

**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**September 6, 2016
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 January 12, 2016 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

ROLL CALL: Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone were present. Mr. Schwartz arrived at 7:

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Paris, Mayor, Mr. Hatcher, Administrator and Ms. Eggers, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to approve the minutes for July 19, 2016 and July 26, 2016.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye. Ms. Pangia abstained.

Ayes: 3

Nays: None

Abstained: 1

Motion Approved

Ms. Pangia made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to approve the minutes for August 2, 2016.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE 2016-11

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$362,600 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 \$344,470; 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:

Section 1. 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 \$362,600;
- (b) the estimated amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$344,470; and
- (c) a down payment in the amount of \$18,130 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*.

Section 3. The sum of \$344,470, to be raised by the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes, together with the sum of \$18,130, 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 \$344,470 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 \$344,470 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.

Section 6. 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 \$10,000.

Section 7. 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:

	<u>Purpose/Improvement</u>	<u>Estimated Total Cost</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Amount of Obligations</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
A.	Acquisition of Service Truck and Flat Bed Truck for the Public Works Department, together with the completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto	\$114,000	\$5,700	\$108,300	5 years
B.	Acquisition of Pot Hole Repair Equipment for the Public Works Department, together with the completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto	46,000	2,300	43,700	15 years
C.	Acquisition of Various Equipment for the Township Police Department including, but not limited to, License Readers and E-Ticket System, together with the completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto	61,100	3,055	58,045	5 years
D.	Acquisition of Information Technology and Office Equipment for Administration and Finance Department including, but not limited to, Computer Hardware and Postage Machines, together with the completion of all work necessary	20,000	1,000	19,000	5 years

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	therefor or related thereto				
E.	Acquisition and Installation of Tot Lot Equipment for Various Township Parks, together with the completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto	20,000	1,000	19,000	10 years
F.	Acquisition and Installation of Parking Lot Lighting for Various Municipal Properties, together with the completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto	13,000	650	12,350	10 years
G.	Improvements to Township Hockey Rink, Including Repaving and Relining, together with the completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto	\$12,500	\$625	\$11,875	10 years
H.	Improvements and Repairs to Various Traffic Lights throughout the Township, together with the completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto	70,000	3,500	66,500	10 years
I.	Acquisition of Office Furniture for Various Township Departments, together with the completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto	6,000	300	5,700	5 years

Section 8. 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 7.86 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.

Section 10. The supplemental debt statement provided for in Section 10 of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 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, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-43, is increased by this Bond Ordinance by \$344,470 and that the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 11. 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 ad valorem taxes on all taxable real property without limitation as to rate or amount for the payment thereof.

Section 12. 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.

Section 13. 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.

Section 15. 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.

Section 16. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 17. 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. O'Connell 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. O'Connell made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Ms. Pangia. All were in favor, motion approved.

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt the ordinance on second reading.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

RESOLUTIONS

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN RESOLUTION 2016-149

RELEASE PLANNING BOARD ESCROW

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2016-149.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN RESOLUTION 2016-150

APPROVING TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN DEDUCTION BLOCK 78, LOT

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2016-150.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2016-151**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE
AND APPROPRIATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:87:
2016 CLICK IT OR TICKET**

Ms. Pangia made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2016-151.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2016-152**

**CREATING SEWER BILLING ACCOUNT FOR
4000 ROUTE 130, UNIT 12B**

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2016-152.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2016-153**

**SETTING TAX SALE DATE FOR
SEPTEMBER 15, 2016 AT 10:00 A.M.**

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to adopt Resolution 2016-153.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2016-154**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE
OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A "CHANGE FUND" FOR USE BY THE OFFICE OF THE
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTIC**

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2016-154.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Councilman Schwartz arrived.

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2016-155**

**AUTHORIZING ENGINEERING FOR LSRP SERVICES
SITE INVESTIGATION ABRASIVE ALLOYS, 10 RANCOCAS AVENUE
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$64,480**

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2016-155.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye. Mr. Schwartz abstained.

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Abstained: 1

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2016-156**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN SUPPORTING THE DELRAN BOARD OF
EDUCATION'S ENDEAVORS TO OBTAIN APPROPRIATE AID FROM THE STATE OF NEW
JERSEY FOR THE DELRAN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell adopt Resolution 2016-156.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2016-157**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE "STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT" BETWEEN
DELRAN, S.C., LLC. AND THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi adopt Resolution 2016-157.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2016-158**

**AUTHORIZING 2016 SEWER ADJUSTMENTS FOR
NEW PROPERTY OWNERS**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2016-158.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2016-159**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED
FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE (GOVDEALS.COM)**

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2016-159.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2016-160**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME SEWER CREDIT TO ALL DELRAN SEWER
ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY DOLLARS**

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2016-160.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye. Ms. Pangia and Mr. Schwartz voted nay.

