

**REGULAR TOWNSHP MEETING
MINICIPAL BUILDING**

**SEPTEMBER 2, 2014
DELRAN, NJ**

CALL TO ORDER

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

SUNSHINE STATEMENT: Please 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 26, 2013 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

Roll Call: Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone were present.

The approval of the minutes for August 5, 2014 and August 12, 2014 was tabled for this evening. Council members had a few corrections to the minutes before they will be approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Morrow and seconded by Ms. Pangia to table the approval of the minutes. All were in favor.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND 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; 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 \$235,600; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz and seconded by Ms. Pangia to have a public hearing on the above ordinance. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Catrambone asked if any had any questions on the ordinance. There were no questions so a motion was made to come out of public session by Mr. Morrow and seconded by Ms. Pangia.

All were in favor.

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN

ORDINANCE 2014-12

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN AMENDING §355-89 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN TO ESTABLISH UNIFORM PROVISIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL FENCE HEIGHT

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz to go into the public portion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morrow. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no questions from the public so a motion was made by Tom Morrow and seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to come out of public.

A motion was made by Mr. Morrow and seconded by Ms. Pangia to approve Ordinance 2014-12.

Roll Call: Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Catrambone voted Aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Approved:

Next on the agenda is Ordinance on First Reading and these do not require a public hearing?

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE 2014-13

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS ALONG ROUTE 130 IN THE TOWNSHIP; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$300,000 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 \$285,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

A motion was made by Ms. Pangia and seconded by Mr. Morrow to approve ordinance 2014-13 on first reading

Roll Call: Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Catrambone voted Aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Approved:

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2014-108 Change Order # 1 Fairview Street Sidewalk Project Decrease of \$24,454.95

A motion was made by Mr. Morrow and seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to accept Resolution 2014-108.

Roll Call: Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Approved:

Resolution 2014-109 Close out Change Order Stewart Avenue Outfall Project (Decrease of \$17,535.00)

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz and seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to accept Resolution 2014-109

Roll Call: Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Approved:

Resolution 2014-110-RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST TO SELL THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE AGENCY, HOUSING AFFORDABILITY SERVICE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 109 FOXGLOVE DRIVE, DELRAN, NJ 08075 AND IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 118.21, LOT 1, QUALIFIER C0109 ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN

A motion was made by Mrs. Pangia and seconded by Mr. Morrow to approve Resolution 2014-110.

Roll Call: Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted Ate.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Approved:

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 2014-111 Authorizing the refund of Road Opening Deposits

Resolution 2014-112 Rejecting the bids received for the purchase of Hook Lift Trucks and authorizing the Clerk to re-advertise the bid

Resolution 2014-113 Adopting the Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official plan of the Township

Resolution 2014-114 Authorizing the Township to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the County of Burlington

Resolution 2014-115 Release of site improvement maintenance bond for Walgreen, Co.

Resolution 2014-116 Release of cash sewer performance bond for Walgreen, Co. in the amount of \$9600.00

A motion was made by Mrs. Kolodi and seconded by Ms. Pangia to approve Resolutions on Consent Agenda.

Roll Call: Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted Ate.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Approved

Next we need a motion appointing Ashley Galligan to the Green Team to fill a vacancy for a term to expire 12/31/16.

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz and seconded by Mr. Morrow.

Roll Call: Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted Ate.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Approved

A motion to sanction the park clean-up day for Brown Street Park.

A motion was made by Mr. Morrow and seconded by Mr. Schwartz

Roll Call: Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted Aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Approved:

A motion authorizing the payment of bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kolodi and seconded by Mr. Morrow to authorize the payment of bills and all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.

Roll Call: Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Approved:

A motion accepting the report of the Tax Collector, CFO and Township Clerk.

A motion was made by Mr. Morrow and seconded by Mr. Schwartz to accept the reports.

Roll Call: Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted Aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Approved:

A motion granting a mercantile license to:

1. BoatWorks at 43, 43 Norman Avenue
2. American Salvage Auction, LLC, 207A-12 Carriage Lane
3. International Link Trucks & Equipment, LLC, 150-E Carriage Lane
4. Classic Collision, LLC., 150A-31 Carriage Lane

A motion was made by Mr. Morrow and seconded by Ms. Pangia to grant the mercantile licenses.

Roll Call: Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted Aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Approved:

REPORTS

Clerk – No report

Administrator – Mr. Hatcher reported that he had two items. First there was an emergency repair on Hartford Road. There were complaints about cars having to go into the ongoing traffic lane so Public Works did an extensive repair. This repair will hold up for now but will have to be permanently repaired in the future. Secondly, the Finance Department has been

going to training and we should be able to accept on line payments for Sewer bills in October and tax bills in November.

