

**WORK SESSION
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**August 8, 2012
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 on July 27, 2012 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

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

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

COST ESTIMATE FOR STEWART AVENUE AND SWEDES LAKE VALVE REPAIRS

Mr. Winckowski reported that they have prepared the cost estimate for both valve repairs. For the Swedes Lake outfall, they would change out the valve and replace it with a newer valve. Along River Drive, there are two outfalls, one behind the sewer plant and one at Stewart Avenue. The one behind the sewer plant appears to be working properly but they will continue to observe it during wet weather. The valve at Stewart Avenue has completely broken off and the end of the pipe is buried. We would need to excavate that pipe out and extend it beyond the berm and add the valve. Because of the extent of this project, it will require permits through the DEP which could take between six and ten months. The construction estimate for both projects would be \$132,000. The engineering fees and permitting fees would be \$45,150.00. There would be application fees in the amount of \$7500.00. The intent with the valve at River Drive and Stewart Avenue is to keep the water from the creek from backing up into the storm sewers. It will not fix all the flooding issues in the Riverside Park area. We still have grants pending for improving the banks along the creek.

Mr. Gilbert, 75 Stewart Avenue, recommended that we work along with Riverside Township for the improvements to the banks.

Mr. Schwartz stated that Assemblyman Singleton is meeting with Delran, Riverside and Cinnaminson to discuss this issue.

Mr. Morrow stated that the berms not only need to be rebuilt they need to be redesigned. The river runs high all the time and the banks have been eroding for years. Anything we do along the creek will require major studies. He is asking CME Associates to provide a cost estimate for engineering fees to redesign of the banks along the creek. After that, he would like them to provide a cost estimate for the improvements. He did reach out to Mr. Runyan's office today to see if they can provide any help. We also have to come up with a plan that will address building within the township and how it will affect this problem.

Mr. Winckowski stated there are several issues in Riverside Park. First is the outfall at Stewart Avenue which will be repaired if we move forward with this project. The other

issues are the erosion along the banks and the need for pump stations to get the water out.

Mr. Morrow stated that this is why we need a cost estimate for the entire project. This is a town wide problem not a Riverside Park problem.

Mr. Winckowski stated that this is a very large project and not one that the Township may be able take on themselves.

Ms. Pomeranz stated that we need to keep the Army Corps involved with this issue.

Mr. Winckowski stated that we are also going to need help from the residents in documenting the issues. In order to receive funds for FEMA we will need to have the damages documented.

Ms. Pomeranz asked if the dredging along the Delaware River will have any affect on the Township.

Mr. Winckowski stated that it will not affect the Township. He also recommended that we draft a form for use by the residents to document the issues and damages.

Mr. Gilbert, 75 Stewart Avenue, stated that last year during the storm they received no help from FEMA. If Riverside Park continues to flood, the basements will collapse. It has been forty years since there has been any dredging done in the creek.

Mr. Morrow stated that unfortunately this is going to take sometime.

Ron Taylor, 8 Notre Dame Drive, asked if there are any dredging plans for the creek.

Mr. Morrow stated that there are no plans.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we need to keep all the residents in the area informed. He recommended that we set aside a work session sometime in the future to have the Engineer make a presentation on all the elements involved in this project. At the next work session, Council will look into a date once we receive a timeline from the Engineer.

Mr. Gilbert, 75 Stewart Avenue, stated that the Engineer giving a presentation on what is involved is a good idea. It is better to be upfront on the issue.

Mr. Winckowski stated that he would like to meet with Mr. Gilbert to discuss the issue that he is experiencing.

After discussion, Council agreed that they would like to move forward with both the Swedes Lake and Stewart Avenue projects. They will fund the Swedes Lake Project directly out of the Open Space Fund. The Stewart Avenue project will be funded with bonds as part of the capital budget.