Ayes: 3
Nays: 2

Motion Approved

MOTIONS

Mr. Schwartz made a motion authorizing the authorizing the advertisement of bids for the purchase of police uniforms. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Connell.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. O'Connell made a motion authorizing the payment of bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schwartz.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to accept the report of the Tax Collector, CFO and the Township Clerk.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Schwartz made a motion granting the mercantile licenses listed below. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kolodi.

1. E & A Auto Outlet, 150-16 Carriage Lane

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

REPORTS

Ms. Eggers – No report.

Mr. Hatcher – Mr. Hatcher reported that the Township has submitted all the necessary paperwork for renewal in the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

Mr. Hatcher reported that we received bids last week for trash collection services which will be on the agenda for discussion at the next work session. The bids came in significantly higher than the prior contract which we anticipated.

Mr. Hatcher reported that the material for the Swedes Lake Outfall project should be delivered on Friday with installation taking place around September 15th.

Mr. Hatcher thanked Kathy Walter, Administrative Secretary in Public Works, who has been working on the FEMA application for a snow emergency that took place back in January. If the application is approved, we will be reimbursed 75% of our costs which total \$57,715. Having worked on the Super storm Sandy application he knows how much work the application is and he wanted to publicly thank her.

Solicitor – No report.

Jim Bauer, Fire Commissioner – Not in attendance.

Ms. Pangia – Ms. Pangia reported on upcoming fundraisers for Jake's Place. The 5-K will take place on Sunday, October 2nd starting at the High School. Truck-or-Treat will be held at Delran Community Park on Saturday, October 29th. The Paint and Sip will be held on November 12th. They are also preparing for a large fundraiser in April as well as progressing with the County Special Needs Program for next year.

Mr. Schwartz – Mr. Schwartz stated that as everyone knows there has been a change in legislation at the state level regarding collection of e-waste. Over the last few weeks some of the sites are starting to accumulate e-waste and other items such as tires. He is hoping we can be creative moving forward to stop this from getting any worse.

Mr. Schwartz reported that Frances Carey, a neighbor in the Cambridge section of town has passed away and he wanted to get her name on the record. He met her and her husband when he was first running for office and she became a quick friend. She always reminded him that there is good and bad in everyone and you should always highlight the good. She will be missed.

Mr. Schwartz stated that a few weeks ago several residents from Riverside Park attended the work session and a lot of good suggestion came from that meeting. It was mentioned that there was a disabled veteran that the neighbors noticed was having trouble taking care of his property and some neighbors thought the home was abandoned. Mr. Gilbert was able to find out that the resident was a Vietnam Veteran that who was disabled due to a fire on his ship. He moved a pump that requires three people to move. This shows you that you never really know what could be happening next to you. The resident was living in a home where all the light bulbs were blown out and he had no food. He had tried to have some young people help him out with yard work but they took advantage of him so he lost trust in people around him. Mr. Gilbert has him on the right track to getting help. Mr. Schwartz thanked Mr. Gilbert for all his efforts.

Mr. O'Connell – Mr. O'Connell stated that a month ago we discussed an energy savings program that was available to the residents. One of the issues that Council had was if Delran joined the program all residents were changed over unless they opted out of the program. Council decided not to join the program. There was an article in the Burlington County Times on the towns that opted into the program. In Woodbridge Township, the energy aggregate company mailed opt out instructions that looked like average junk mail. When residents tried to reach out they were given a very difficult time when told the company they wanted to opt out. He wanted to thank Council for making the right decision by holding off on this program.

Mr. O'Connell thanked the Green Team for the starting the speaker series at Throwbacks. He wanted to attend more sessions but was only able to attend one. The one he attended was on beekeeping and the speaker was very knowledgeable and he found it was very interesting. He hopes they continue the series next year.

Mr. O'Connell thanked the STEAM Team put together by the Delran High School. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math. The program is available for kids who completed 3rd, 4th and 5th grade. Mr. O'Connell congratulated Mary Jo Hutchinson and Erica DeMichele who stated the program to increase awareness to Science and Math education

Mrs. Kolodi – Mrs. Kolodi reported on the fundraising efforts for Delran Community Park. All of the goals that were set by Council and the Delran AA have been met. This is in large part due to the efforts of Bob Kennedy, Delran AA President, members of the Delran AA and our community members and business that contributed. Mrs. Kolodi thanked Mr. Kennedy and all the residents and local business that contributed.

