

**WORK SESSION
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**April 22, 2025
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 8, 2025 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Hutchins, Mayor, Mr. Marmero, Solicitor, Mr. D'Armiento, Engineer, Mr. Chiaravallo, Sr. Vice President and Director of the Water and Wastewater Department at CME, Associates, Ms. Eggers, Administrator/Township Clerk, Mr. Gasper, Acting Chief of Police.

WORK SESSION

Sewer Utility Annual Report

Mr. Chiaravallo presented a report that included a description of the facilities and an overview of the sewer system. Information was compiled by visiting the pump stations, walking through the treatment plant, meeting with the superintendent, and reviewing records, capital projects, past capital improvements, and the capital improvement plan.

Mr. Chiaravallo advised that three pump stations in the township are original can stations which require operators to go underground to access controls. These pumps are on the capital improvement plan for upgrades which would allow operators to access them without going down into a confined space.

Mr. Chiaravallo stated that, based on its age, the 13,000-foot-long Swedes Run interceptor line should be evaluated for its current condition. He explained that over time, hydrogen sulfide gas builds up and eventually attacks the pipe which then begins to deteriorate.

Mr. Chiaravallo also explained how the wastewater treatment plant collects and processes the sewage flow from the township. He advised that one of the three tanks that play a part in the operation is in the beginning phases of an upgrade.

Mr. Morrow asked for the status of the other two tanks. Mr. Chiaravallo stated they are operational at the moment. The goal is to upgrade the first tank and then move on to the others. They will be monitored in the meantime for any issues.

Mr. D'Armiento asked Mr. Chiaravallo to explain what the typical lifespan is for the new tank. Mr. Chiaravallo explained that the current tanks were installed in the late 1990s. He reported that

most of the upgrades would be done to the area of the tank that sits on the water line. Components will also be replaced and sandblasting, painting, recoating and general upgrades will be performed.

Mr. Hutchins asked if shutting down one of the tanks would cause any issues. Mr. Chiaravallo stated that there will not be any restrictions needed for flow coming into the plant.

Mr. Jeney asked if funds have been appropriated for the pump stations. Mr. Chiaravallo explained that they are on the capital plan and are spread out over several years. He did not believe money had been appropriated yet.

Mr. Morrow asked how many homes in the township are hooked into the Riverside sewer system. Mr. D'Armiento stated it is a very small amount.

Mr. Chiaravallo reported that the NJDEP requires licenses which the Delran superintendent has as does the assistant superintendent who can step in if needed.

Mr. Jeney asked Mr. Chiaravallo if he knew how many sewer employees have licenses. Mr. Chiaravallo stated he does not know how many additional employees have them.

Mr. Chiaravallo explained that the report also lists the ongoing capital projects and the capital projects that are on the capital improvement plan going forward.

Mr. Lyon asked for Mr. Chiaravallo's opinion regarding the overall condition of the sewer system.

Mr. Chiaravallo's concerns are the aging pipes especially the asbestos cement pipes (ACP) which are being addressed, and the constant upgrades needed at the treatment plant which the township also prioritizes when preparing the capital plan.

Mr. Smith asked, with the exception of Route 130 and Swedes Run, are there any ACP pipes that are concerning. Mr. Chiaravallo explained that part of the road program includes video inspection of the sewer so necessary repairs can be made in conjunction with the paving of the roadway.

Mr. D'Armiento explained that the areas that are most concerning are those that are more susceptible to gas, which includes the Route 130 corridor which discharges in the vicinity of the bridge and makes its way down to the Fifth Street Pump Station and then to the plant.

Discussion on Proposed Resolution for Civil Service Exemption

Acting Chief Matt Gasper explained that civil service is giving the police department an additional tool for recruitment. This would entail waiving the requirement that those interested in becoming an officer must take the civil service test first which slows down the process considerably. Instead, perspective officers would be hired and then would have to complete a Police Training Commission (PTC) certified program within nine months. The Delran Police Department has also done research on different police academies and intends to have a job fair on May 7th.

