

**WORK SESSION
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**September 14, 2021
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 7, 2021 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo and Mr. Burrell were present. Mr. Lyon was absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Catrambone, Mayor, Ms. McPeak, Solicitor, Mr. Winckowski, Engineer, Mr. Hatcher, Administrator and Ms. Eggers.

COMMUNITY GARDEN GREEN TEAM PRESENTATION

Deb Hammond, Green Team, introduced herself and Rob Maher. Ms. Hammond stated that the Green Team has been wanting to start a community garden. The County offers community gardens are various location but they all have wait lists. The challenge was finding a spot in Delran that was flat, no trees and near water. They have found a spot over near the Tenby Chase Swim Club.

Rob Maher stated that by Tenby Chase swim club, along Forge Road, there is a 150-foot right-of-way that we can't do anything with. On the other side of that, into the field, we are looking to fence in a 100 ft x 200 ft section for the Community Garden. We would offer plots varying from 10 x 24 foot to 20 x 24 foot. We would also have raised beds that were handicap accessible and mixed-use areas. There is room to expand out to 100 x 400 feet.

Ms. Hammond stated the idea with each of the plots is that there would be a contract and a fee just like other community gardens to cover water service. She would like to see a community plot to harvest and donated to one of the local food banks in Delran.

Mr. Burrell stated that he is happy to see this move forward. We do not need to decide tonight. We can digest the information and discuss a way to fund the project.

Mr. Jeney asked if we are going to restrict this to Delran residents.

Ms. Hammond that we could restrict it to Delran residents only as she would much rather see Delran residents find a plot that is close to home. Tenby Towne Apartments is a mile and Hunters Glen is a little more than that and you have to come across Rt. 130. Those are people that definitely can't garden where they live. It would be awesome if we could put it where they are but there is no space.

Mr. Maher stated that he would imagine initially the community garden would be exclusive to Delran residents. If we don't get enough residents then we can open it up to County residents after that.

Ms. Hammond stated that we are not going to be advertising to get other people from other places to come here.

Mr. Burrell stated that he spoke to Ms. Hammond about if we should move forward with this can we do an interest list to see how many are interested to gauge size as well.

Jim Winckowski asked if they heard from PSE&G formally that they could not go under the power lines.

Mr. Maher stated he can not speak on their behalf but he has working knowledge that it is not permitted.

Mr. Winckowski asked how they envision the project being completed. He stated that you would have to development plan including need water service, distribution and access pads

Ms. Hammond advised they haven't done that yet and that would happen. She stated that nice fencing is important to keep the deer out. Inside the fencing will be easy to develop. She indicated that they have a labor force.

Mr. Maher stated as far as general work they can get that done. Water service and electric service would have to be contracted out.

Mr. Winckowski stated that it could become involved cost wise.

Mr. Maher suggested one of the things that could be done is discount pricing with a local contractor who could put sponsorship signage on the fencing. This is just a thought as we are trying to get the project off the ground.

Mr. Winckowski stated he understood. He was just thinking about excavating and paving.

Ms. Hammond stated that they are hoping they will not need to pave.

Mr. Maher stated that they were not planning on doing any paving but may need to discuss parking but depending on how many plots we have in the garden.

Mr. Winckowski stated he wasn't thinking about paving for parking but for more for a prepared walking surface for accessibility.

Mr. Burrell asked if it had to be ADA complaint.

Mr. Winckowski stated that they will need some sort of accessible component to it.

Mr. Catrambone acknowledged that the community garden is a great idea. He doesn't foresee any residents in the vicinity being upset with the project.

Mr. Burrell stated that the fencing is key in making it appealing to the residents in the area. Mr. Burrell stated that it appears conceptually Council is on board with the project.