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone thanked Mrs. Kolodi her attending the meeting tonight even though she broke her knee in three places.

Mr. Catrambone stated that both him and the Mayor and were invited to be part the advisory group for the school as they seek a grant for the STEAM program. They meet with the Superintendent of School and the Director of Curriculum and Instruction and they are building quite a coalition to help support this grant. As we receive updates, we will keep everyone posted.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he has an opportunity to speak with the Property Manager for the Sam's Club property. They came before the Planning Board seeking a pad site on the property on the north side. They have been actively seeking tenants and have indicated that they are making progress although they would not share any more information. He looks forward to that shopping center being developed.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he has been in contact with the Freeholders to work him them on a possible grant for Jake's Place.

Mr. Paris – Mr. Paris stated that he meet with some representatives from the Delran AA to discuss their concerns with the large field at Notre Dame. With the capital budget being adopted tonight we will be able to move forward with park improvements.

Mr. Paris stated that Delran Day is Sunday, September 25th. We are looking at possibly changing up some of the rides this year and talking to some of the businesses to have other events for the kids.

Mr. Paris stated that Joe Parento, Chairman of the RAC, lost his mother this week. His condolences go out to the family.

Mr. Paris stated that he has been meeting with some developers to discuss some commercial opportunities. He will keep everyone posted as they move forward.

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone mentioned the passing of local Delran Scout Master, David Mirfin. He had the opportunity to meet him several times and he had an obvious dedication to the local scouts.

Mr. Schwartz asked when the Townwide Yard Sale is held.

Mr. Catrambone stated that it is scheduled for Saturday, September 24th. The information is posted on the website.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Phaedra Schwartz, 501 Brown Street, asked when Mr. O'Connell, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone submitted their letters calling for a special meeting on September 1st.

Mr. Catrambone stated that it was a rescheduled meeting. He asked Mr. Hatcher if there is a requirement to submit that in writing.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the code book references a written request for emergency and special meetings. He forwarded that to the Township Solicitor and he indicated that there was no issue because this meeting was a rescheduled meeting.

Mrs. Schwartz stated that the other members of Council were not notified of that change in the meeting.

Mr. Catrambone stated that all members of Council were notified of the rescheduled date. The meeting was scheduled for August 23rd and because there was no quorum, it had to be rescheduled. A day or two after that meeting a notice was sent to all member of Council.

Mrs. Schwartz suggested that Council review that section of the ordinance which clearly states they are to write a letter and meeting is to be approved by the majority of Council.

Harry Etsell, 8 River Drive, asked where we stand with the request to the Army Corps regarding the letters the Township sent.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the letters were sent but he have not heard back.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we will continue to follow up periodically.

Mr. Etsell stated that that he has been e-mailing back and forth with Mr. Hatcher regarding the trimming along bank. He asked if we are still on schedule for the maintenance.

Mr. Hatcher stated that Public Works is going to try and schedule the trimming for the end of this month. The issue with DEP is a little convoluted. They will not put anything in writing but they did indicate that we could trim non-wooden vegetation provided that such trimmings does not eradicate or destroy the vegetation. We can cut invasive vegetation without destroying the root.

Bob Gilbert, 75 Stewart Avenue, wished Mrs. Kolodi well on her recovery.

Mr. Gilbert asked that Council keep following up with the Army Corps in regards to the letters they sent.

Mr. Gilbert stated that the disabled veteran he was helping in Riverside Park was a Gulf War Veteran. Mr. Gilbert stated that what he did nothing in comparison to what fellow neighbor Joan Kerstetter has done for the veteran. She has taken him food shopping and helps cut his grass. Mr. Gilbert stated that they working to help get his cataracts taken care of through surgery. The VFW Post 3020 is trying to get him involved and hopefully get him on the right foot and healthy again.

Mrs. Kolodi asked if the military has given the veteran an award to recognize the event or if this is something that could be looked into.

Mr. Gilbert stated that he is not sure but it is something that could be look into with help from the county.

Mr. Gilbert stated that there is another Mission of Honor Ceremony tentatively scheduled for October 6th to bury ten more veterans. He will give Council more information once the date is set in stone.