SOLICITOR – No Report

Fire Commissioners – Jim Bauer – The annual 5K run had to be postponed due to the gentlemen that does the timing of the event could not do it and now they are trying to get another person to do the timing and schedule the 5K for another date.

Delran assisted Riverside in a house fire. It was an intense fire and there was a loss of property. There will be a written report once the Police and Lawyers figure things out. Mr. Bauer said that they do support the dedicated men and women of the Riverside Fire Department.

Councilwoman-at-Large Lona Pangia reported on some events that are coming up. First the sign campaign for “Drive like your kids live here” are available at the First House on Chester Avenue. On September 20 and 21 is the Mum sale for the Fire Auxiliary, September 22nd is the Blood Drive here at the Township Building. The Mammogram van will be at Hunter Glen on September 23 but is open to all the public but will come back here at the Township Building in December. September 27 is Jake’s Place 5K. This is a fund raiser for the playground being built as a handicapped accessible playground at Delran Community Park. You can sign up on line to have Delran get credit for Jake’s Place. Trunk or Treat will take place on October 25 will also be a fund raiser for Jake’s place for any nominal donation that those attending wish to make. Tickets will be on available on a first come first served basis and will be available at Delran Day and then at the Township Building on Monday and from Tuesday through Friday at Calvary Church on Conrow Road. Getting fit with your Councilwoman walk is really taking off and the time is being moved to 6:45 pm on Wednesday evenings for the month of September. All are invited.

Councilman Ward 1 Michael Schwartz - Mr. Schwartz welcomed back Mrs. Kolodi from her vacation. Mr. Schwartz also thanked Ms. Galligan for her willingness to serve on the Green Team. Ms. Galligan is going to take charge of the cleanup day on Brown Street and anyone interested in helping can contact either Mr. Schwartz or Ms. Galligan through their face book pages or call Mr. Schwartz.

Councilwoman Ward 3 Patti Kolodi - Ms. Kolodi reported that on Delran Day they will be giving out applications for “Citizen of the Year for 2015. Mr. Bauer was recently honored as the first recipient of the “Citizen of the Year” award. Applications will be available at the Township building after Delran Day. Ms. Kolodi said they will continue with their Veteran’s Day ceremony here at the Municipal Building on Wednesday, November 12. Last year’s was a simple and moving ceremony which they hope to repeat this year. Applications for the Veteran’s Day ceremony will be available at the Municipal Building.

Councilman Ward 2 Tom Morrow – Mr. Morrow said a lot of good things are happening such as the Old Seabro market on Fairview has been given a facelift and the center will now be called Riverdel. There are major improvements going on at the shopping center which will greatly improve that shopping center. Smashburger is coming in at Hartford Corners next to Subway and a Patient First coming in at Heritage Square. Although we lost some businesses

at Hartford Corners, we also have some new ones coming in. Mr. Morrow feels that all this is positive for Delran.

Council President Gary Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone thanked Mr. Morrow who was instrumental in getting the sidewalk work done on Fairview Street. Council will work hard to try to get the funding to complete that project. Mr. Catrambone stated that Jake's Place will be a great addition to the Community Park. Mr. Catrambone asked everyone to support that project as much as possible.

Mr. Catrambone reminded everyone to drive carefully as school starts tomorrow.

MAYOR KEN PARIS – Mr. Paris stated he had a few things to report on. First he wanted to welcome back Ms. Kolodi. Mr. Paris stated that Public Works did a fantastic job on Hartford Road which is work they do not normally do. We are hoping that it holds up for another year and then look at some other alternatives. Mr. Paris explained that our goal is to bring Hartford Road which we own up to a standard that the County requires so they may then take charge of the road. The Mayor reported that he and Council are working diligently on grants in order to continue working on the roads in Delran. Also, we received a grant to do sidewalks on Route 130 and that work should start early next year. We should be hearing from the Freeholders' office for the Park and Recreation grant to continue our work. Mr. Paris thanked Mr. Morrow for his involvement in getting the sidewalks completed on Fairview Street and Council is looking at ways to get money to get the sidewalks completed on Fairview Street. Mr. Paris also mentioned that Foreman Mills is coming into town as a distribution center. This could possibly bring five hundred jobs which means employment for our residents that are looking for work.

Mayor Paris mentioned the 5th annual Delran Day on September 28 from 9 to 4 and hopes that all residents come out.

PUBLIC PORTION

A motion was made by Mr. Morrow to go into the public portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pangia.

