

**WORK SESSION
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**September 28, 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, Mr. Siciliano, Solicitor, Mr. Winckowski, Engineer, Mr. Hatcher, Administrator and Ms. Eggers, Township Clerk.

PSE&G WORKING HOURS CHESTER AVENUE MAIN REPLACEMENT

Mr. Burrell stated that had requested overnight working hours and are here tonight to give an overview of the project and how they will address our concerns.

Kelley Sutter, with PSE&G Gas Construction and is the Project Manager for the Chester Avenue gas main replacement project. Ms. Sutter stated that they have worked with Mr. Winckowski on several projects across Delran. PSE&G been working across the state to identify aging underground pipe lines and ranking them from replacement. Chester Avenue was identified as the main was installed between 1956 and 1959. It is a high priority for PSE&G to replace the main. The project is about 7100 feet of work from Route 130 to Second Street and includes Delran and Riverside Township. We had a pre-project meeting and discussed with the Engineer and Police Departments the impact working during the day would have on the area from Route 130 to Greenwood Avenue which includes business and the Delran Middle School. There are traffic concerns and working hours would be limited in that area which would extend the project. PSE&G is request night work hours from 8 PM to 5AM to complete the section from Route 130 to Greenwood which would take approximately four nights depending on weather. We would continue day work from Greenwood to Second Street. We anticipate six weeks of project work and would like to begin on October 1st.

Ms. Parejo asked if there is be stadium lighting used.

Charles, PSE&G Project Supervisor, stated that they will be high lighting off a generator for safety running at night. They will be working in 500-foot sections each night. Ms. Sutter stated that they are aware there are a few residents in the area and the impact should only be for one night.

Ms. Parejo stated that she has concerns as they approach Greenwood where there are a lot more residents.

Ms. Sutter stated that they will try and get the work completed as early as possible as they approach Greenwood. Also, if they end halfway through the field next to the Middle School, they will likely switch to day work. They will manage that after they complete work each night.

Ms. Sutter discussed outreach to the property owners. A week in advance they will receive a letter and door hanger which will cover the work limits and the hours. An email will also be sent and a reverse 911 call. When they are ready to install the services to the residents, they will be by appointment. There will be a dedication hotline for this specific project that will be provided.

Mr. Winckowski reported that PSE&G plans to repave the road in the Spring.

Mr. Smith asked if there is the need for any other utility work prior to the completion of the project.

Mr. Winckowski stated that NJAW has indicated they do not need to complete work with the scope of the project. He has discussed Mr. Hatcher the possibility of completing sewer repairs needed prior to restoration. Those issues will be brought to Council in the future.

Mr. Hatcher asked if the School has been notified.

Ms. Sutter stated that the School has received the notice. After the results of tonight's meeting, they will have direct communication with School District. They are coordinating with the Police Departments in both Delran and Riverside.

Mr. Burrell stated that it makes sense to allow the four nights of work then forcing this during the day and it taking weeks to complete.

Mr. Winckowski stated that the work a Route 130 has to be completed at night as there is too much traffic for day work.

Mr. Burrell stated that we would need to approve a temporary waiver of the noise ordinance to allow the work to be completed overnight.

Ms. Sutter stated that with approval they will begin on Monday, October 4th. Detours will be in place for the night work.

Mr. Catrambone stated that there will be a large event on October 14th and the Municipal Building will be used for parking with buses taking people to the event.

Mr. Winckowski stated that he will provide them with the information and they may have to shut down earlier that day.

Ms. Sutter stated that she will mark down that date.

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to allow night work to be completed as presented by PSE&G. All were in favor, motion approved.

Mr. Burrell asked that the information be posted on the website.

NOISE ORDINANCE

Mr. Siciliano stated that included in the packet, there was a letter from the DEP with changes requested. Those changes have been incorporated in the ordinance and they have approved the changes. At this point, we are ready to introduce the ordinance at the next meeting.

Mr. Burrell stated that this item will be on the public meeting agenda for first reading.