Mr. Gilbert stated that there was a statement made where Mr. Catrambone stated that there were no meetings in the month of August. The September 1st meeting that was rescheduled he saw advertised in the paper the Tuesday before. Mr. Gilbert stated Council says they are trying to be transparent but doesn't look good when hold meetings like that when they said there were not going to be any.

Mr. Kolodi stated that she was going to be away and she knew she was going to miss the August public meeting and one work session. She knew one of the work sessions was going to be cancelled because there would not be a quorum but she was not made aware that there would be no work session in August.

Mr. Paris stated that the items that were discussed at the meeting we items such as the capital budget and the sewer rebate.

Mr. Gilbert stated that he also has an issue with the sewer rebate and feels that the Township may be sued by Hunters Glen.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he appreciates Mr. Gilbert's opinion but we did ask the opinion of the Township Attorney and they have indicated that this was not decision was not arbitrary.

Mr. Gilbert stated that anyone can sue anyone and it will cost this township a lot of money.

Mr. Catrambone asked Mr. Gilbert if he feels we should make are decisions based on whether there is a potential to be sued. If that were the case then we should just do nothing.

Mr. Gilbert stated that Council did that with the issue on Chester Avenue with the two homes that have sanitary sewer line running through the storm drains. Council decided to pay for that because they were afraid to be sued. Mr. Gilbert stated that as he understands the Township gave each resident \$5,000 to correct the issue.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we haven't done anything yet. We felt, as a Council, that this was not something that was the fault of the resident.

Mr. Paris stated that there was no way of knowing who was at fault or which infrastructure was there first. The County is also providing services to help correct the problem. This was not a lawsuit; it was a situation where we do not believe the residents are at fault for this issue.

Mr. Gilbert stated that they need to remember that when he gets flooded again. The bank is the Township's responsibility and they have done nothing.

Mr. O'Connell asked Mr. Gilbert if the pig roast at the VFW is for members only.

Mr. Gilbert stated that as far as he know if is open to the public.

Mr. O'Connell stated that in terms of the meeting, if they had said that they were cancelling the second work session August he would have written that down. He would have had to miss the first work session and that is part of the reason that was cancelled because we knew we wouldn't have a quorum. Mr. O'Connell stated that we were not trying to do anything wrong by rescheduling the August 23rd meeting for September 1st.

Mr. Gilbert asked where the Stellwag Farms plan stands. It has not been discussed in several work sessions.

Mr. Catrambone stated that it is moving forward. It will be back to Council at some point.

Mr. Hatcher stated that one of the issues holding it up was the COAH requirement which has not been resolved.

Mr. Gilbert stated that at it was mentioned at a work session that the Township has an \$8,000,000 surplus. When he first started attending the meetings, the Township has a \$2,000,000 surplus. Mr. Gilbert stated that his understanding is that the surplus can only be used to offset the budget and it cannot be used for road improvements and other items.

Mr. Paris stated that we can use it for capital improvements and we have increased the amount budgeted for road improvements.

Mr. Gilbert stated that the Township has bonding for capital improvements and not using the surplus.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we are not spending that surplus down but it is used to offset budget increases for items such as debt service. Year end 2015, we had approximately \$8,000,000 in surplus and we used approximately \$3,000,000 to balance the budget. That is one of the primary purposes of the surplus. That surplus will help us leverage the increase in debt service over the next few years.

Mr. Gilbert stated that his position is that we are charging residents more in taxes because the surplus has continued to grow.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we haven't raised taxes. We have reduced spending and kept taxes stable.

Mr. Gilbert stated that he was informed that Township can only use 2% of the surplus for things other than the roads.

Mr. Hatcher stated that he feels that Mr. Gilbert is confusing a few items. If the Township wanted to pay to capital projects with the surplus they could. There were about four items that accounted for the increase in surplus from \$7,200,000 last year to approximately \$8,000,000 this year. One was the roll back taxes of the Moriuchi property which accounted for \$350,000. There was also an increase in court fines and construction permit fees. The final item is the appropriation reserves. Years ago the appropriation reserves were around \$500,000, now they are almost \$1,000,000. There are three years coming up where the Township will be faced with a significant increase in debt service. If that surplus wasn't there, we would be faced with a tax increase. This year the debt service increased by \$350,000 and we were able to still have a 0% increase in municipal taxes. We had to use more of the surplus to accomplish that. In 2017, we will see approximately an \$800,000 increase in debt service. If we use the surplus to offset that increase, we will see the surplus drop to approximately \$6,900,000. If we have the same debt services increase in 2018 and 2019, we will see the surplus drop to about \$5,200,000. We will be using about 70% of our surplus to balance that budget. Once we get to 2020, we will see our next drop off in debt service. If we would have used surplus to pay cash for those items, we would not have funds for cash flow. We collect \$52,000,000 and only \$10,000,000 is for municipal taxes. The remainder is paid out to the County, School District and Fire District. We need cash flow to be able to make those payments because the tax funds don't come in fast enough.