Mr. Anthony Ogozalek of 401 Main Street came forward to ask the Mayor about the article that was in the paper. Mr. Catrambone told Mr. Ogozalek that any comments had to be addressed to him as the Council President and not directly to the Mayor. Mr. Ogozalek asked how long has the Mayor been involved in the PAC. Mr. Catrambone answered his understanding was a couple of months. Mr. Ogozalek asked how long did the Mayor work for PAC. Mr. Catrambone answered about a couple of months. Mr. Ogozalek asked how much did the Mayor make from the PAC. Mr. Catrambone answered he thought about three or four thousand dollars.

Mr. Ogozalek asked how is the money raised by the PAC. Mr. Catrambone answered that he did not know or perhaps he could ask the ICE PAC. Mr. Ogozalek asked about Mr. Marmero and why is he no longer the solicitor. Mr. Catrambone answered that Mr. Long and Mr. Marmero are law partners and the Township did not replace Mr. Marmero with Mr. Long.

Mr. Ogozalek asked who is in charge of the PAC. Mr. Catrambone answered that the PAC has various officers that come in and out at various times.

Mr. Ogozalek asked about the "Pay to Play" ordinance and asked who is in charge of the ICE PAC. Mr. Catrambone did not know who was in charge of the ICE PAC. Mr. Ogozalek stated that Council said they would not accept money from the PAC. Mr. Catrambone stated that was not the case but they would limit the money they would get from individuals. Mr. Catrambone stated that the ICE PAC made donations one time in 2012 and have never heard from them again since then except what was recently in the paper. Mr. Catrambone said that there was nothing illegal and all donations were reported to the Department of Community Affairs and everything was legal.

Mr. Ogozalek asked about the million dollar project on River Drive that does not work. Mr. Catrambone answered there was no million dollar project. Mr. Ogozalek also asked about Fairview Street. It was explained that the project had to start at the highway since the grant was a Safe Access to Public Transit Grant. The County put certain requirements on the sidewalk specifications which made the bids more costly. Fairview Street is a county road and the sidewalks had to be done to their specifications. Council is looking to complete the project as soon as possible.

Vince Barker – 154 Drew Court – Asked how much money is the Delran Sewerage Authority surplus. Mr. Hatcher answered 1.2 million at the end of last year. Mr. Barker then said the Township has taken money in since then and Mr. Catrambone answered yes but we also put money out to run the Authority. Mr. Barker asked about the plan to give money back to the residents in the form of a credit or a check. Mr. Barker said that Mr. Catrambone should put that on the agenda and also stated that the citizens of Delran would like to know where their money is going. Mr. Catrambone answered that in an effort to be judicious with the money in the Sewer Department, Council needs to rebuild the surplus that was depleted when the Township took the Authority over. Mr. Hatcher then corrected himself that the surplus is 2.3 million at the end of last year.

Mr. Barker stated that since March 11th and June 30th the Mayor received \$4,400 for working at a volunteer call center for a PAC. He is taking money from an organization that has contributed to his campaign. Mr. Barker stated that if the Mayor is on unemployment he better make sure that he declares that money.

Mr. Catrambone said that the Mayor was very upfront with the money as he was very upfront by declaring the money he received. Mr. Baker asked if the checks were signed by Mr. Marmero. Mr. Catrambone said that he was the treasurer of the PAC and as Treasurer he did sign the check.

Mr. Barker asked about Affordability Housing and \$65,000 for affordable housing legal fees. Mr. Long answered that there are six pieces of litigation dealing with Affordability Housing and Council has been very diligent in protecting their credit. There could have been four hundred units built next to Home Depot but because Council had their credits protected, the Township did not have to allow those homes to be built. Mr. Barker was told that he could put in an OPRA request to question Mr. Long's bills.

Keith Fera of 39 Amberfield stated the right hand turn lane on Conrow Road was a “good job” also the sidewalks on Fairview Street was a “good job” in that grant money was used and not taxpayers money. Council did a good job. Mr. Fera also stated that Council did a wise thing in preserving tax credits. Mr. Fera said Council is doing a good job and to keep it up. Mr. Fera was thanked for his comments.

Theresa Gillis – 226 Tenby Chase Drive – Thanked the Council and Mayor Paris for all the good work they do in keeping the taxes down. Mrs. Gillis asked about aggregate energy. The Township is going to make a decision on aggregate energy. Mr. Morrow answered the question by stating that he and Councilwoman Pangia went to a meeting and one of the reasons that Delran did not join this was because every town had to sign up and then the residents could opt out if they desired. Mr. Morrow stated he did not feel comfortable with the process and also the paybacks was not that great. Other Townships felt the same as Delran did and did not want to sign the residents up for something they may not feel comfortable doing.

Joe LaMonica – 16 Navy Drive – Mr. LaMonica said that Mayor Paris did not deserve the bashing he got tonight. Mr. LaMonica thanked the Mayor for doing his part in keeping the taxes down.

