

**WORK SESSION
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**October 25 2022
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 March 1, 2022 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, Ms. Rizzuto, Solicitor, Mr. D'Armiento, Mr. Bellina, Administrator, and Ms. Eggers, Township Clerk

OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Catrambone administered the oath of office to Captain Matthew Gasper.

Best Practices Inventory – Mr. Bellina explained that the Best Practices Inventory assesses a municipality's compliance with various rules and regulations. Mr. Bellina reported that we are in excess of what was required and we will be receiving all of our state aid. Mr. Bellina stated that in the future, he anticipates them focusing on a way for residents to charge their electric vehicles.

Mr. Catrambone commented that a company has reached out to the township for recommendations on five locations where they could place charging stations. The company would provide the units and then the property owners would be responsible for the installation. Mr. Catrambone asked anyone with input regarding potential locations, to contact him or Joe Bellina. Mr. Burrell suggested consulting the Green Team for suggestions. Mr. Smith suggested reaching out to our local utility company to see if there are any incentives or rebates available. Mr. Bellina will bring that up at a meeting he is having with the utility company next week.

Delran Community Park – Overhead Net Removal – Mr. Bellina reported that we are still getting costs together for taking the net down for the winter as opposed to keeping it up and risking damage from bad weather. After a brief discussion, it was determined that keeping it up would be the best course of action if the insurance company will cover any damage since the cost for taking it down is over \$10,000.

Haines Mill Road Project – Mr. D'Armiento stated that the work, which will extend from Route 130 to Conrow Road, is currently out to bid. It is the intention to award the job next Tuesday. This project will be partially funded through DOT municipal aid and partially funded by Delran Township. The township has budgeted \$600,000 for this project which will be completed in 2023.

South Jersey Health Insurance Fund – Mr. Bellina reported that the rates for the NJ State Health Insurance Fund are climbing 20% across the entire state. If we move into the South Jersey

Insurance Fund, the increase will be 10% and it will be equal to or better than, what we currently have. After a couple of years, we may have dividend options available as well. Another plus is, there will be a customer advocacy team to help handle any problems members may have.

Mrs. Apeadu asked if this was due to an increase in the employee's health coverage. Mr. Bellina noted that it was. Mr. Catrambone explained that numbers are still being crunched but it does look like it will be a considerable savings for coverage that is as good or better for the employees. If we decide next month to go with South Jersey Insurance Fund, the new coverage would start on February 1st.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4
Nays: None
Abstain: 1

Motion Approved

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu to approve the minutes for the April 12, 2022, Public Meeting.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4
Nays: None
Abstain: 1

Motion Approved

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Resolution 2022-193** Refunding Tax Overpayment
- b. **Resolution 2022-194** Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes of a Totally Disable Veteran Located at Block 31, Lot 17 Partial Tax Year 2022 and Thereafter

- c. **Resolution 2022-195** Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes of a Totally Disable Veteran Located at Block 116, Lot 23.75 Partial Tax Year 2022 and Thereafter
- d. **Resolution 2022-196** Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes of a Totally Disable Veteran Located at Block 118.07, Lot 27 Partial Tax Year 2022 and Thereafter
- e. Authorizing the Payment of Bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
- f. A motion granting a mercantile license to:
 - Auto Max FJ Inc., 207A-4 Carriage Lane

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

Mr. Bellina – Mr. Bellina asked Mr. D’Armiento what day Christine Etsell’s water problem was being fixed. Mr. D’Armiento stated that repairs would start this week. Mr. Bellina will contact Ms. Etsell to make sure she is aware of this.

Ms. Eggers – No report

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone reported that the electronic sign in front of the municipal building cannot be updated at the moment but we are actively pursuing getting it repaired.

The trash situation as well as leaf gathering information are both updated on the website.

Mr. Catrambone explained that we are still waiting for the part needed to fix the phone system. In the meantime, please contact anyone at the township through the website.

Also, as day light saving time approaches, along with Halloween, please be watchful of children while driving.

Ms. Rizzuto– No report

Mr. D’Armiento – Mr. D’Armiento reported that bids for the Route 130 Sewer Line Project are expected to be received on either the 17th or 18th of November with a target award date of November 22nd. Mr. Burrell asked if the intention was to use the federal rescue money. Mr. D’Armiento confirmed this.

Mrs. Apeadu – Mrs. Apeadu questioned when the state railway project will be ending. Mr. Bellina explained that he believes it will be quite a few weeks but he will get a better timetable tomorrow.

Mr. Smith - Mr. Smith stated that Monday will be Halloween. He cautioned to be aware of leaves, rain and people out celebrating the holiday.

Mr. Jeney – Mr. Jeney attended the NJ Shade Tree Federation’s 97th Annual Conference and completed his core training in trees. It was an amazing day.

Mr. Jeney reported that due to the work we have done to honor veterans, we will be honored on November 11th at the NJ Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Holmdel. The Delran community will receive recognition and a certification of being a veteran friendly community. This is a very highly regarded award. Mr. Jeney thanked all of the people who supported the efforts that culminated in this honor and invited anyone who would like to attend the ceremony to do so. Mr. Catrambone stated that only one person can accept the award on behalf of Delran Township and he would be very proud if Mr. Jeney would be that person. Mr. Jeney responded that he would be honored to do that.

Mr. Lyon – Mr. Lyon also stated that he would like Mr. Jeney to accept the award. Mr. Lyon is looking forward to Trunk or Treat, his birthday and Halloween. He cautioned people to be careful as the time changes and it gets darker earlier. He also encouraged everyone to get out and vote, stating that it is one of the most important things you can do.

Mr. Burrell – Mr. Burrell thanked Mr. Jeney for all his work on the veteran project. Mr. Burrell stated anyone interested in Trunk or Treat should sign up on the website. He also thanked Ms. Eggers for running a successful tax sale and for all her hard work.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

There were no comments

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

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers
Municipal Clerk