Mr. Gilbert stated that he believes Mr. Hatcher said that at the end of 2016, we would be at a \$9,000,000 surplus.

Mr. Hatcher stated that is incorrect. He stated that he believed we would be back to about \$7,800,000. He thinks we are looking at a reduction because we utilized additional surplus and we do not expect it to replenish.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he have been able to do this all while keeping taxes stable.

Mr. Gilbert stated that he understands that the school is the largest part of the tax bill. Mr. Gilbert stated that the sewer budget has a surplus of approximately \$4,500,000 and in the research he has done, the Township is not allowed to make a profit.

Mr. Hatcher stated that when we took over the Sewer Authority there was virtually no surplus and that surplus has been replenished. You are permitted to have a sufficient surplus to operate the utility. There are major capital projects that we will need to undertake as the useful life of the plant is coming to an end.

Mr. Catrambone stated that a surplus is not the same as making a profit. Mr. Catrambone stated that he or Mr. Hatcher would be willing to sit down and explain this further if he would like.

Mr. Gilbert asked if Township has the money in their surplus for capital projects, why would they put the Township in a deficit with bonds.

Mr. Catrambone explained that if you needed a car and you had a \$1,000 in your bank account but the car cost \$1,000. It doesn't make any sense to use all that money to buy the car.

Mr. Hatcher's stated that there is \$9,000,000 in bond anticipation notes that needs to go to permanent financing this year or next year. There is a 3.5% limit on the amount of debt that a municipality can have which is based on the average assessment for the last three years. We are just over 1%. Given the nature of what's coming in the next few years, it does not make sense to use the surplus to pay for capital projects in his opinion. In terms of sewer, there may be items down the road that we will recommend that we use the surplus to purchase.

Mrs. Kolodi stated that we may not all agree up here but we are all honest people. Even though we may not come to the same conclusion, we all work hard.

Barbara Gallagher, 220 Sharrow Vale Road, stated that she wasn't aware that there was a conflict with Hunters Glen in terms of the sewer rebate and she asked if Council could fill her in on this issue.

Mr. Catrambone stated that because of the financial situation we were faced with when the Township abolished the Sewerage Authority; we had to raise the sewer rates. When we had the appropriate level of surplus we discussed giving a rebate. During the discussion, it was brought up how to handle the apartments. The majority of Council decided to approve a rebate of \$50 per sewer account. Some members of Council wanted to give the apartment complexes a \$50 rebate per unit.

Ms. Pangia stated that the sewer bill is based on the number of units. They pay a substantially higher bill than most along with some of our commercial property who will only receive a \$50 rebate.

Mr. Schwartz stated that it is the same calculation as other residential properties. Mr. Schwartz stated that he did ask the Attorney to put in writing that they would defend us if they were wrong and they have not.

Ms. Gallagher stated she believes there should be a discount if you pay your sewer bill for the entire year up front.

Bob Kennedy, 18 Silverwood Drive, wished Mrs. Kolodi good luck with her surgery. In terms of the fundraising for Delran Community Park, we did this for the kids. We didn't do this for ourselves. He feels we need to do a lot more things for this community. Please remember that we need to keep things positive and figure out what is best for the community.

Rich Grockenberger, 84 Alden Avenue, stated that the disabled veteran is his neighbor and he was happy to see that after the last work session, the resident is now getting help from neighbors.

Mr. Grockenberger thanked Council for the additional street light installed. It helps but there is still a section that is dark.

Mr. Grockenberger stated that he found out that someone was going to build on the property next to him and now they want to fill in the property. He wanted to bring this to the attention of the Township Engineer.

Mr. Schwartz stated that anytime work like that is done in a flood zone, it will need engineering approval.

Tom Lyon, 33 Heather Glen Lane, stated he negotiates contracts with municipalities and one of the things they look at is the financial condition of the town. They look at surplus, debt ratio, and revenues coming in to the township. An appropriate surplus is a good thing for a town. Equipment and repairs cost municipalities a lot of money so it is good to have a healthy surplus and he wanted to make that comment.

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

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

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers
Municipal Clerk

