

**PUBLIC MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**NOVEMBER 12, 2024
DELRAN, NJ**

CALL TO ORDER

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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. Jeney, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Burrell were present.

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

2025 ROAD PROGRAM

Mr. Bellina explained that over the last few years Delran Township has worked with PSE&G and New Jersey American Water to coordinate road paving plans with utility company projects. This effort ultimately minimizes costs across the board.

Mr. D'Armiento reported that both utility companies are planning to do work in the Millside Heights neighborhood which includes Suburban Boulevard, Holyoke Drive, Rutgers Drive, Penn Drive, Dartmouth Drive, and Princeton Drive. As a result, the township would only have to pave Suburban Boulevard, and the utility companies would pave the remaining streets in that section. In addition, the township has identified Bentwood Drive and Yardley Road as other streets in need of repaving. The township would pay for those additional roads. Prior to repaving, other potential work that may need to be completed will be evaluated.

Mr. Bellina gave a brief overview of how these types of projects are funded and the financial benefits of bidding a project in the winter and early spring months. Mr. D'Armiento explained how the process works and then gave a presentation covering the roadwork that has been completed from 2008 as well as projecting ahead to 2030.

BEST PRACTICES

Mr. Bellina explained that the best practices inventory was established by the NJ Department of Community Affairs to obtain vital operating information about the status of municipal government practices. Mr. Bellina was happy to report that Delran Township has satisfactorily met all established criteria and will receive the full allotment of municipal aid from the state of New Jersey.

ORDINANCE(S) ON FIRST READING

Ordinance 2024-21 An Ordinance to Establish Salaries for Various Employees of the Township of Delran, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Covered Under the Delran Lieutenant's Contract and Regulating the Manner of Payment of Same

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call: Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Burrell voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Ordinance 2024-22 An Ordinance to Establish Salaries for Various Employees within the Township of Delran, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey and Regulating the Manner of Payment of Same

Mrs. Apeadu made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeney.

Roll Call: Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Burrell voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Resolution 2024-176** Approving Raffle License 652 for Delran Middle/High School PTA
- b. **Resolution 2024-177** Approving Raffle License 654 for Lancer Fund, Inc.
- c. **Resolution 2024-178** Approving Raffle License 655 Delran Fire Co. # 232
- d. **Resolution 2024-179** Authorizing the Purchase of Ammunition Under State Contract T-0106 17-FLEET-00721 Law Enforcement Firearms Equipment & Supplies

- e. **Resolution 2024-180** Authorizing the Purchase of a 2025 Mack Md742 Conventional Single Axle Chassis Diesel Truck with Attachments through the Sourcewell Purchasing Network National Contract in the Lump Sum Amount of \$276,163.92
- f. **Resolution 2024-181** Ratifying the Contract Between the Township of Delran and the Delran Lieutenant's Association (2021-2024)
- g. **Resolution 2024-182** Resolution of Renewal of Municipal Support for Castaway Cannabis, LLC to Renew One (1) Class 5 Cannabis Retailer License from the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission to Operate within the Township of Delran
- h. **Resolution 2024-183** Authorizing the Release of Performance Guarantee Castaway Cannabis - Block 120.07 Lot 23
- i. **Resolution 2024-184** Amending Resolution 2024-146 Authorizing CME Associates to Perform Engineering for Army Corps of Engineers Coordination
- j. **Resolution 2024-185** Authorizing 2024 Budget Transfers
- k. Authorizing the payment of bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
- l. Accepting the report of the CFO including the October 2024 YTD Revenue Report, YTD Budget Report and October Check Register.
- m. Accepting the report of the Tax Collector and Township Clerk
- n. Approval of the following minutes:
 - September 10, 2024 Public
 - September 24, 2024 Work Session
 - October 8, 2024 Public Meeting
- o. Approval of the following mercantile licenses:
 - Auto Exchange, Inc. 150-5 Carriage Lane
 - GIG Auto Sales, 150A-29 Carriage Lane

- AT&T Mobility (Prime Communications, LP), 1330B Fairview Blvd.

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeney to adopt the above Consent Agenda.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Roll Call: Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Burrell voted aye to everything on the consent agenda except for the minutes which Mr. Lyon abstained from approving.

Ayes: 5 (with the exception of Mr. Lyon who abstained from the approval of the minutes.)

Nays: None

Abstained: 1 (only Mr. Lyon for the minutes)

Motion Approved

REPORTS

Emergency Services – No report

Boards/Committees – Deb Hammond reported that the Green Team is still collecting soft plastic and has dropped off over a ton of it to be recycled. The community solar program has seen an enrollment increase of 75 people.

Mr. Bellina – Mr. Bellina reported that for the second and third quarters, a total of \$72,000 was collected from the two cannabis establishments currently open in the township.

