

**PUBLIC MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**MAY 12, 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: Ms. Cure, Mr. Morrow, Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith and Mr. Jeney were present.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Marmero, Solicitor, and Ms. Eggers, Administrator/Township Clerk

PRESENTATION(S)

Delran Green Team – Amy O'Donnell stated that the Green Team is a volunteer organization that registered with Sustainable Jersey in 2014. She explained that Sustainable Jersey is a non-profit organization that helps municipalities and schools reduce waste, cut emissions and improve equity. She also explained the certification process that includes recycling, community engagement, forestry, etc. At the beginning of the year, the Green Team decides what their focus will be. A plan is made, executed and paperwork is submitted that shows the work completed for certification.

Ms. O'Donnell reviewed the activities that the Green Team has done since the beginning of the year as well as events planned for the rest of 2026 which include hikes, clean-up events, a dedication at the "Alboretum", the Trees of Honor program, the VFW Days of Service, the Kindergarten Grove, a rain barrel workshop and plant swap, a repair café, a STEM fair and National Trails Day. More information is available by searching for the Delran Green Team/Sustainable Delran online.

ORDINANCE(S) ON SECOND READING

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
ORDINANCE 2026-08**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN THE
TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN**

WHEREAS, the Township of Delran recognizes the importance of engaging young residents in local government and fostering civic responsibility, leadership development, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council recently received a presentation from youth members of the community proposing the creation of a Youth Advisory Committee to provide input on issues affecting young residents; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to create a formal mechanism through which youth may participate in local government, contribute ideas, and assist in strengthening the community; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Youth Advisory Committee will provide an opportunity for youth to engage in public service, develop leadership skills, and serve as a liaison between Township leadership and the youth population; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds that it is in the best interests of the Township to establish a Youth Advisory Committee to advise the Mayor and Council on matters impacting youth and to promote community engagement;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Delran, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Creation

There is hereby established a Youth Advisory Committee (“YAC”) for the Township of Delran to serve as an advisory body to the Mayor and Township Council on matters affecting youth within the Township.

SECTION 2. Purpose

The purpose of the Youth Advisory Committee shall be to:

- a. Provide input and recommendations to the Mayor and Township Council on policies, programs, and initiatives impacting youth;
- b. Promote civic engagement, leadership development, and community service among youth residents;
- c. Serve as a communication bridge between Township leadership and young residents.

SECTION 3. Membership

- a. The Committee shall consist of not fewer than ten (10) nor more than fifteen (15) members;
- b. Members shall be residents of the Township of Delran;

- c. Members shall generally be students in grades 8 through college freshman level;
- d. Members shall be appointed by the Mayor, with advice and consent of the Township Council;
- e. The Mayor or Township Council may appoint: One (1) adult liaison (Mayor or Council designee) and One (1) staff advisor (Township employee).

SECTION 4. Terms

- a. Members shall serve two (2) year terms, unless otherwise specified at the time of appointment;
- b. Initial appointments may be staggered to ensure continuity;
- c. Members may reapply for additional terms.

SECTION 5. Officers

The Committee shall annually select from its membership a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. The Chair shall preside over meetings and coordinate agendas with the advisor.

SECTION 6. Meetings

- a. The Committee shall meet at least monthly;
- b. A majority of appointed members shall constitute a quorum;
- c. Meetings shall be held at a municipal facility unless otherwise designated;
- d. The Committee shall comply with the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) where applicable.

SECTION 7. Duties and Responsibilities

The Youth Advisory Committee may:

- a. Provide feedback on Township initiatives and programs;
- b. Identify issues impacting youth, including but not limited to safety, recreation, and mental health;
- c. Present recommendations to the Mayor and Council;

- d. Organize and support youth-focused community events;
- e. Participate in Township events;
- f. Conduct surveys or forums to gather youth input;
- g. Engage in community service projects.

SECTION 8. Conduct

Members shall: Act respectfully and professionally; Attend meetings regularly; Participate actively; and Represent the Township positively.