Mr. Lyon stated that he has talked with the mayor about hiring more officers and if this is a way to do that more quickly, he is in favor of it.

Mr. Marmero explained that it would simply require a resolution, and it is something that the civil service affords townships. He also advised that a nepotism policy must be in place.

Mr. Lyon asked if further down the road, the township would have the option to go back to hiring solely from the civil service list. Mr. Marmero stated that would not be a problem.

Mr. Morrow agreed that hiring more officers is a priority and he feels that utilizing all options would be favorable for the township.

2025 Sewer Claims

Ms. Eggers reviewed each claim, explaining that the issues were primarily leaks that were repaired. Repair bills were submitted to prove the claims, and she felt comfortable adjusting the sewer bills. Some additional claims were due to renters who used an excessive amount of water but were no longer residing in the home and a resident who was unintentionally leaving the water running for an extended period of time due to health issues.

A resolution for the approved sewer claims will be on the agenda at the next meeting. Residents have been advised to pay their first quarter bill as usual, and the sewer department will make the adjustments after the next meeting.

2025 Budget Discussions

Ms. Eggers announced that the budget would be introduced at the first meeting in May with adoption occurring at the first meeting in June.

Mr. Lyon stated that the budget looks good with no municipal tax increase again this year.

Mr. Hutchins explained that the township anticipates increasing the police force from 32 to 35 officers in 2026.

Mr. Gasper asked for confirmation that at this time, the budget covers 32 officers. Mr. Hutchins and Mrs. Eggers assured him that it does. The police force currently has 27 officers on staff.

Mr. Morrow stated that he feels this is a solid budget for this year.

Mr. Jeney asked if there is enough money in the budget for the communications program. Mr. Hutchins announced that there is enough money, and the program will be phased in over time.

Ms. Apeadu asked if the fund balance is okay. Mr. Hutchins explained that it is.

Mr. Jeney asked for the amount of the surplus. The mayor advised that it is a 7.6-million-dollar

surplus.

Mr. Smith suggested investigating the possibility of purchasing hybrid police vehicles. Mr. Hutchins explained that a hybrid vehicle may not perform as well for that type of duty. Mr. Gasper offered to check into a hybrid vehicle for police administrative purposes.

Mr. Morrow asked how the township stands in terms of possible sewer increases. Ms. Eggers discussed this with the auditor. The auditor advised that the township is in a great position and that there is no need for a sewer increase at this time.

Mr. Lyon mentioned the importance of maintaining the sewer systems to avoid any unexpected, costly issues.

ORDINANCE(S) ON SECOND READING

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE 2025-09

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR THE COMPLETION OF SEWER UTILITY SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS (CREEK ROAD SEWER LINE EXTENSION) IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$300,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Delran, County of Burlington, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law, Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law"), as follows:

Section 1. The purposes described in Section 7 hereof are hereby authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by the Township of Delran, County of Burlington, New Jersey ("Township").

Section 2. It is hereby found, determined and declared as follows:

- (a) the estimated amount to be raised by the Township from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$300,000; and
- (b) the estimated amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$300,000.

Section 3. The sum of \$300,000, to be raised by the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes, is hereby appropriated for the purposes stated in this bond ordinance ("Bond Ordinance").

Section 4. The issuance of negotiable bonds of the Township in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 to finance the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 hereof is hereby authorized. Said bonds shall be sold in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law.

Section 5. In order to temporarily finance the purposes described in Section 7 hereof, the issuance of bond anticipation notes of the Township in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 is hereby authorized. Pursuant to the Local Bond Law, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver the same to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their date to delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this Bond Ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 6. The amount of the proceeds of the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance which may be used for the payment of interest on such obligations, accounting, engineering, legal fees and other items as provided in Section 20 of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20, shall not exceed the sum of \$50,000.

