

**PUBLIC MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**September 13, 2022
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 March 1, 2022 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Bellina, Administrator, Ms. Eggers, Township Clerk, Ms. Rizzuto, Solicitor

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes for the February 8, 2022, and February 22, 2022 Action and Work Session Meetings

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, and Mr. Burrell voted aye. Mrs. Apeadu abstained

Ayes: 3

Nays: None

Abstain: 1

Motion Approved

ORDINANCE(S) ON FIRST READING

Ordinance 2022-17 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 63 of the Code of the Township of Delran Entitled "Affordable Housing"

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

Roll Call: Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Mr. Burrell voted aye

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Ordinance 2022-18 An Ordinance to Establish Salaries for Various Employees of the Township of Delran, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey and Regulating the Manner of Payment of Same

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

Roll Call: Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Mr. Burrell voted aye

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

Mr. Jeney presented a proclamation to Sgt. Art Saul, United States Army and Former Delran Township Police Chief and Fire Commissioner.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2022-167 Resolution Of The Township Of Delran, In The County Of Burlington, New Jersey Determining The Form And Other Details For The Issuance And Sale Of Up To \$1,850,000 Of Bonds Of The Township Of Delran Consisting Of The Township's General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022a And The Township's General Obligation Bonds Series 2022b; Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of The Loan Agreements To Be Executed By The Township And Each Of The New Jersey Infrastructure Bank And State Of New Jersey, Acting By And Through The New Jersey Department Of Environmental Protection; Further Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of An Escrow Agreement, All Pursuant To The 2022 New Jersey Infrastructure Bank Financing Program; And Determining Certain Other Matters In Connection Therewith

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

Roll Call: Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Mr. Burrell voted aye

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Resolution 2022-168 Governing Body Certification of the 2021 Annual Audit

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call: Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Mr. Burrell voted aye

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Mr. Burrell asked Council to table Resolution 2022-172 at this time. It will not be included in the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Resolution 2022-169** Refunding Outside Employment Escrow PD22-03

- b. **Resolution 2022-170** Authorizing Award of Contract for the 2022 Roadway Improvement Program to Black Rock Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$576,808.75
- c. **Resolution 2022-171** Authorizing Award of Contract for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Parking Lot Improvements in the amount of \$84,013.13
- d. **Resolution 2022-173** Resolution of Municipal Support for Merry Juana to Receive One (1) Class 5 Cannabis Retailer License from the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission to Operate Within the Township of Delran, Subject to Township Land Use Approvals
- e. Authorizing the Payment of Bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
- f. Accepting the report of the CFO including the July and August YTD Revenue Report, YTD Budget Report and July and August Check Register.
- g. Accepting the report of the Tax Collector and Township Clerk
- h. Granting a mercantile license to:
 - howS Imports, LLC, 207 A-9 Carriage Lane
 - KW Motors, LLC, 207 A-3 Carriage Lane
 - DeSelg Heating and Air Conditioning, 2910 Route 130 North, Suite 3
 - Fly Wireless Accessories, 1812 Underwood Blvd., Unit 4
 - Landzie LLC, 1819 Underwood Blvd., Suite 6
- i. Appointing Chris Aleszczyk to the Zoning Board for a term to expire December 31, 2023

Mr. Jeney 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. Burrell voted aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

REPORTS

Chief Kevin Peak, Delran Fire Department reported 434 calls for service. There was an oven

fire on August 9th that burned itself out in the 1100 block of Fairview Street. Riverside Township and the FM assisted with that call.

On August 17th, the Chester Avenue Station was dispatched to Station 171 in Vincentown where they offered coverage and help on the scene of a multi-alarm fire at Mount Holly Motor Sports.

On August 21st, the rehab from the Chester Avenue Station was dispatched to Sheffield Drive in Mansfield. The rehab provides shelter, water, EMS supplies, etc.

On August 22nd, the department was dispatched to Carriage Lane for a car fire.

On August 28th, Bridgeboro Road Station was dispatched to Moorestown for a fire in the sunroom of a house.

