

**PUBLIC MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**JANUARY 13, 2026  
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 7, 2026 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Hutchins, Mayor, Mr. Coluzzi, Solicitor, and Ms. Eggers, Administrator/Township Clerk

**PRESENTATION(S)**

Clark Daugherty and Christina Fox of the West Jersey Rotary Club presented a defibrillator to Joe Mullan, Vice Commander of VFW Post #3020.

Al Carp from the Delran Green Team gave a brief speech followed by a demonstration covering how to properly recycle a variety of packaging materials. He advised that Styrofoam and strapping should be placed in trash bins. Bubble wrap, air pillows, and other stretchy plastic can be brought to the municipal building and placed in containers in the lobby for recycling. This type of plastic should not be placed in recycling bins. Cardboard boxes should be flattened and placed in the bins at the back of the Municipal Building along with glass and plastic with a 1, 2, or 5 on the container.

**ORDINANCE(S) ON FIRST READING**

**Ordinance 2026-01** Calendar Year 2025 Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

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

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Resolution 2026-24** Resolution to Cancel Outstanding Checks on the Books of the Township of Delran
- b. Resolution 2026-25** Approving Raffle License 673 For The O League, Inc.
- c. Resolution 2026-26** Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for Creek Road Sewer Extension
- d.** Appointment of Michelle Lugo Martinez to the Recreation Advisory Board for a term to

expire December 31, 2028.

**e. Approval of the following Mercantile Licenses**

- Castle Harbor, 59 St. Mihiel Drive (New Ownership)
- Arjo, Inc., 1829 Underwood Blvd. Suite #5

**f. Authorizing the payment of bills including all purchases made under the cooperative purchasing agreement**

**g. Accepting the report of the CFO including the December 2025 YTD Revenue Report, YTD Budget Report and December Check Register.**

**h. Accepting the report of the Tax Collector and Township Clerk**

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

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

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

William Spych, 518 Brown Street – Mr. Spych asked if the CFO revenue report and year-to-date budget be available on the Delran website. Ms. Eggers explained that while it is not typically done, it would not be a problem if the Mayor and Council agree to it.

Referring to Ordinance 2026-01, he asked for an explanation of the 3.5% increase in the budget. Ms. Eggers stated that the appropriation caps are based off the prior year's appropriations. The amount in the ordinance is the difference between raising the budget appropriations between 2.5% and 3.5%.

Mr. Spych asked the mayor if he had projected the amount of money that will be included in the final budget over the next two years. The mayor responded that he had not.

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

## **REPORTS**

**Emergency Services** – Chuck McSweeney, Chief of the Delran Emergency Squad reported that there were 297 calls for service in December. Ten staff members were CPR certified in 2025. There are plans to expand the community CPR program in 2026 and mechanical CPR devices were purchased. Partnerships with Cooper and Virtua allow squad members the opportunity to improve their skills. The

emergency squad responded to 3,511 calls in 2025 and approximately 20% of those calls were a result of assisting other townships.

**Boards/Committees** – Al Carp, Delran Green Team, reported that monthly meetings of the Green Team are being moved to the third Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and the public is always welcome.

He announced that the Mount Laurel Environmental Commission is collecting formal wear and will be hosting a free shop on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Mount Laurel Community Center.

The Delran Green Team is launching a new campaign to inspire recycling and stop littering. Messages will be posted in parks and playgrounds. Students are encouraged to design art that encourages recycling and prevents littering. Submissions can be given to school green team teachers or dropped off at the municipal building. E-waste and anything with an electrical cord can be dropped off at the municipal building and will be recycled. Grants are based on how many items are recycled each year.

Mr. Carp thanked the residents that came out for the First Day Hike. A night hike including a bonfire and refreshments will be scheduled in the near future.

**Ms. Eggers** – Ms. Eggers reminded residents that to avoid a late fee, pets should be registered by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

She advised that notices to proceed have been issued to R.E. Pierson for Stewart Avenue Phase II and the 2025 Road Program. Test pits are completed on Stewart and will be started this week for the 2025 Road Program.