Section 7. The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which said obligations are to be issued; the estimated costs of each said purpose; the amount of down payment for each said purpose; the maximum amount of obligations to be issued for each said purpose and the period of usefulness of each said purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law are as follows:

	<u>Purpose/Improvement</u>	<u>Estimate d Total Cost</u>	<u>Down Paymen t</u>	<u>Amount of Obligation s</u>	<u>Period of Usefulnes s</u>
A.	Supplemental Funding for Sewer Utility System Improvements including, but not limited to, the Extension of the Creek Road Sewer Line to Meadow Park, together with the completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto, al as more particularly set forth in the plans	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000	40 years

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	on file with the Township Engineer				

Section 8. The average period of useful life of the purpose for the financing of which this Bond Ordinance authorizes the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized for said several purpose, is not less than 40 years.

Section 9. Grants or other monies received from any governmental entity, if any, will be applied to the payment of, or repayment of obligations issued to finance, the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 above.

Section 10. The supplemental debt statement provided for in Section 10 of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-10, was duly filed in the office of the Clerk prior to the passage of this Bond Ordinance on first reading and a complete executed duplicate original thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. The supplemental debt statement shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-43, is increased by this Bond Ordinance by \$300,000 and that the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 11. The full faith and credit of the Township are irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance, and to the extent payment is not otherwise provided, the Township shall levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable real property without limitation as to rate or amount for the payment thereof.

Section 12. The applicable Capital Budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this Bond Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith, and the resolution promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended Capital Budget and Capital Program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

Section 13. The Township hereby declares its intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance pursuant to Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(e), promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), for "original expenditures", as defined in Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(c)(2), made by the Township prior to the issuance of such bonds or bond anticipation notes.

Section 14. The Township hereby covenants as follows:

- (a) it shall take all actions necessary to ensure that the interest paid on the bonds

or bond anticipation notes authorized by the Bond Ordinance is exempt from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income taxation purposes, and will not become a specific item of tax preference pursuant to Section 57(a)(5) of the Code;

(b) it will not make any use of the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes or do or suffer any other action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "arbitrage bonds" as such term is defined in Section 148(a) of the Code and the Regulations promulgated thereunder;

(c) it shall calculate or cause to be calculated and pay, when due, the rebatable arbitrage with respect to the "gross proceeds" (as such term is used in Section 148(f) of the Code) of the bonds or bond anticipation notes;

(d) it shall timely file with the Internal Revenue Service, such information report or reports as may be required by Sections 148(f) and 149(e) of the Code; and

(e) it shall take no action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code.

Section 15. The improvements authorized hereby are not current expenses and are improvements that the Township may lawfully make. No part of the cost of the improvements authorized hereby has been or shall be specially assessed on any property specially benefited thereby.

Section 16. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 17. In accordance with the Local Bond Law, this Bond Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Mr. Smith made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu All were in favor, motion approved.

Steve Grello, Delran – Mr. Grello stated that bonds are powerful tools that allow local government to improve infrastructure without depleting cash reserves. However, there are also potential negative aspects which should be outlined so residents are informed. Mr. Grello suggested that Council offer a fiscal impact sheet for each bond ordinance which would include a project summary, debt service schedule, source of repayment, and potential impact on future budgets. He also advised that a finance night would help to educate residents on the budget, capital improvement plans, etc. Mr. Grello offered his assistance in planning that event.

Mr. Lyon asked Mr. D'Armiento to give an overview of the project that this bond will cover. Mr. D'Armiento explained that it is primarily the county's project and will extend the Delran sewer line to Rainbow Meadow Park. There are also three homes along Creek Road that will be able to connect to the new sewer line at their own expense if they choose to do so. The county will reimburse Delran Township for all costs related to this project.

Sam Hutchins, 800 Chester Avenue – Ms. Hutchins questioned whether Delran Township will incur any expense in relation to this project. Mr. D’Armiento explained that Delran will pay for the cost initially but will be completely reimbursed by the county for all expenses.

