

**WORK SESSION
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**November 28, 2023
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 6, 2023 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, Mr. Kalac Solicitor, Mr. D'Armiento, Engineer, Mr. Bellina, Administrator, and Ms. Eggers, Township Clerk

ROSI (RECREATION OPEN SPACE INVENTORY) DIVERSION

102 Mulberry Street was listed as an open space area in Delran Township in 1983 and a tot lot was going to be built at that location. Instead, the land was sold, and a home was built on the property. The township has over \$500,000 in green acres, DEP funds that can't be used without replacing that open space. The replacement, open space land, will be five acres located at the edge of the Timber Ridge sub-division. There is a lengthy process that the township must follow to complete the state of NJ, DEP requirements in order to receive the green acres funds.

VERMES SOCCER FIELD

Ed D'Armiento reported that Delran Township received a grant of \$84,000 to assist with lighting the soccer fields at Vermes Field. There are additional projects that would benefit the fields at this location including soccer goals and improving the infrastructure which includes ADA accessibility. The total cost is estimated at \$950,000 with approximately \$600,000 going towards the lighting. Council will review the concept plans and decide whether they want to limit the scope of the project.

PUBLIC HEARING FY2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION

Mr. D'Armiento stated that the township received a \$50,000 grant from CDBG in fiscal year 2023 to complete a portion of the ADA ramps in the Millside Heights development, specifically along Suburban Boulevard. The township can now submit for fiscal year 2024 for the remainder of the neighborhood. This would use grant money to complete the ADA improvements, in terms of the handicap ramps, ahead of any future paving in that area.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2023-159 Authorizing the Township Engineer to Submit an Application to the County of Burlington for a Community Development Block Grant (Program Year 2024)

Mr. Smith made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Jeney. All

were in favor, motion approved.

There were no comments

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

Mrs. Apeadu made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve Resolution 2023-159

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Resolution 2023-160** Approving Raffle License #637 for Lancer Fund – Friends of Holy Cross
- b. **Resolution 2023-161** Authorizing the Purchase of Office Furniture Through State Contract
- c. **Resolution 2023-162** Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair And Open Contract to McHugh’s Landscaping For DCP 90’ Baseball Field Renovations in the amount of \$24,100.00
- d. **Resolution 2023-163** Observing November 20th as Transgender Day of Remembrance
- e. **Resolution 2023-164** Resolution to Cancel Outstanding Checks on the Books of the Township of Delran
- f. **Resolution 2023-165** Authorizing and Approving the Shared Services Agreement Between the Township of Delran and the County of Burlington for Certain Work/Repairs
- g. **Resolution 2023-166** Resolution Extending Municipal Support for Zacate, LLC to Receive One (1) Class 5 Cannabis Retailer License from the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission to Operate Within the Township of Delran, Subject to Township Land Use Approvals and other Legal Requirements
- h. **Resolution 2023-167** Authorizing Close Out Change Order and Final Payment to Earle Asphalt Co. for Haines Mill Road Improvement Project
- i. **Resolution 2023-168** Authorizing Approval to Delran Fun Inc. for Issuance of License to Operate Games of Skill

- j. Authorizing the Payment of Bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
- k. Accepting the report of the Tax Collector and Township Clerk

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu 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 reported that one section of the Route 130 sewer line near Fairview needs an emergency repair. The work will be conducted at night as soon as possible.

Ms. Eggers – No report

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone reported that the 2023 road program is almost complete. He also explained that while the PSE&G sub station project may be inconvenient, it is necessary and will be completed much faster if the work continues to be done at night.

He stated that the township has been awarded a \$145,000 grant to complete the sidewalks along Hartford Road.

Mr. Catrambone congratulated the Golden Regiment Marching Band for becoming National Champions and their former member, Adam Dorfman, for writing the music for their show. He also congratulated Tom Rafter, the Golden Regiment’s director, for winning Educator of the Year.

Mr. Catrambone informed residents that he will be at a town hall meeting at “Touch of Class Catering” in Hunters Glen, along with Councilwoman Apeadu and Councilman Jeney. The meeting will take place at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 29th. Employees from the county clerk’s office will also be in attendance and will offer voter and veteran assistance.

Mr. Kalac – No report

Mr. D’Armiento – Mr. D’Armiento explained that construction on the Brown Street Field is progressing nicely. It is anticipated that the field won’t be able to be used until Spring of 2025 after the sod has time to set in properly.

Mrs. Apeadu – No report

Mr. Smith – Mr. Smith reminded residents to be careful when driving especially when there are wet leaves on the road. He also warned drivers to be mindful of children as the days grow shorter.

Mr. Jeney – No report.

Mr. Lyon – Mr. Lyon congratulated the Golden Regiment Marching Band and their director.

Mr. Burrell – Mr. Burrell informed residents that the weather does not look great for the winter festival scheduled for Friday, December 1st. A decision will be made by early Thursday as to whether the festival will take place.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

There were no public 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION At this time, Mr. Burrell asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-169 authorizing the executive session.

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN RESOLUTION 2023-169

AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING: CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS – DELRAN EMERGENCY SQUAD

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10-4.6 et seq. (Open Public Meeting Act) provides for the exclusion of the public from public meeting for certain reasons; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to close the work session meeting of November 28, 2023 for the following reasons:

- 1. Contract Negotiations – Delran Emergency Squad**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting is closed for the reasons above in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Apeadu					
Smith					
Jeney					
Lyon					
Council President Burrell					

Dated: November 28, 2023

Witnessed by:

**SO RESOLVED.
TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN**

**Jamey Eggers, Township Clerk
Township of Delran**

Council President Tyler Burrell

Date signed: November 28, 2023

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu to adopt Resolution 2023-169.

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

Mrs. Apeadu made a motion to end the closed session and reopen the meeting to the public. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeney. All were in favor, motion approved.

Mr. Burrell stated there was no action to take after the executive session.

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

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers
Municipal Clerk