Mr. Hatcher stated that we will need a bond ordinance for the Stewart Avenue project and also an emergency appropriation to add the down payment money into the capital improvement fund for approximately \$5,000. We would do an appropriation ordinance to take the funds directly out of the Open Space Funds for the Swedes Lake project. We will have the ordinances and the emergency resolution prepared to be introduced at the August public meeting. Council agreed that they would like to adopt the ordinances at the September 19th meeting.

Myla Rodgers, 300 Arch Street, asked Council to explain the project and where it is.

Mr. Catrambone stated that the valve in at the far end of Swedes Lake and we will be replacing the valve and rebuilding the area around the pipe.

REQUEST FOR SEWER REDUCTION

Mr. Hatcher reported that the Heritage Square Turkish Cultural Center experienced a flood in their unit during the winter of 2010. The code book requires that they bring these concerns to the Council within the first three months of the year. Mr. Hatcher stated that except for the issue that it was brought to our attention late, there is no doubt that the bill for 2011 should be reduced. They are requesting that the bill be reduced from \$2,790.40 to \$716.80. They are also requesting that the difference in the amount of \$2,073.60 be refunded. Council agreed to this and they will place a resolution on the agenda for the August public meeting.

DELRAN FIRE COMPANY #2 5K RUN/WALK

Mr. Catrambone stated that we have received a letter requesting that they be permitted to hold this event.

Mr. Morrow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pomeranz to approve this event. All were in favor, motion approved.

DISCUSSION ON TAX ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT

Mr. Hatcher stated reported that we received request for proposals for a Special Tax Attorney to handle the tax appeal for the NJ American Water Company. We were hoping to have the Attorney do this on a contingency basis but the

proposals did not come in that way. Mr. Hatcher recommended that we put the request out again with the contingency in the proposal.

Mr. Coluzzi stated that he will take a look at the original proposal that was put out and revise the RFP based on the discussions.

Mr. Morrow made a motion to readvertise the request for proposals for Special Tax Attorney, seconded by Ms. Pomeranz. All were in favor, motion approved.

REPORTS

Mr. Hatcher – Mr. Hatcher stated that Mr. DeSanto received quotes for the replacement of the fencing at Leon Avenue Field. The quotes are under the bid threshold but over the \$17,500, which requires the vendor to file a disclosure form for any campaign contributions. That will need to be on file ten days prior to award.

Mr. Hatcher reported that he has received quotes on the Janitorial Contract. Our current vendor was the lowest quote which was \$12,000 for the year. They are willing to sign a contract that states that if the work is not satisfactory we have thirty days notice for termination.

Mr. Winckowski – Mr. Winckowski reported that Roland Street is complete. We will need to make the final payment on August 28th in order to meet the deadline for reimbursement from the county.

Myers Tract Improvements have started. They are currently clearing the property.

Clearing will begin tomorrow on the improvements to the intersection of Hartford and Conrow Road. The project should be complete within the next two weeks.

With the Westover Drive storm drain replacement project, we ran into a little problem with PSE&G. They needed to move a transformer and wanted the Township to pay for the expense of moving it. This has all been worked out and they will be moving the transformer at their expense.

Mr. Winckowski reported that they will be submitting the plans and specifications for the 2012 Road Program and would like to have Council authorize the bid on August 28th.

Mr. Winckowski reported that they are recommending the release of the bond for Throwbacks Bar & Grill. This will be on the agenda for August public meeting.

Mr. Paris requested that Mr. Winckowski take a look at the area across from Millbridge School on Conrow Road.

Mr. Coluzzi – No report.

Mr. Schwartz – Mr. Schwartz reported that he attended the meeting on July 30th with NJ Transit regarding the impact of the River Line. He will have a complete report at the public meeting.

Mr. Morrow – Mr. Morrow reported that Public Works did a great job trimming the trees along Fairview Street.

Mr. Morrow recommended that Mr. Winckowski take a look at Lichtenthal Street, which is in terrible condition. He also asked that we look into the CDBG Grant for Wills Street.

Mr. Hatcher stated that Wills Street is not in the census area.

Mr. Morrow stated that there is a tremendous amount of dirt wash onto Faunce Street from the park. We need to look into funds for this park.