Ms. Eggers stated that bids will be received in early February for the Hartford Road Sidewalk Project which will run between Ashley Crossing and Fairview Boulevard.

She announced that the lights have been installed at Vermes Field. The Township is waiting for the connection to electric after which the contractor will complete some site work.

Ms. Eggers reported that R.E. Pierson has completed CCTV work on the force main which is being reviewed by the engineer. Next steps will be discussed with the contractor and there will be a trench restoration in the spring.

**Mr. Hutchins** – Mr. Hutchins thanked Mr. Carp for the recycling demonstration and urged residents to dispose of recycling properly.

He welcomed Michelle Lugo Martinez to the Recreation Advisory Committee.

Mr. Hutchins advised that Delran Township has a do not knock registry for any residents who do not want salespeople at their homes. Residents can contact the clerk's office to be put on the list. He also informed residents that every solicitor should have a permit issued by the Township that is fully visible. Mr. Hutchins instructed people to call the non-emergency number for the police department if these rules are not followed.

**Mr. Coluzzi** – No report

**Mr. Morrow** – Mr. Morrow informed residents about a variety of services available through the state including help with childcare, careers, energy assistance, and support for care givers. He also announced

that minimum wage in NJ went up to \$15.92 per hour.

He announced that Castle Harbor is reopening and would like to work towards rehabilitating Clark's Marina.

Mr. Morrow asked that money in the budget be set aside for solar lighting at some of the busier pedestrian crosswalks in the Township.

He mentioned the possibility of using the electronic billboard on Route 130 more frequently.

Mr. Morrow would like to set up a meeting with Senator Troy Singleton to discuss safety on Route 130.

He also informed residents that plastic needs to be wrapped around any mattresses that are being disposed of.

**Mr. Lyon** – Mr. Lyon thanked Mr. Carp, Ms. Lugo Martinez and the West Jersey Rotary Club. He advised continuing the holiday spirit by being kind to each other.

Mr. Lyon announced that the next work session will be his last as he is stepping down from his position on Council as of January 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Mrs. Apeadu** – Mrs. Apeadu suggested that the Green Team film a short video covering how to recycle properly.

She thanked West Jersey Rotary Club for their generous donation which will strengthen emergency preparedness.

Mrs. Apeadu explained that in reference to Ordinance 2026-01, establishing a cap bank gives us options in future budget cycles without committing unnecessary expenditures today.

Referring to Resolution 2026-24, she explained that cancelling checks helps keep the Township books accurate and transparent which is essential for good governance.

She thanked Ms. Lugo Martinez and all the Township volunteers.

**Mr. Smith** – Mr. Smith thanked Ms. Lugo Martinez for joining the RAC along with all the volunteers that contribute to the community. He also thanked the West Jersey Rotary for the defibrillators and Mr. Lyon for his many years of service to Delran Township.

Mr. Smith announced that he spoke with the principal of Delran High School. He stated that there will be a service day to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the high school.

**Mr. Jeney** – Mr. Jeney thanked Ms. Lugo Martinez and commended the Public Works department on the work they do. He encouraged residents to recycle properly which allows the Public Works employees to concentrate on other tasks.

Mr. Jeney asked for an update on the sewer issues mentioned in the previous meeting. Mr. Molesan, an employee of the sewer department reported that the problems mentioned were on private property and not the responsibility of Delran Township.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** At this time, Mr. Jeney asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-27

Authorizing Executive Session to discuss the following: Contract Discussion - Management Benefits Agreement; Contract Discussion – CWA Negotiations

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2026-27**

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:  
CONTRACT DISCUSSION – MANAGEMENT BENEFITS AGREEMENT, CONTRACT  
DISCUSSION– CWA NEGOTIATIONS**

**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 13, 2026 for the following reasons:

1. Contract Discussions – Management Benefits Agreement Negotiations
2. Contract Discussions – CWA Negotiations

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the meeting is closed for the reasons above in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to adopt Resolution 2026-27.  
All were in favor, motion approved.

No action was taken.

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

