

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 4, 2024 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Burrell were present. Mr. Jeney was absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Catrambone, Mayor, Mr. Wright Solicitor, Mr. D'Armiento, Engineer, Mr. Bellina, Administrator, and Ms. Eggers, Township Clerk

TIGER DAM & STREAM CLEANING PRESENTATION

Mr. Catrambone explained that research was conducted to find a product that could be deployed quickly and would become a secondary flood barrier for the residents in the Riverside Park area of the township. He explained that the product being discussed tonight would be temporary and for nuisance flooding which may occur before the Army Corps of Engineers provides a solution to the flooding issues in that section of Delran. The product would run from River Drive to North Chester Avenue and would also protect the sewer plant.

Mr. Catrambone introduced Cheryl Witmer from Tiger Dam. Ms. Witmer gave an overview of the product, explaining that they are big tubes that interlock together and create a barrier that prevents flooding. They can be run for miles and are stackable. The tubes are filled with water and training is provided, making them easy to use. Mr. Burrell stated that this idea will be discussed more in future meetings after engineering and financing can be further researched.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Resolution 2024-166** Refunding Food Vendor Fees
- b. **Resolution 2024-167** Refunding Various Road Opening Deposits
- c. **Resolution 2024-168** Approving Raffle License 653 for PTO of Holy Cross Preparatory Academy
- d. **Resolution 2024-169** Authorizing Award of Contract for Belt Filter Press Rehabilitation to Municipal Maintenance Co. In The Amount Of \$166,040.00
- e. **Resolution 2024-170** Authorizing Change Order No. 1 Final Payment for FY 2023 CDBG ADA Improvements to Suburban Blvd

- f. Authorizing the Payment of Bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
- g. Approval of the following minutes:
 - May 28, 2024, Work Session
 - June 11, 2024, Public Meeting

Mr. Lyon 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. Lyon, and Mr. Burrell voted aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

REPORTS

Mr. Bellina – Mr. Bellina discussed the belt filter press rehabilitation contract that was just approved as part of the consent agenda. He explained that the belt filter press is one of the most important parts of the sewer process because it removes liquid from waste. This lightens the weight load which assists in disposal.

Ms. Eggers – No report

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone thanked everyone who made the recent senior expo at the municipal building a success.

Mr. Wright – No report

Mr. D’Armiento – Mr. D’Armiento reported that paving was finished on the 2024 road program and a punch list is being created for outstanding issues. He also stated that concrete work was completed on Stewart Avenue and a punch list is being created for anything that needs to be fixed prior to paving. Mr. D’Armiento also explained that he is waiting to hear back from Verizon regarding the poles that need to be removed in that area.

Mr. Bellina stated that at a recent township meeting, a resident mentioned that the new gas meters installed by PSE&G on Stewart Avenue are very close to the ground. The resident expressed

concern over the safety of the meters in areas that are prone to flooding. Mr. Bellina reported that PSE&G has begun the process of raising the height of the gas meters to ensure that they are safe.

Mrs. Apeadu – No report

Mr. Smith – Mr. Smith advised drivers, that with decreased daylight it is important to be mindful of children participating in outdoor activities. He also reminded residents to support the various Delran sports teams and announced that the Delran High School football team is currently undefeated.

Mr. Lyon – Mr. Lyon reported there are a variety of road projects in the township. He asked drivers to exercise caution when on the road particularly in work zones. Mr. Lyon also advised people to be aware of their surroundings explaining that he and his wife recently assisted a small child who had left her house and was headed to a local playground unattended.

Mr. Burrell – Mr. Burrell congratulated everyone on the successful senior expo. He thanked Mrs. Apeadu for the idea and the mayor and administration offices for helping to put it together.

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.

William J. Spych, 518 Brown Street – Mr. Spych asked for the status of the mayor’s financial disclosure form. Ms. Eggers explained that it is required that the form be filed by April 30th each year and the mayor has already submitted it.

Mr. Spych asked how many corrective action plans have been filed to address the failure to submit financial disclosure forms during the time that this administration has been in office. Mr. Burrell stated that type of information would be included in the annual audit.

Mr. Spych asked for the status of the road program. Mr. D’Armiento explained that Tech Drive, Paddock Way and Coopers Kill Road have been completed. A punch list is being created for that project as well as one prior to the paving on Stewart Avenue. Mr. D’Armiento explained that when the township chooses roads to be paved, it communicates with the utility companies, so they are aware of the streets as well. Mr. Bellina advised that this is to avoid paving a road and then having a utility company ask to open it up so they can do work after the fact.

Mr. Spych asked for the status of the Army Corps of Engineers study that will look at the flooding on Stewart Avenue and River Drive. Mr. Bellina explained that an agreement was executed, and funding is in place. The work plan should be completed soon. A contractor will then survey existing conditions with design work starting at the beginning of 2025.

My. Spych asked Mr. Catrambone if he is currently employed at The Division of Motor Vehicles.

Mr. Catrambone responded that he is.

Mr. Smith 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