Ms. Eggers explained that the project was designed by the township engineer. The township is managing it, but the county is funding it.

Jen Reppert, Delran – Ms. Reppert asked if all expenses incurred by obtaining a bond including underwriters, lawyers, interest, etc. will be reimbursed as well.

Ms. Eggers stated that the township has not borrowed any money so far, but she will consult with the CFO to see what money if any the township will be paying out of pocket.

Gary Catrambone, 261 Burning Tree Road – Mr. Catrambone explained that even though the township might be paying incidentals, ultimately Delran is getting an improvement to the sewer system, primarily at the county’s expense.

Nancy Evans, Arch Street – Ms. Evans declared that the township has paid a lot of money towards a sewer system that she feels is failing.

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

Mr. Morrow made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu to adopt Ordinance 2025-09 on second reading.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Resolution 2025-76** Authorizing the Purchase of Two (2) 144 Inch Lawnmowers through the Omnia Partners Government Purchasing Alliance National Co-op Purchasing Network National Contract in the lump sum amount of \$132,800.00
- b.** Authorizing the payment of bills including all purchases made under the cooperative purchasing agreement
- c.** Approval of the following Mercantile Licenses

- Delran Self Storage, 7023 Route 130 South Bldg. C
- Fabric Dry Cleaning, LLC, 88 Hartford Road, Suite B

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

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Approval of the minutes for the following meeting:

- Public Meeting - January 14, 2025

Mr. Morrow made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu to approve the minutes listed above.
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

Approval of the minutes for the following meeting:

- Work Session - January 28, 2025

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu to approve the minutes listed above.
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

Approval of the minutes for the following meeting:

- Work Session - February 25, 2025

Mr. Morrow made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu to approve the minutes listed above. 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

Approval of the minutes for the following meeting:

- Public Meeting – March 11, 2025

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morrow to approve the minutes listed above. There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Abstain: 1

Motion Approved

PUBLIC PORTION

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

William Spsych, 518 Brown Street – Mr. Spsych asked the mayor for the status of the public health nuisance at 812 & 814 Chester Avenue. He referred to heavy machinery, trees, dirt and standing water which presents a problem to the residents of Delran.

Mr. Hutchins responded that the code enforcement officer spoke with the owner of the properties. Mr. Hutchins explained that there is a process that must be followed but he will contact the code enforcement officer for an update.

Mr. Spsych asked if the results of this will be posted on the township website.

Mr. Marmero explained that code enforcement information does not typically get posted to the website.

Sam Hutchins, 800 Chester Avenue – Ms. Hutchins suggested that all questions asked at council meetings be posted on the township website along with the answers.

Ms. Hutchins asked whether not hiring from the civil service list in any way decreases the quality of the candidates for law enforcement.

Mr. Lyon explained that the candidate would already have taken the necessary steps that would enable them to enroll in the police academy. Mr. Marmero confirmed this explanation.

Mary Janus – Ms. Janus questioned the sewer claims, asking why water usage was going up. She asked if people were really leaving their water running or if there was an issue with the water company.

Mr. Lyon explained that most claims were related to leaks that were repaired. In one instance, there was a resident who, due to health issues, was turning on faucets and letting the water run for an extended period of time before it was noticed.

Ms. Janus cautioned Council about buying electric or hybrid vehicles stating that more money may be spent in the long run if this type of vehicle is purchased.

Patricia Griffith, Brown Street – Ms. Griffith explained that residents ask questions so that they can weigh in on the best course of action for the township and that it should not be seen as an attack.

Ms. Griffith asked for the starting salary of police officers in Delran Township and how it compares to other towns. She questioned whether this could be a reason why the township is having difficulty finding candidates for the program.

Ms. Griffith referenced Resolution 2025-76, and asked what type of lawnmowers are being purchased, stating that the price for each is extremely high.