Tony Egan – 108 Shelly Lane – Mr. Egan asked if Mr. Catrambone or Mayor Paris had any comment about the PAC. There was no comment. Mr. Egan what criteria does the engineer make for what roads get done in the Township.

Mr. Catrambone answered that the engineer and Superintendent of Public Works in essence tour the town each year and check the condition of the road along with how heavily traveled the road is. They then bring back to Council their findings in three tiers. The first tier being the roads in the worst condition and need to be done ASAP. Due to the cost of doing the roads typically one or two roads is all that can be done. This year rather than \$800,000 we are doing one million dollars in road repairs. In an effort to spread that money as wide as we could, we are doing Forge Road which is literally falling apart and also doing seventeen intersections to prolong the life of some of the other streets. Mr. Egan asked what was the criteria for doing Brown Street. Mr. Catrambone stated that Brown Street was deemed to be road most in need of repair

Mr. Egan asked what is the Township doing with the high grass issues especially with foreclosures. Mr. Catrambone answered that Council based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Works authorizes lawns to be cut and a lien put against the property. In the past it was maybe four or five high grass lawns had to be cut and now since the housing crisis, we are authorizing over forty lawns to be cut. Mr. Egan said that was all well and good but what is the Township doing about the abandoned houses where sometimes kids go in and party and he feels it is unsafe and a fire hazard. Mr. Egan feels that putting a lien is not enough. Mr. Catrambone said they only way that Council could act would be if the house was deemed a public safety or health hazard. Mr. Egan asked “who determines that”? Mr. Catrambone answered the Construction Code Official. Also Mr. Catrambone stated that it should be reported to Mr. Hatcher so it can be addressed. Mr. Hatcher stated that there is a new piece of legislature that was recently passed that gives the Township a little more authority over such properties. The Township has already started to put a list together of houses that are in foreclosure and Mr. McCurley was made aware of these properties. Mr.

Hatcher said one of the difficulties is finding the responsible party for the property. Mr. Egan thanked Council for their time.

Councilman Schwartz stated that foreclosures are a statewide problem and now that the Governor signed the law, the Township will have the ability to be more aggressive. Mr. Schwartz said that the problem will still be trying to find the responsible party but Council will work hard in trying to address this problem.

Mr. Bob Gilbert 75 Stewart Avenue – Mr. Gilbert asked for names of officials that he can write to in an effort to get a grant to stabilize the banks along the river due to continuous flooding issues. Mr. Hatcher will provide those names to Mr. Gilbert.

Mr. Gilbert also asked about the deadline date of September 1 for submitting applications for Delran Day and could that date be extended for any reason. Mr. Gilbert was advised that any could still put in an application but to do so as soon as possible.

Mr. Gilbert asked about Veterans' Appreciation Day on November 12 and he asked who can come and who cannot come. Mrs. Kolodi answered that anyone who served this country would be welcome to participate and no one would be denied. The forms will be available at Delran Day and then here at the building.

Bill Tilden of 59 Alden Avenue asked if we got any results from the engineering survey on the Alden Avenue storm sewer. Mr. Hatcher answered that the engineer said that everything was clear through the line. Mr. Tilden asked how that will impact the flapper valve. Mr. Hatcher answered that the Township Engineer will have a full report for Council and it will be discussed at a work session.

Mr. Tilden stated that there is a property down the street from him between 61 and 71 was cut by the Township in the past; however, it is no longer being cut and grass is very high again. Mr. Hatcher will advise Public Works look into this.

Mr. Harry Zierler of 128 Jacqueline Avenue stated that when the residents vote they vote on candidates that they feel will do a great and honest job. Mr. Zierler stated that Ken Paris always has the best interest of the taxpayers of Delran in his decisions. Mayor Paris and all of Council are working together and that is what the taxpayers want. Mr. Zierler stated that the Mayor and Council are accessible to the residents and hope that this continues and they stay together and stay focused. Mr. Zierler was thanked for his comments.

Cathy DeMarco of 15 Heather Glen Lane stated that Mr. Catrambone skillfully handled the questioning from the first individual who spoke. Ms. DeMarco also stated that she appreciates all that Mayor Paris does and has done for the taxpayers of Delran especially in keeping taxes down. Ms. DeMarco thanked all of Council for their support and for doing an excellent job.

Mrs. Cannone of 910 Hubbs Street thanked the Mayor and Council for all they do in making Delran a great place to live.

Since there was no one else from the public who wished to speak, Mr. Morrow made a motion to come out of the public portion and Mrs. Kolodi seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Morrow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm and Mrs. Kolodi seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Adele Meiluta