

**WORK SESSION
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**September 21, 2011
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 December 23, 2010 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Reed and Mr. Morrow were present. Mr. Catrambone arrived late.

ALSO, PRESENT: Mr. Paris, Mayor, Mr. Long, Solicitor and Ms. Eggers, Municipal Clerk.

PRESENTATION FOR LEON AVENUE FIELD

Mr. Gorman stated that the field conditions throughout town are starting to deteriorate. Mr. Gorman handed out outlines of projects that they would like to complete. Leon Avenue completely needs to be redone. The field needs new fencing, back stops, dugouts, and improvements to the field itself. Notre Dame needs new dugouts and also lights on all three fields. Tenby Chase fields need to be redone with new fencing and back stops and also lights on the soccer field. They would also like a bathroom facility at Summerhill. Mr. Gorman provided pictures of the current conditions of the fields and also pictures of fields from surrounding towns. He feels the fields need some attention. He understands that we are working on developing the Myers Tract but we will still need to use the existing fields.

Mr. Morrow stated that we plan on having the fields at the Myers Tract ready for 2013.

Dan Yaniro, President of the Athletic Association stated that the improvements to the current fields can be ready by the spring.

Mr. Morrow stated that these are significant improvements and asked how they expect the Township to be able to pay for these improvements.

Mr. Tartaglia suggested that we use the open space funds.

Mrs. Reed asked if the cost of the projects have been determined and also what their priorities would be at this time.

Mr. Tartaglia stated that Leon Avenue would be their priority and he estimates the cost to be about \$15,000. If we put two fields on Leon Avenue the cost would be \$30,000.

Mr. Gorman stated that Tenby Chase and Leon are the priorities. Those fields are used every day.

They stated that if the Township is not willing to fund the projects the Athletic Association is willing to do the projects if they have Council's permission.

Mr. Paris stated that lighting has always been an issue because there are residents close by. He asked if they would be willing to hold off on the lighting because Myers Tract will have three lighted fields. Then we could work together on the other issues.

They stated that they feel that they could hold off on the lights if the time frame of 2013 for the Myers Tract is reasonable. The condition of the fields is the priority.

Council asked that they come back with their plans and cost estimates for the projects.

DISCUSSION ON TEMPORARY SIGN ORDINANCE

Mr. Paris stated many businesses would like to be able to advertise for more than just than for a grand opening.

Mr. Long stated that we do not have jurisdiction over the ordinance it is a Zoning Board issue. He does believe that the ordinance permits grand opening signs for thirty days and then for promotional signs they would be required to get a sign permit. He will review the ordinance and report back to Council.

FEES FOR AFFIDAVITS OF REDEMPTIONS

Victoria Boras, Tax Collector, requested that we incorporate a \$25.00 fee for the affidavits of redemption into our fee ordinance. Council agreed. Mr. Long will prepare the fee ordinance.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR RENTAL UNITS

Ms. Eggers stated that we received one bid for the Administrative Agent from Triad Associates. The hourly rates are included in the proposal. The rates go from \$100 to \$175.

Mr. Long stated that the Administrative Agent will help us maintain control of our affordable rental units.

Council agreed to award the contract to Triad Associates and the resolution will be on the public meeting.

STEWART AVENUE DRAINAGE

Mr. DeSanto stated that they are still waiting for the water table to go down before they can dig up the drain. They are hoping to be able to do this next week. He will report back to Council once they have more information.

REQUEST FOR REFUND OF INTEREST ON SEWER

A resident is requesting the waiver of the interest due on sewer because she is claiming that she did not receive a bill.

Council agreed that they do not wish to grant the waiver of the interest. Due to the new billing process, they do not want to set a precedence of waiving interest.

REPORTS

ENGINEER – Mr. Winckowski stated that Yansick and Moreland Drive project has been completed. There are some punch list items that still need to be completed.

There is an inlet on Conrow Road near the entrance to the High School that needs to be repaired. Since the school is repairing the driveway, we felt it would make sense to replace the inlet at the same time. We provided the school with construction details and they were going to include this in their bid for the project. We estimated the cost at about \$4,000 and the school came back with the price from their contractor of \$13,000. We need to notify them as to how we want to handle this issue.

Mr. Paris stated that he feels that we should receive bids ourselves if we plan to do the project.