MECHANICAL DEVICE ORDINANCE

Mr. Burrell stated that the question presented was do we waive fee as requested from the vendor. Council has also questioned whether they wanted to repeal the ordinance with the limited vendors involved.

Mr. Hatcher stated that this started a number of years ago when there was a business had over twenty mechanical devices.

After discussion, Council agreed to repeal the ordinance related to Mechanical Devices and waive the fees for 2021.

Mr. Siciliano stated that their office will draft the necessary ordinance.

OFF-DUTY POLICE RATES

Mr. Burrell stated that there Dennis Rooney, President of the Delran FOP, submitted a letter requesting a change to the rates for Police outside employment.

Mr. Hatcher stated that every few years they update the outside employment rates which are paid by outside entities in need of traffic control. The update needs to be done by ordinance. We do want to look at we should increase the vehicle uses and administrative fees. Mr. Hatcher stated the he has no objection to the rates requested.

Mr. Winckowski asked that we do not charge for vehicle use for contractors working for the Township.

Mr. Burrell stated that this item will be on a future agenda for approval.

JIF UPDATE

Mr. Hatcher stated that he tries to update Mayor and Council on a quarterly basis on updates with the BURLCO Joint Insurance Fund. There have been difficulties this year with both the JIF and the MEL. There are some unfunded liabilities in the MEL related to cyber liability. Cyber Liability is becoming a very expensive insurance. The MEL is looking for a 9% increase in there budget this year. The JIF has been trying to make sure they have sufficient funds in their budget to comply with the new legislation including the Firefighters Cancer Presumption bill and the bill passed with respect to the two-year lookback on sexual abuse claims. We haven't had a lot of these

claims within the JIF but they have to be prepared for potential claims. The JIF has indicated that they will provide a \$850,000 fund balance to offset next year's increase. The good news for Delran is our six-year loss ratio is at 19.3%. The average is 75% to 80%. We have a balance of \$16,270 in the aggregate excess loss contingency fund and was put away to offset future increase which may happen next year.

STEWART AVENUE BASKETBALL COURT

Mr. Hatcher stated the Stewart Avenue basketball court was approved in the capital budget to be resurfaced in 2021. We received one quote in the amount of \$29,000.00 and are looking to get other quotes. It will look similar to the one at Brown Street. We would like to award at the next public meeting if we have the quotes in time. Council agreed.

HOMECOMING

Mr. Hatcher stated that we receive this request every year to use the pole barn for a class to build a homecoming float. We have no issues with the request. Public Works will clear the area needed. They will provide a certificate of insurance. There was also a request to use the field next to Wright Way to host a breakfast the morning of Homecoming. Council had no issues with the requests.

PSE&G WORKING HOURS CHESTER AVENUE MAIN REPLACEMENT

Mr. Burrell stated that we are circling back to this item as Ms. Eggers brought up the impact of the work for the Public Meeting next week.

Mr. Winckowski stated that he will work with them on the issue. It should only impact leaving the meeting as work will not begin until 8PM.

Mr. Catrambone brought up the impact to the High School using the pole barn for Homecoming since they are also looking to start next week and they are looking to use the facility from 6-10 PM.

Mr. Winckowski stated that he will reach out to PSE&G to notify them that they will have to start the following week.

REPORTS

Ms. Eggers – No report.

Mr. Hatcher – No report.

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone reported that the remarks from Mr. Burrell on the trash were well put but he wanted to reiterate that Republic is responsible for repairing or replacing broken cans. We are all frustrated by this increase as there is a lack of competition which is something of concern. He will be reaching out to state representatives to see if they can address the issues.

Mr. Catrambone stated that there has been a ton of discussion online regarding the cost of the Carli Lloyd event. He is not going to get into the details as we don't have all the information. The costs will be paid for with funds already allocated in the Recreation budget and corporate sponsorships. We do not have a final cost at this time. We are fundraising for the event and doing very well.