PSE&G WORKING HOURS REQUEST FOR CHESTER AVENUE

Mr. Winckowski reported that PSE&G is looking to replace their gas main along Chester Avenue from Route 130 to Simon & Schuster. Once the main is replaced they will come back and resurface the road curb to curb. With the Route 130 traffic concerns, we had a pre-construction meeting with representatives from PSE&G and representatives from both Delran and Riverside including the Police Departments. Due to traffic control issues, they are requesting to work at night from Route 130 to Greenwood and during the day from Greenwood to Simon & Schuster. During the day, they will use single lane traffic control. During night time work hours Chester Avenue would be closed which gives them full access to the road. They are requesting to work at night for a two-week period, Monday to Thursday from 8 P.M. to 5 A.M. They are hoping to get the project completed in one week but are asking approval for two weeks to account for any weather delays. This would violate the noise ordinance so they will need Council's approval.

Ms. Parejo stated that her concern is for the residents and she doesn't agree with them working overnight.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he agrees with Ms. Parejo.

Mr. Winckowski recommended that at a minimum we allow them to work at night up to the parking lot for Edge Fitness.

Mr. Hatcher asked when the project will start.

Mr. Winckowski stated that it will be sometime in October.

After discussion, Council agreed to allow them to work at night from Route 130 to the end of the Edge Fitness parking lot.

Mr. Winckowski will report back to PSE&G.

REPORTS

Ms. Eggers – No report

Mr. Hatcher – Mr. Hatcher reported that we have been working with the DPA on an agreement to hire an officer that is fully trained and on the civil service list at a rate that is higher than the entry rate. The DPA has agreed and since this is a sidebar agreement to the contract, we would like to have a Resolution to approve this agreement.

Mr. Hatcher stated that by allowing this agreement, we will be able to get a fully trained officer on the road within a month.

Mr. Burrell asked for a month to adopt the following Resolution.

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2021-158**

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SIDEBAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN AND THE DELRAN PATROLMAN'S
ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Ms. Parejo to adopt the Resolution 2021-158

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo and Mr. Burrell voted aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone reminded residents that we are hosting a Job Fair on September 24th from 1-5 PM at the Municipal Building.

Mr. Catrambone reported that we had the final radio sign off ceremony for Sergeant Johnston and on behalf of Council he wanted to thank him for his service and wish him well in his retirement.

Mr. Catrambone reported that the Township will be celebrating the career of Carli Lloyd the evening of October 14th. We will have additional information out soon.

Ms. McPeak – No report.

Mr. Winckowski – Mr. Winckowski reported that the County continues to work on the bridge on Conrow Road. They will be pouring concrete tomorrow which will complete one side of the road

and will then work on the other side. Once they have completed their project, the Township contractor will return to complete our project. Paving will likely be completed in October.

Mr. Winckowski stated that both the 2020 and 2021 Road projects will be begin in the next two weeks.

Ms. Parejo – No report.

Mr. Smith – Mr. Smith reported that he had the honor of attending the Burlington County 9/11 Remembrance.

Mr. Jeney – Mr. Jeney echoed the comments from Mayor Catrambone congratulating Sergeant Johnston on his retirement. He was a longest tenured employee of the Township. It was wonderful to see the turnout from Police, Fire and EMS. It was an emotional sign off.

Mr. Jeney stated that he was pleased to attend the Labor-Management Collaboration Event along with Mayor Catrambone and Mr. Burrell held sponsored by Delran High School.

Mr. Burrell – Mr. Burrell echoed the previous comments from Mayor and Council.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Charlie Silvestri, 803 Drexel Avenue, stated that he wanted to follow up on the request from PSE&G to work along Chester Avenue. Mr. Silvestri stated that he would much rather have them work completed overnight, regardless of the noise, to get the project completed in one week. He would not want to have the road closed during the day when he is trying to get to and from work.

Mr. Smith made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting, seconded by Mr. Jeney. All were in favor, motion approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time, Mr. Burrell asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-157 authorizing the executive session.

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN RESOLUTION 2021-157

AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING: CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS – SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, PERSONNEL MATTER

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 September 14, 2021 for the following reason:

1. Contract Negotiations – Solid Waste Collection
2. Personnel Matter

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

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Ms. Parejo to adopt Resolution 2021-157.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo and Mr. Burrell voted aye

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Smith 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.

There was no action taken after executive session.

Mr. Jeney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Smith. All were in favor; the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamey Eggers, Township Clerk