On August 29th, the Delran Fire Department visited the Chester Woods apartment complex so they could get an idea of the structures and educate themselves as to how best to handle any emergency situations that may arise there in the future.

Fire Prevention Week will be in October. The fire department will be at Home Depot and Lowes for their Fire and Safety Days. October 22nd is slated for the fire department's open house for fire prevention and safety.

Mr. Burrell thanked the fire department for their responsiveness when his fire alarm went off late at night.

Mr. McSweeney, Delran Emergency Squad reported that the emergency squad answered 304 calls in July and 298 calls in August. In August, Delran handled 226 of the calls with 72 going to mutual aid. Mr. McSweeney explained that other towns provide backups when Delran ambulances are unavailable and Delran reciprocates that service.

The COVID clinic is still being run on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

An application to conduct an EMT program in Delran has been submitted to the board of health.

A financial audit has been completed for 2021. The audit was favorable and required no changes be made. The report is available if needed.

Mr. McSweeney stated that the emergency squad is looking forward to Delran Night Out and the winter festival.

Mr. Bellina – Mr. Bellina reported that PSE&G is starting work on their new substation in the vicinity of Hartford Road near the Summerhill development. PSE&G will give updates on the project in December or January.

Ms. Eggers – No report

Ms. Rizzuto – No report

Mrs. Apeadu – No report

Mr. Smith – Mr. Smith congratulated Art Saul and stated that he loves that the township takes the time to recognize residents who have served their country. Mr. Smith advised residents to watch out for deer and other wildlife while driving.

Mr. Jeney – Mr. Jeney pointed out all the behind the scenes training and the time commitment that members of our emergency services volunteer for. He congratulated all of our emergency response people for their dedication and effort.

Mr. Burrell – Mr. Burrell stated that an executive session will be added on after the public comment portion of the meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Bob Gilbert, 75 Stewart Avenue reported that The Mission of Honor/Vietnam Veterans of America will be burying 7 more cremains on Thursday, January 15th. The cremains have been abandoned. Mr. Gilbert stated that Mr. Jeney has been to a service in the past and found it to be very moving. The service will be at General Doyle cemetery and should start at approximately, 1:00 PM. Mr. Gilbert offered a ride for up to three people who would like to attend.

Mr. Gilbert explained that the process entails going to funeral homes to look for the cremains of veterans who have been there for a while. The funeral director sends a letter and if it is deemed that the cremains are unwanted or abandoned, the process moves forward and eventually the cremains can be given their final resting place.

Mr. Jeney remarked that when he attended the service with Mr. Gilbert, it was awesome to see the respect given to veterans who have no one.

Mr. Gilbert explained it's an ongoing process and it's the least we can do for these forgotten veterans. He stated that less than 1% of this country protects the other 99%

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Gilbert if the service was actually Thursday, September 15th, not January 15th as was previously stated. Mr. Gilbert confirmed that the service is on September 15th.

Joan Kerstetter, 10 River Drive thanked Council for the landscaping that was done along the riverbank. She also asked about the entrances/exits for the Chester Woods development on Chester Avenue. Mr. Burrell stated that he can get that information. He reported that there will not be a traffic light at that intersection.

Christine Etsell, 8 River Drive asked if there has been any communication between the township

and the Army Corp. of Engineers. Mr. Bellina explained that Mr. Winckowski, the township engineer, has reached out a number of times but has not heard anything back yet. Mr. Bellina stated that we will keep on top of them. Mr. Burrell explained that they have committed to the study but things can move slowly.

Mr. Jeney made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Smith. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

Mr. Bellina added that he and Mr. Winckowski met with Ms. Etsell a few weeks ago to investigate her report of a drainage issue on River Road. Corrective action will be taken soon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time, Mr. Burrell asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-173A authorizing the executive session.

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2022-173A**

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS – SALE OF 133 FOXGLOVE DRIVE**

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 September 13, 2022 for the following reason:

1. Contract Negotiations – Sale of 133 Foxglove Drive

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

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu to adopt Resolution 2022-173A.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Roll Call: Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Mr. Burrell voted aye.

Ayes: 4

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.

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

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers
Municipal Clerk