

**WORK SESSION
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**November 24, 2020
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 10, 2020 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Lyon, Mr. Mormando, Ms. Parejo, Mr. Burrell and Mr. Catrambone were present.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Paris, Mayor, Mr. Platt, Solicitor, Mr. Winckowski, Engineer, Mr. Hatcher, Administrator and Ms. Eggers were present.

LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS PLANT

David Steinberg, volunteer with the Delaware Riverkeepers discussed with Council that is proposed to be built in Wyalusing, PA. Mr. Steinberg stated that the gas will be transported by train or by truck and could impact Delran if they use 295. Mr. Steinberg asked Council to adopt a Resolution opposing the transport. Time is of the essence as they are seeking final approval on December 9th.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he will send the information provided by Mr. Steinberg to Mayor and Council for their review. If Council is inclined to adopt the Resolution it can be done next week at the public meeting.

Mr. Steinberg thanked Council for the opportunity to speak tonight.

SIMON AND SCHUSTER BOND RELEASE

Mr. Winckowski reported that when Simon & Schuster received Zoning Board approval several years ago, part of their plan was an additional parking lot closer to Third Street. At the time they didn't feel it was necessary but it was need to meet their parking requirements for the Board. The Zoning Board agreed to have them post a bond for the improvement for a five-year period and then Council could determine whether to have them build the additional parking area. The five-year timeframe has passed and they are asking for the bond to be released. Mr. Winckowski asked if anyone is aware of any parking issues or complaints over the last five years.

After discussion, Council agreed to get a report from the Police Department to determine if there have been any issues and discuss this at a future work session.

NETTING COMMUNITY PARK

Mr. Catrambone stated that we discussed in the past whether to remove the netting for the winter at Delran Community Park and he thought that a decision was made but that was not the case.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the netting was in use approximately three-four years before it was damaged and we have not experienced another storm like that one since.

After discussion, Council agreed not to remove the netting for the winter at this time since there is no indication that our insurance would not cover the replacement. It cost a significant amount

of money to remove the netting.

JIF DIVIDEND

Mr. Hatcher stated that the JIF has declared our dividend this year in the amount of \$66,378.00. Last year our amount was \$60,548.00. We are recommending that you apply the dividend against the 2021 assessment. Council agreed.

2021 INTERMUNICIPAL SLUDGE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Mr. Hatcher reported that the sludge agreement will be a five-year agreement beginning January 2021 with the County. We will have the agreement reviewed by the Solicitor and if there are no issues, we would have a resolution on the public meeting agenda for approval.

After discussion, Council agreed to continue to move forward with the agreement.

MARIJUANA LEGISLATION

Mr. Platt reported that there was a referendum on the general election ballot that passed statewide which is constitutional amending legalizing recreational marijuana. There is legislation in the Senate and the Assembly. Right now, there has been some hold ups on the legislation. Once the legislation is passed, municipalities will have to act on whether they want to opt in to recreational marijuana in your town and which facilities are going to be permitted and where they are to be located. The legislation has a revenue benefit for municipalities that opt-in.

After discussion, Council agreed have the Planning Board re-open the Master Plan to address cannabis. Council will place the Resolution on the public meeting agenda for approval.

FY 2021 CDBG GRANT

Mr. Winckowski reported that Burlington County has out there bi-annual application for CDBG funding. This is a federal program and we receive approximately \$75,000 each term. We recently completed a ramp program in the Army, Navy Cornell section of town under the prior grant. The only low-moderate area designated is the Hunter's Glen apartment complex. Since that is a privately-owned complex, we recommend applying for additional handicap ramps in town and the handicap ramp on Echo Court to connect the school to the cul-de-sac.

After discussion, Council agreed with the recommendation from the Engineer. A public hearing will be held and Resolution will be adopted at a future meeting. The project will include the Echo Court handicap ramp and the remainder of the grant for various handicap ramps.

KIOSK DESIGN

Mr. Catrambone stated that the issue we need to decide is what will be on kiosk and the dedication. There were a lot of individuals involved but the constant has been that Mr. Paris has been the Mayor. Mr. Catrambone stated that we should either list the names of all Council members that were involved or just say Township Council members that supported the park.

Mr. Burrell stated that this project has been going on for years and he personally doesn't like the dedication plaque with everyone's names but would not have an issue with the Mayor's name being included.

Mr. Paris stated that the intent was to replace the original sign which were the individuals that purchased the property.

Mr. Catrambone stated that a lot has evolved since then.

Mr. Winckowski stated the wording of the plaques does not have to be decided tonight but they do need to determine the number of plaques. The current plan is for three. One for the Burlington County Commissioner, one for Township officials and one for private donors. We will need that information to receive quotes.

After additional discussion, Council agreed to place two plaques on the kiosk. One for the Burlington County Commissioners and one for Township Official. The other side will have a plexiglass cabinet with a tack board for interchangeable messages.

REPORTS

Ms. Eggers – No report.

Mr. Hatcher – Mr. Hatcher report that he forwarded a copy of the transfer Resolution that will be on the agenda next for their review. The one larger item that he explained in his memo is the landfill line item that went over significantly. We have submitted for a reimbursement through the Local Emergency Grant.

Mr. Winckowski – Mr. Winckowski reported that the curb ramp and the Fairview Blvd. Island removal projects have been completed.

Mr. Catrambone reported that one of the street lights on Fairview Blvd. were flickering.

Mr. Winckowski reported that he will communicate that to PSE&G.

Mr. Platt – No report.

Ms. Parejo – No report.

Mr. Lyon – Mr. Lyon reported that he does have the Federal Government Risk Assessment of surface transportation of liquid natural gas that he can share with Council. The report is from March 2019. The plant that will be built in Gibbstown will provide 300+ jobs for the construction industry and dozens of good paying jobs once up and running.

Mr. Lyon wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and please stay safe.

Mr. Mormando – Mr. Mormando congratulated Mr. Burrell, Mr. Catrambone and Mr. Jeney on their election.

Mr. Mormando wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and thanked everyone for their hard work.

Mr. Mormando stated that covid numbers are still high so please take care of your families and continue to social distance.

Mr. Burrell – Mr. Burrell wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and please stay safe.

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone reported that is the spring curve we were experiencing 65-68 covid cases per month. In the June and July, it dropped to 18 and 29. It has moved up to 51 cases in September, 145 in October and so far in November there have been 125 cases so please

everyone be careful. Mr. Catrambone recommended that we move our meetings back to zoom starting with the December 15th meeting. Council agreed.

Mr. Paris – Mr. Paris reported that we received a DOT grant in the amount of \$180,000 for the resurfacing of Haines Mill Road.

Mr. Paris reported that the covid numbers in Delran are climbing. Please have a safe and healthy Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Mormando made a motion to open the meeting to the public. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burrell. All were in favor, motion approved.

There were no comments from the public

Mr. Lyon made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Mormando. All were in favor, the motion was approved.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jamey Eggers, Township Clerk