Ms. Eggers – No report

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone congratulated Commissioner-elect, Tyler Burrell, Mayor-elect, Barnes Hutchins, Councilman, Lynn Jeney and Councilman-elect, Tom Morrow for their recent election victories.

He stated that a small service to honor veterans occurred on November 11th which included the Flags for Heroes program. He thanked Lynn Jeney and the Central Jersey Rotary Club for their efforts and Christina Fox for donating a Fallen Soldier Statue.

Mr. Catrambone reported that the deadline for filing for the ANCHOR rebate has been extended to December 6th. If residents require assistance, they can reach out to the offices of Assemblyman Conaway or Senator Singleton. He also announced that the public works department has been

clearing some of the drainage ditches in the township by hand after obtaining approval from the DEP. Mr. Catrambone explained that Kara Bottino and Rob Maher resigned from the Green Team. He thanked them for their service and announced that those vacancies will be filled by Tom Stanuikynas and Alexandra Edge.

Mr. Catrambone declared that the waiting time to vote for the 2024 general election was unacceptable. Both major political parties and the Burlington County Board of Commissioners have asked the Board of Elections and Superintendent of Elections why this occurred and how it can be prevented in the future. A written report of findings and recommendations will be made public by January 30, 2025. Any resident who would like to report their personal, recent voting experiences can do so by emailing 2024election@co.burlington.nj.us

Mr. Grace– No report

Mrs. Apeadu – No report

Mr. Smith – Mr. Smith stressed the importance of Veterans Day explaining that he has multiple family members who served their country. He also encouraged people to safely enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mr. Jeney – Mr. Jeney congratulated Mr. Burrell, Mr. Hutchins and Mr. Morrow for their recent election wins and thanked the voters for voting him back into office. He is looking forward to a productive year ahead. Mr. Jeney commended the voters for their patience on Election Day. He thanked everyone who contributed to the Flags for Heroes program including Clark Daugherty, Deborah Price, and Christina Fox. Mr. Jeney also thanked Bryan Mullen and the entire public works department as well as the volunteers who helped set up the flags.

Mr. Lyon – Mr. Lyon congratulated everyone who was elected and reelected to office. He announced that it was an honor to be at the ceremony for veterans and thanked all the people involved. He also thanked the fire fighters who assisted with the recent drought related, forest fires. Mr. Lyon wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Mr. Burrell – Mr. Burrell congratulated the candidates who won their election. He thanked the poll workers and everyone behind the scenes including Jamey Eggers, the township municipal clerk who worked very long hours on Election Day. Mr. Burrell thanked Mr. Jeney for putting the veterans ceremony together and all the veterans who serve their country. He also thanked the fire fighters for their service.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Jennifer Reppert, Delran – Ms. Reppert asked Mr. D’Armiento what criteria determines the roads that will be repaved. Mr. D’Armiento gave an overview of how the process works which includes conversations with township employees, complaints from residents, coordination with utility companies, etc. He and Mr. Burrell explained that money is saved by grouping together the roads that are being paved.

Ms. Reppert also asked when leaf pick-up will occur in her neighborhood. Mr. Bellina explained that there are multiple crews working every day including some weekends, and all the leaves will be picked up.

Patricia Griffith, Brown Street – Ms. Griffith asked if the curb improvements being made near Chester Avenue are part of the new walkway that was discussed in a previous town council meeting. Mr. D’Armiento explained that it is part of a DOT intersection improvement project which also includes replacing traffic signals and does not have anything to do with the proposed walkway along Route 130.

Chris Adryan, Summerhill – Ms. Adryan asked about ordinances that regulate cannabis in the township. Mr. Burrell explained that it is already highly regulated by the state of NJ so there are no plans for the township to further regulate it.

Ms. Adryan stated that it seems like the utility companies dictate what roads in Delran are going to be paved. Mr. Burrell explained that it is to everyone’s benefit to work together to avoid unnecessary work being done which ultimately saves money, time, and inconvenience.

Ms. Adryan asked Mr. Bellina what the recent bond, purchased to fund a sewer project, is costing the township each year. Mr. Bellina responded that the principal and interest will be \$800,000 per year for 10 ½ years.

Mr. Hutchins, Delran – Mayor Elect Hutchins thanked all the residents who voted for him. He also thanked everyone at the township for their warm welcome. He congratulated Mr. Burrell, Mr. Jeney and Mr. Morrow for their recent political victories and thanked Mr. Catrambone for all the work he has done for Delran Township over the years.

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith 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 2024-186 authorizing the executive session.

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2024-186**

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE
FOLLOWING: LITIGATION - JODI KLEIN, ET AL VS. DELRAN
TOWNSHIP**

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 12, 2024 for the following reasons:

1. Litigation – Jodi Klein et al vs. Delran Township

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 12, 2024

Witnessed by:

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

**SO RESOLVED.
TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN**

Council President Tyler Burrell

Date signed: November 12, 2024

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu to adopt Resolution 2024-186.

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

No action was taken.

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

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