Mr. Winckowski stated that we could ask the contractor on the road program for a price to replace the inlet.

Mr. Winckowski stated that they have completed the plans for the intersection at Conrow and Hartford Road. We are waiting for the property owner to sign the DEP application. We are also receiving \$6500 from Calvary Temple to help fund the project as part of their development application.

The Department of Transportation grants are due by Friday.

Mr. Winckowski stated that we will be applying for a hazard mitigation grant from FEMA for work along the creek. We will submit a letter of intent to the state. We will need to reach out to the residents for damage estimates.

We received the CDBG funds for Roland Avenue. We are finalizing the agreement with the County and have until September 2012 to complete the project.

The Golden Corral received certificate of occupancy. Also, Dooney's Pub is open and we are waiting for the waiver of the external grease trap to be signed.

Mr. Winckowski asked whether we are ready to move forward with the sewer capital projects that we discussed.

Mr. Morrow stated that we all agreed but we have not given approval. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

Mr. Winckowski stated that they issued a report on why the price has increased on the sewer contracts for mechanical, electrical and sanitary sewer system. The only reason for the increase is based on additional equipment being added to the contracts. He will make sure that the report is issued to Council. Council agreed to put this on the agenda for the public meeting.

Mr. Winckowski stated that bids were received for the 2011 Road Program. We would like to discuss this at the next work session.

Chief Parente – Chief Parente stated that the High School will be closing the entrance on Conrow Road for approximately two weeks in early November.

Chief Parente stated that they analyzed the speed on Fifth Street. Of the 17,531 vehicles that traveled the road over a ten day period, 138 were speeding.

Mrs. Reed – Mrs. Reed stated that the PetSmart Grant for \$7500 was submitted for the Feral Cat Program.

Mrs. Reed stated that residents have been complaining about the speeding coming off the Route 130 ramp onto Bridgeboro Road heading towards Riverside. Mrs. Reed asked if we could put the same radar out on Bridgeboro Road that we did on Fifth Street.

Mr. Parente stated that he will find a spot for the radar.

Mr. Catrambone – No report.

Mr. Schwartz – No report.

Mrs. Kolodi – Mrs. Kolodi stated that she has received wonderful feedback from the residents on the branch pick up.

Mrs. Kolodi stated that she has received complaints about speeding on Suburban Blvd. She sent the information to Mr. Hatcher. She asked if there is anything, we can do to help the speeding.

Chief Parente stated that he will look into this.

Mr. Paris – Mr. Paris stated that he reached out to the Director of the Freeholders Board to discuss some issues. One is Hartford Road and why it is a Township road in Delran and then a County road in Moorestown. Anderson Farms, Bridgeboro Road and the Municipal Alliance were also brought up. They stated that they will look into the issues on Bridgeboro Road and he is hoping to meet with them on this issue. As far as Hartford Road, they will look into why it is not a County Road. Mr. Paris asked them why we are only receiving gravel paths at Anderson Farms and they said that they will look into this also.

Mr. Paris stated that the volunteer in charge of the Municipal Alliance has resigned because of the difficulty in receiving the grant funds. He mentioned to them that we will have a difficult time finding volunteers to continue the program. He forwarded the resignation to them and they will look into the issues.

Mr. Paris stated that there will be a fundraiser at Throwbacks on October 16th and Mr. Morrow suggested that we have the residents submit suggestions on naming the Myers Tract. Then Council could choose from the names submitted. The fundraiser will support Kate's Place, an organization for developmentally delayed teens and young adults.

Mr. Morrow – Mr. Morrow stated that he would like to discuss branch collection at a future work session. He feels that we need to come up with ways to help the Public Works Department.

Pat Pomeranz asked if we could possibly post on the website where the chipper will be a week in advance instead of the day before.

Mr. DeSanto stated that it is difficult to judge how fast they will be able to move through an area. This has also been a very difficult year because of the rain.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Catrambone made a motion to open the meeting to the public for comments, seconded by Mrs. Reed. All were in favor, motion approved.

There were no comments.

Mr. Catrambone made a motion to end the public portion. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kolodi. All were in favor, motion approved.

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion to enter into closed session for discussion on TAR litigation and a contract issue, seconded by Mr. Catrambone. All were in favor, motion approved.

Mr. Catrambone made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi. All were in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamey Eggers, Township Clerk