Ms. Pomeranz – No report.

Mr. Catrambone – No report.

Mr. Paris – Mr. Paris thanked the police department for their work in Faunce Street. There have been reports on kids going back there and we will continue to monitor the area.

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone stated that he would like to thank Detective Hubbs for his work on the case with Moose, the dog. The woman charged, was in court today and it was moved up to the County level.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Morrow made a motion to open the meeting to the public for comments, seconded by Ms. Pomeranz. All were in favor, motion approved.

Ms. Rodgers, 300 Arch Street, asked if the fence on Faunce Street that separates the park from the property next to it will be replaced with the improvements.

Mr. Hatcher stated that it will not be replaced as it is not on Township property.

Ms. Rodgers asked what is Council doing on Hartford and Conrow Road.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we are adding a right hand turn lane on Conrow.

Ms. Rodgers stated that she is in the minority that wants to turn left from Conrow onto Hartford Road and the vehicles are driving at a high speed.

Mr. Paris asked Mr. Winckowski to take a look at whether the county would consider making the intersection of Hartford and Bridgeboro Road no turn on red.

Ms. Rodgers stated that she is proposing that the Township install flashing lights to control the speed on both Hartford and Conrow Road.

Ms. Rodgers reported that the sidewalks on Chester Avenue from Fifth Street to the Middle School on the Delran side need to be looked at because they need to be repaired.

Mr. Hatcher stated that he will have Mr. McCurley take a look at the issue.

Ms. Rodgers reported that there are about five properties along Hartford Road turning off of Route 130 that need to have the grass cut.

Mr. Paris stated that there are a lot of properties in that condition and we are trying to keep on top of this.

Mr. Hatcher stated that more than likely they have already been cited or are in the process.

Ms. Rodgers also reported that at 500 Main Street, the roof is falling off.

Mr. Hatcher stated that this property has been turned over to Mr. McCurley.

Ms. Rodgers asked if there is anything that can be done with the clothing dumpster that are showing up all over town.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we will be looking into this issue.

Mr. Hatcher stated that he will review the ordinance to see if they are permitted.

Thomas Fox, 9 Notre Dame Drive, asked if Mr. Paris found out whether a light can be placed at the entrance to Notre Dame Park. This would help keep the kids out of the park.

Mr. Hatcher stated that this is a decision that Council will need to determine.

Mr. Fox also reported that there is a bush near the fence at the end of the driveway that makes it difficult to exit the driveway.

Mr. Hatcher stated that he will have the Chief take a look at this issue.

Mr. Fox asked if they are going to install the new storm drain covers that protect things from entering.

Mr. Hatcher stated that currently we are only replacing them when we repave the roads.

Mr. Fox stated that they were going to do a speed study on Notre Dame but he has not seen it. There are some issues with the American Legion League.

Mr. Morrow stated that when the new park opens next year, there will be a big difference on Notre Dame.

Mr. Paris stated that he has noticed that the American Legion League is not using the parking lot. He stated that we may want to have the RAC reach out to them and encourage them to use the lot.

Mr. Gilbert, 75 Stewart Avenue, asked if Council know when the trial will take place for the death of Moose, the dog.

Mr. Catrambone stated that they are not aware but there is a "Justice for Moose" Facebook site that he can visit for updates.

Mr. Gilbert stated that the jetter truck is still being parked at the Sewer Plant instead of storage.

Mr. Hatcher stated that he has asked them to move it inside; it may be the old one that is out there.

Mrs. Rodgers asked if Council is looking to buy the remainder of the property at the corner of Hartford and Conrow.

Mayor Paris stated that we are not.

Mr. Gilbert stated that his VVA group attends an event at the Library set up by Mrs. Kolodi and her classes at the High School and he invited Mayor and Council to attend. The event will take place around Christmas. He feels that the school and the kids deserve a little recognition for this event. We have been doing this for the past four years. The kids also give the group a dinner and the Township should be proud of this class.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he is sure Mrs. Kolodi will inform them when this event will take place.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jamey Eggers, Township Clerk