PJ Buzzi, Vice President of the Delran Township Historical Society – Mr. Buzzi reported that they have their annual Vid's Deli hoagie sale fund raiser until June 30th. Tickets are \$7 and proceeds help fund yearly expenses. The Historical Society is also selling t-shirts. Information is available on their website and in the municipal building lobby.

Mr. Buzzi reported that historical site markers have been printed, and the Public Works Department will put them in place as soon as corresponding poles arrive.

He also advised that additional photo portraits will be hung in various places around the municipal building.

Mr. Buzzi thanked Mayor Hutchins for attending a recent Historical Society Meeting to familiarize himself with what their group does. He also thanked Council for their continued support.

Jen Reppert, Delran – Ms. Reppert asked why the township is borrowing \$300,000 if there is a 7-million-dollar surplus in the sewer account.

She also asked why there is a delay in the approval of the minutes.

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

REPORTS

Emergency Services – No report

Boards/Committees – Sam Hutchins, RAC – Ms. Hutchins reported a great turnout for the Spring Festival/Egg Hunt and thanked everyone involved in making the event possible.

She also informed residents that the 08075 Can Sing competition begins tomorrow. The winner will perform at Delran Night Out on August 5th.

Ms. Eggers – Ms. Eggers advised that the township resubmitted an application for funding originally awarded in fiscal year 2025 for improvements to Don Deutsch Field.

She reported that the Army Corps of Engineers have finished their geotechnical drillings and are continuing lab work and then engineering design for the streambank stabilization. The current project manager is leaving, and it is anticipated that a meeting with his replacement will take place soon.

Ms. Eggers stated that the Public Works Department held their Clean-up Days from April 9th – 12th. It was very successful, and another Clean-up event will be held in the fall.

She explained that while the minutes are a little behind, she and Melissa in the Clerk's Office are working hard to be caught up by May. The plan is to approve the previous month's minutes at the Public Meeting each month.

Ms. Eggers reported that the budget will be introduced at the May 13th meeting. There will be a PowerPoint presentation, the budget will be posted on the website, a copy is available, and the public should reach out to the mayor, Councilman Lyon or her with any questions. The public hearing will be at the first public meeting in June and questions can be asked at that time before the final adoption.

Ms. Eggers explained that there will also be a user-friendly version of the budget online.

Mr. Lyon reported that the reason the budget is not on the website now is because there will be a discussion at the work session and there may be changes at that time.

Ms. Eggers advised that once that meeting occurs, she will send everything, including possible changes, to the auditor and they will prepare the budget document.

Mr. Hutchins – Mr. Hutchins stated that the Leon Avenue project is moving forward, and a notification letter will be sent to all residents affected.

He explained that he is working hard to make sure that his newsletter as well as the implementation of a new communications program is perfect. He reported that he would like to add a question-and-answer section to the website so residents can easily find information.

Mr. Hutchins reported that the auditions for 08075 Can Sing will take place at Dooney's Pub at 6:00 pm. The competition will begin on May 7th and continue on May 14th and May 21st.

He thanked the Historical Society and advised residents to attend their meetings to learn more about what they do to preserve the history of Delran Township.

Mr. Hutchins advised that the new lawnmowers cover a much larger area and will free up Public Works employees for other tasks.

Mr. Hutchins stated that more research is required before purchasing hybrid vehicles for the police department.

Mr. D'Armiento – Mr. D'Armiento announced that there will be a meeting so residents can ask questions about the Leon Avenue project. The contractor would like to work at night for CCTV purposes. He will have more information regarding that request at the next meeting.

He reported that PSE&G started digging test pits in the Millside neighborhood. The gas main will be replaced in that area, followed by the replacement of the water main by New Jersey American Water Company.

Ms. Apeadu asked about work on Stewart Avenue. Mr. D'Armiento stated that they have received DOT approval, but the project has not gone out to bid yet.

