The meeting was called to order with a salute to the Flag by Councilman Lyon.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT: Be advised the Township Council has given notice in accordance with the sunshine law in the following manner. Notice published in the Burlington County Times and Camden Courier Post on December 27, 2024 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE

At this time, the Oath of Office was administered to Thomas Morrow, Councilman At-Large by Senator Troy Singleton.

The Oath of Office was administered to Lynn Jeney, Councilman At-Large, by Senator Troy Singleton.

The Oath of Office was administered to Harry Barnes Hutchins, Mayor, by Delran Municipal Clerk, Jamey Eggers.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Morrow, Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, and Mr. Lyon were present.

ALSO, PRESENT: Mr. Hutchins, Mayor, Mr. Marmero, Solicitor, Mr. Bellina, Administrator and Ms. Eggers, Township Clerk

NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Mr. Jeney nominated Tom Lyon as President of Council for a term to expire December 31, 2025. The nomination was seconded by Mrs. Apeadu.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Morrow, Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, and Mr. Lyon voted aye.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None

Motion Approved

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Mr. Lyon nominated Lynn Jeney as Vice President of Council for a term to expire December 31, 2025. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Smith

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Morrow, Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, and Mr. Lyon voted aye.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None

Motion Approved

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS WITH ADVICE & CONSENT OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 2025-01 Appointment of Marmero, Law, LLC as the Township Solicitor
RESOLUTION 2025-02 Appointment of Parker McKay, P.A. as the Township Bond Attorney
RESOLUTION 2025-03 Appointment of Marmero Law, LLC as the Township Labor Attorney
RESOLUTION 2025-04 Appointment of Kathleen McGill Gaskill, Esq. as the Township Tax
Attorney

RESOLUTION 2025-05 Appointment of The Platt Law Group, P.C. as the Township Affordable Housing Attorney

RESOLUTION 2025-06 Appointing Archer & Greiner P.C. as Township Conflict/ Special Attorney

RESOLUTION 2025-07 Appointment of Joseph B. Bellina as Business Administrator for a term to expire December 31, 2028

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu to adopt the above resolutions.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Morrow, Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, and Mr. Lyon voted aye.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None

Motion Approved

COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTION 2025-08 Appointing Bowman & Company, LLP as Township Auditor

RESOLUTION 2025-09 Appointing Daniel Rosenberg & Associates, LLC as Township Public Defender

RESOLUTION 2025-10 Appointing Cheryl Hendler Cohen, Esquire as Township Prosecutor
RESOLUTION 2025-11 Appointing Parker McKay, P.A. as Township Alternate Prosecutor
RESOLUTION 2025-12 Appointing Phoenix Advisors, LLC as Township Financial Advisor
RESOLUTION 2025-13 Appointing Conner Strong & Buckelew as Insurance Broker of Record
RESOLUTION 2025-14 Appointing Hardenbergh Insurance Group as Township Risk
Management Consultant

Mrs. Apeadu made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to adopt the above resolutions.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Morrow, Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, and Mr. Lyon voted aye.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None

Motion Approved

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

William Lunemann to the Planning Board as a Class 2 member for a term to expire December 31, 2025

Joseph Parento to the Planning Board as a Class IV member for a term to expire December 31, 2028

William Spych to the Planning Board as a Class IV member for a term to expire December 31, 2028

Ken Paris to the Planning Board as an Alternate 1 for a term to expire December 31, 2025

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF COUNCIL

James Hatzold to the Recreation Advisory Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2027

Alexandra Edge to the Green Team for a term to expire December 31, 2027

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the above appointments.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Morrow, Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, and Mr. Lyon voted aye.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None

Motion Approved

COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS

Thomas Lyon to the Planning Board as a Class 3 member for a term to expire December 31, 2025

Michael Mormando to the Zoning Board for a term to expire December 31, 2028

Jack Moore to the Zoning Board for a term to expire December 31, 2028

Brian Baiada to the Zoning Board for a term to expire December 31, 2028

Al Carp to the Green Team for a term to expire December 31, 2027

Paul Taylor to the Green Team for a term to expire December 31, 2027

Mrs. Apeadu made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the above appointments.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Morrow, Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, and Mr. Lyon voted aye.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None

Motion Approved

CONSENT AGENDA

- **a.** Resolution 2025-15 Establishing Rules Concerning Meeting Decorum and Procedures
- **b.** Resolution 2025-16 Cash Management Plan Depositories and Investments
- c. Resolution 2025-17 Approving 2025 Annual Meeting Notice
- **d. Resolution 2025-18** Resolution to Cancel Debits and Credits of \$10.00 or Less for Property Taxes and Sewer Service Fees

- e. Resolution 2025-19 Establishing Interest Rates for Delinquent Taxes and Assessments within the Township of Delran
- f. Resolution 2025-20 Appointing Joseph B. Bellina as Fund Commissioner
- g. Resolution 2025-21 Appointing Bryan Mullen as Safety Coordinator
- **h.** Resolution 2025-22 Appointing Kimberly Bogie as Claims Coordinator
- i. Resolution 2025-23 Appointing Jamey Eggers as Alternate Fund Commissioner
- **j. Resolution 2025-24** Authorizing 2025 Sewer Adjustments for New Property Owners and Authorizing Sewer Collector to Activate New Sewer Accounts

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

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5 Nays: None

Motion Approved

COMMENTS AND REMARKS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mr. Marmero – Mr. Marmero thanked everyone and is looking forward to working with the township this year.

Mr. Bellina – No report

Ms. Eggers – No report

Mr. Hutchins – Mr. Hutchins thanked everyone for their support and hard work. He promised to be the voice of Delran Township and will do his best to make the next four years more transparent than ever. Mr. Hutchins also promised to provide a monthly newsletter that will provide more detailed information on projects and events happening in Delran. He vowed to work with the recreation advisory committee to organize the same level of township events for less money.

Mr. Morrow – Mr. Morrow thanked everyone for making his council appointment possible and Senator Singleton for always being available when needed. He stressed that the quality of life in Delran is something he takes very seriously. He will be working to keep Delran Township a safe, appealing place to live.

Mrs. Apeadu – Mrs. Apeadu wished a happy new year to everyone and congratulated the newly elected officials as well as the township professionals. She vowed to bring needed information to the residents of Delran.

Mr. Smith – Mr. Smith also congratulated the appointees and wished a happy new year to everyone. He advised residents to assist elderly neighbors when bad weather arrives.

Mr. Jeney – Mr. Jeney thanked his family and everyone involved in the election process. He also thanked Senator Singleton, stating that he is a great example of what elected officials do for their communities. Mr. Jeney stated that he enjoys working with veterans and the Green Team and will continue to do that in the new year. He congratulated the newly elected officials and is looking forward to collaborating with everyone in the future.

Mr. Lyon – Mr. Lyon thanked Senator Singleton and also the unpaid volunteers who do so much for the community. Mr. Lyon congratulated Mr. Hutchins, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Jeney, assuring everyone will work together to run the township successfully. He thanked the professionals who were appointed this evening and wished everyone a happy new year.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu to open the meeting to the public for any questions. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

Troy Singleton, 9 Harper Boulevard – Senator Singleton congratulated the new mayor stating that elections are often about partisanship, but government is truly about partnership. He encouraged the mayor and council to work together and never squander the trust of the public. He also advised residents to attend township meetings and hold their elected officials accountable.

Samantha Hutchins, Chester Avenue – Ms. Hutchins congratulated Mr. Hutchins, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Jeney for their recent elections wins. She stated that she and her husband are excited to work closely with everyone.

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

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

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers Municipal Clerk