Mr. Catrambone extended his congratulations to Sam and Jenna. Sam is his nephew and had his first son yesterday.

Mr. Siciliano – No report.

Mr. Winckowski – Mr. Winckowski reported that a lot of work has begun on the road programs. He will provide a schedule that shows where the contractors will be working. The traffic calming improvements on Tenby Chase and Grande Blvd. will be starting in the next week.

Ms. Parejo – Ms. Parejo thanked the Fire Department and Police Department. Since they have been patrolling around the lake, residents have reported that the loud music and barbecuing has stopped.

Ms. Parejo stated that with the changes to the PSE&G work on Chester she wants to make sure they change the letter to the residents with the start date.

Mr. Smith – Mr. Smith stated the fall is officially here so please pay attention as we have less daylight. Also, please watch out for wet leaves on the road.

Mr. Jeney – Mr. Jeney stated that he met with the School Superintendent and it was clear that we both want to keep the communication open and help each other when possible. We agree to meet on a monthly basis.

Mr. Burrell – Mr. Burrell echoed the comments of Mayor and Council. Also, Trunk-or-Treat is scheduled for October 23rd. Information should be online soon.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Bob Gilbert, 75 Stewart Avenue, thanked Mr. Burrell for the work that will be done on the storm drains.

Mr. Gilbert reported that the sign out front still states that the Delran Seniors will be meeting in September. The next meeting will be on October 12th and he will be attending with another Veteran to speak at the meeting.

Mr. Gilbert asked how the Township is coming along with the We Value Our Veterans award.

Mr. Hatcher stated that he is working through the list.

Mr. Gilbert stated that he spoke with the Superintendent and he is on board with them speaking to the Vietnam Class. He is speaking to the teacher tomorrow. Mr. Gilbert will share the dates with Council.

Mr. Gilbert stated that they buried seven Veterans at General Doyle Cemetery on September 9th. There will be another burial this Thursday at 1:30 PM where they will bury nine more Veterans if anyone would like to attend. As of September 9th, they have buried 316 Veterans and reunited 361 Veterans with loved ones.

Mr. Gilbert asked if there is any progress on the river bank.

Mr. Winckowski reported that the Army Corps is developing a project work scope and cost estimate for the next round of study. The study should be completed in the next few weeks and we hope to meet with them to review the study in the next month.

Mr. Gilbert shared with Mayor and Council that the Department of Defense has confirmed that the start of the Vietnam War was November 1, 1955.

P.J. Buzzi, 4205 Bridgeboro Road, stated that that speaker systems at the High School and Summerhill Football Field are turned up way too loud. He can clearly hear what the announcer is saying. He would appreciate if the Township could have them turn down the speaker system. We asked if the new noise ordinance will cover this issue.

Mr. Burrell stated that this covers all noise and is in line with the DEP regulations. When they are expressing an issue, they need to contact the police.

Mr. Buzzi stated that this summer they had a tree added to the State Registry this summer. Mr. Buzzi stated that with the tree ordinance, we need to make sure the tree protected and the penalty should be steep for someone that cuts down a protected tree.

Mr. Burrell suggested that he reach out to the Green Team to see if they could put a plaque on the tree so that people are aware that it is on the registry and is protected.

Mr. Buzzi suggested that the Township or Green Team could notify a new owner that has a protected tree on their property.

Mr. Burrell stated that it is difficult to monitor property sales but we can put him in touch with Deb Hammond.

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

Mr. Catrambone stated that before we go into executive session, he wanted to extended his congratulations to Firefighter Chris Harvey and his wife Tracy on the birth of their son.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time, Mr. Burrell asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-161 authorizing the executive session.

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN RESOLUTION 2021-161

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 28, 2021 for the following reason:

1. Personnel Matter – Deputy Clerk
2. Contract Negotiations – Delran Patrolman’s Association

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 Mr. Smith to adopt Resolution 2021-161.

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. Jeney made a motion to end the closed session and reopen the meeting to the public. The motion was seconded by Ms. Parejo. 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