Mr. Marmero – No report

Mr. Morrow – Mr. Morrow stated that he would like to get the Planning Board and Zoning Board meetings on YouTube, so residents are able to watch the meetings.

He asked Mr. D'Armiento for an update on the crosswalks and crossing guard locations. Mr. D'Armiento reported that CME and the police department are working together, and CME will be submitting the grant applications on behalf of the township.

Mr. Morrow asked Ms. Eggers to provide an update at the May work session on the new rental inspections that are now required in the township.

He reported that he is getting a lot of complaints about loud noises emanating from cars due to modified mufflers. He would like to work with the police department to get more control of that situation which affects the quality of life.

Mrs. Apeadu – No report

Mr. Smith – Mr. Smith clarified that the type of hybrid vehicle that he referred to earlier in the meeting does not need to be plugged in. He stated that it has a battery that is used prior to being switched over to gas. He advised that it could save the township money.

He encouraged residents to support the Historical Society fundraisers. He reported that volunteers are the backbone of the township and should be supported whenever possible.

Mr. Smith cautioned residents to exercise care while driving now that more children are playing outdoors.

He agreed with the suggestion to broadcast the Planning and Zoning Board meetings on YouTube.

Mr. Smith advised residents that the county is hosting a paper shredding event on Sunday, May 4th from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at Burlington County Institute of Technology, 695 Woodlane Road in Westampton. Residents can bring up to four bags/boxes of confidential papers that need to be disposed.

Mr. Jeney – Mr. Jeney encouraged residents to call the township during the week to ask questions, explaining that they do not have to wait until township meetings to get questions answered.

He reported that the Green Team has planted ten trees so far this season. There are many more trees that are going to be planted in the near future under the direction of Al Carp.

Mr. Jeney thanked the Historical Society and is thrilled at the prospect of more pictures being displayed at the municipal building.

Mr. Jeney congratulated the RAC for organizing a successful egg hunt.

He responded to a previous question about the state of the sewer system in the township and explained that the township engineer reported that the existing system is in good condition and is continuously maintained. He explained that everyone works hard to maintain the infrastructure of the entire town. Great care is also taken to coordinate efforts with utility companies to decrease the out-of-pocket costs for various road repaving projects.

Mr. Jeney advised that there will be a Climate Change Related Hazard Vulnerability Assessment meeting on Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 pm. This public meeting is a county sponsored event that

will cover how climate change may affect Delran and the surrounding area.

Mr. Lyon – Mr. Lyon announced that a study needs to be conducted regarding hybrid/electric vehicles prior to any being purchased by the township.

Mr. Lyon explained that there are many expenses involved in hiring new officers including training, uniforms, etc.

He explained that the new lawnmowers are faster and cover more ground thus freeing up employees to perform other jobs.

Mr. Lyon advised that it is very important to maintain and replace the various components of the sewer system so that things run smoothly.

He advised that sometimes questions cannot be answered at Council meetings and that is why they are emailed at a later date. Those answers can always be shared with others and if possible, they can be posted to the township website.

Mr. Lyon explained that he received an email regarding a noise disturbance that he immediately sent to the police department. He assured residents that if they report issues, steps will be taken to address them.

He thanked the township boards and committees for all the work they do.

EXECUTIVE SESSION At this time, Mr. Lyon asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-77 Authorizing the Executive Session to discuss the following: Litigation – Jodi Klein et al vs. Delran Township and Contract Discussion – Stewart Avenue

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN RESOLUTION 2025-77

AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING: ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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 public meeting of January 14, 2025 for the following reasons:

1. Litigation – Jodi Klein et al vs. Delran Township
2. Contract Discussion – Stewart Avenue

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 Mrs. Apeadu to adopt Resolution 2025-77. All were in favor, motion approved.

No action was taken.

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

Mr. Morrow made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu. All were in favor; the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers
Municipal Clerk