

**WORK SESSION
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**September 26, 2023
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 January 6, 2023 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Catrambone, Mayor, Mr. Kalac, Solicitor, Mr. D’Armiento, Engineer, Mr. Bellina, Administrator, and Ms. Eggers, Township Clerk

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

“Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day” October 6, 2023. Mr. Catrambone stated that October 6, 2023 is recognized as “Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day” in the Township of Delran. The resolution will be sent to the organization.

CHANGES TO MS4 STORM DRAINAGE REQUIREMENTS

Township engineer, Ed D’Armiento, reported that there are changes that need to be made within the township by January 1, 2026 to be compliant with new state regulations. Some of these changes include more frequent street sweeping and MS4 infrastructure mapping. All inlet structures within the municipality must be located and placed on a GIS map that is reviewed annually and posted on the township website. Updates need to be made as improvements are completed. Training videos must also be viewed by the governing body, associated boards and township employees.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Resolution 2023-143** Governing Body Certification of the 2022 Annual Audit
- b. **Resolution 2023-144** Resolution Extending Municipal Support for Rooted Of Delran, LLC 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
- c. **Resolution 2023-145** Resolution Authorizing Grass Cutting for Various Properties
- d. **Resolution 2023-146** Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair And Open Contract to Iron Horse Environmental for the Purchase of a Sludge Pump in the Amount of \$26,895.00
- e. Approval of Minutes:
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- f. Authorizing the Payment of Bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
- g. A motion granting mercantile licenses to:
 - Delran Shell Station, 16 Haines Mill Road

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

There being no questions the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

REPORTS

Emergency Services – Mr. Parento, President of the Fire Commissioners, stated that they are planning to have a dinner for veterans in the community room of the municipal building on November 8, 2023. He invited the mayor and council to attend if they are available.

Mr. Bellina – No report

Ms. Eggers – No report

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone congratulated the Delran Historical Society for their display that was unveiled in the lobby of the municipal building before the meeting. He invited residents to view the first of many displays that the historical society will be showcasing in the lobby.

Mr. Catrambone also reported that former councilman, Mike Schwartz, has passed away at the age of 54. Mr. Catrambone sent condolences to his wife and children.

Mr. Kalac – No report

Mr. D’Armiento – Mr. D’Armiento explained that workers broke ground at the Brown Street Field last week. Fence post installation will commence in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. D’Armiento stated that the contractor for the 2023 Roadway Program anticipates that milling and paving will tentatively, begin around the third week of October.

Mrs. Apeadu – No report

Mr. Smith – Mr. Smith thanked the Delran Historical Society for the years of effort that went into the new lobby exhibit. He also offered prayers to the Schwartz family for their loss.

Mr. Smith cautioned residents about driving now that it is getting darker earlier and wet leaves may make stopping more difficult.

Mr. Jeney – Mr. Jeney offered condolences to the Schwartz family. He mentioned that the Delran Police Department is participating in the Straight to Treatment program. Anyone that feels like they need help with drugs or alcohol can come to the police department on Fridays where treatment will be arranged immediately.

Mr. Jeney congratulated the historical society. He noted that their members are very active in the township and do a lot for people in the community. He invited everyone to come and see the wonderful display in the municipal building.

Mr. Lyon – Mr. Lyon sent condolences to the Schwartz family. He also congratulated the historical society for their efforts and thanked all of the volunteers in the township who make Delran a better place.

Mr. Burrell – Mr. Burrell sent thoughts and prayers to the Schwartz family during this tough time. He congratulated the historical society and recognized all of the volunteer organizations who make things happen in the township.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Jennifer Reppert, Delran Township – Ms. Reppert asked who the registered municipal accountant is that oversees the annual audit. Mr. Burrell explained that Bowman and Associates conducts the audit that covers all of the finances of the township. Once the audit is completed, they meet for an exit interview with the mayor, a council member and administrative staff. Ms. Eggers stated that there were no findings this year and the audit will be posted on the township website tomorrow.

Ms. Reppert asked for a definition of a Class 5 Cannabis License. Mr. Burrell and Mr. Bellina explained that it is a retail license. There are four approved for Delran. Ms. Reppert asked if there are tax benefits. Mr. Burrell stated that the intention is for it to be a large tax revenue. Ms. Reppert is concerned that the quality of the township may slip due to the cannabis stores.

Lynda Lyons, 115 Natalie Road – Ms. Lyons asked who monitors affordable housing units, specifically 123 Natalie Road which is now unoccupied. There have been prior issues with water leaking down from that unit which damaged the two units underneath. Ms. Lyons is concerned that the issues have not been repaired and will continue with any new occupants. Mr. Bellina informed her that an inspection will be done. He will keep Ms. Lyons informed of any developments.

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

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

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers
Municipal Clerk