes to the street side of the crest, it is fine. We are not to go past that crest. That is what they were instructed to stop cutting.

Mr. Tilden complimented the Council for being as open as they are. He reads articles in the paper regarding other towns that are not so open.

Mr. Shepard, 83 Stecher Avenue, asked if the contractor is charging additional fees to replace the handicap curb on the other side of Stecher Avenue.

Mr. Catrambone stated that it is part of the project and there is no additional cost. They are simply changing the direction of the handicap curb to face the other side of Stecher Avenue.

Mr. Morrow stated that with this being a State grant the contractor is under strict guidelines. They will not be released until this contractor meets all the State and Township requirements.

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

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morrow to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers Municipal Clerk