SECTION 9. Advisory Nature

The Youth Advisory Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity only and shall have no independent authority to bind the Township.

SECTION 10. Administration

The Township may establish application procedures, selection criteria, and operational guidelines consistent with this Ordinance.

SECTION 11. Severability

If any section, subsection, or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION 12. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

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

Nancy Evans, Delran – Ms. Evans asked for clarification on the ordinance.

Mr. Jeney explained that the goal of the Youth Advisory Committee is to provide an opportunity for young people to have a platform for relaying ideas and concerns between adolescents and their local government officials.

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

Mrs. Apeadu made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morrow to adopt Ordinance 2026-08 on second reading. There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

RESOLUTION(S)

Resolution 2026-85 Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Mrs. Apeadu made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cure

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Resolution 2026-86 Allow the Budget to be Read by Title

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

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Public Hearing on the 2026 Municipal Budget

Ms. Eggers reviewed the 2026 Municipal Budget. The total municipal budget for 2026 is

\$21,364,000. The amount to be raised by taxation in 2026 is \$12,175,798.68. The proposed municipal tax increase for 2026 is 1.597 cents. For the average home assessed at \$211,565.00 there will be an increase of \$33.79 for the year.

Resolution 2026-87 Adopting the 2026 Municipal Budget – The budget will not be adopted tonight because the Township is waiting for State approval however there will be an opportunity for the public to comment. There is also a PowerPoint available that shows many aspects of the budget.

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

William Spych – Mr. Spych asked if all Council members reviewed the fiscal budget for calendar year 2026. Mr. Jeney responded that they had.

Mr. Spych asked for confirmation that the five-million-dollar fund surplus will be placed in the rainy-day fund. Ms. Eggers responded that the money was utilized in the budget and that it is not a rainy-day fund.

Mr. Spych asked for an explanation of the National Opioid Settlement Fund. Mr. Marmero stated that some municipalities were part of this fund and received portions of the settlement.

Mr. Spych asked for an explanation of the CDBG Chester Avenue fund. Ms. Eggers commented that it is a Community Development Block Grant.

Mr. Spych asked what the “other expenses” designation is for in the Recreation Advisory Committee budget. Ms. Eggers explained that it is the entire budget for the year, but it can be broken down at any time if requested.

Mr. Spych asked who has the oversight of the capital improvement fund. Ms. Eggers explained that there is a spending plan in place that will be reviewed by Council once the budget is adopted and bond ordinances need to be put in place for capital items.

Mr. Spych asked what the acronym CAPS stands for. Ms. Eggers explained it isn’t an acronym. He asked for an explanation of money inside and outside of the CAP. Mr. Jeney and Ms. Eggers stated that the information could be collected and given to him later.

Mr. Spych asked about the \$200,000 in “other expenses” under the department of law. Ms. Eggers explained that it is the line item for several municipal attorneys.

Patricia Griffith, Brown Street – Ms. Griffith asked what “other expenses” is under the sewer budget. Ms. Eggers responded that it is the cost to run the sewer department and she and Mr. Jeney gave a brief overview of the process.

Ms. Griffith asked why when the Recreation Advisory Committee is allowed to raise funds, why is there still money being allocated by the Township for activities. Mr. Jeney explained that the money won't be removed from the RAC budget because there is no guarantee that money can be raised. Whatever is not used at the end of the year gets placed into the fund balance.

Gary Catrambone, 261 Burning Tree Road – Mr. Catrambone feels that taxes collected from new apartment buildings and cannabis establishments will cover any shortage in the future. In the meantime, he feels the fund balance should be used to balance the budget and municipal taxes should not be raised.

Mr. Morrow made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Ms. Cure. All were in favor, motion approved.

Ms. Apeadu made a motion to table approving the adoption of the 2026 budget, seconded by Mr. Smith. All were in favor, motion approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Resolution 2026-88** Approving Raffle License No. 684 for VFW Post 3020
- b. Resolution 2026-89** Authorizing 2026 Sewer Adjustments
- c. Resolution 2026-90** Authorizing Electronic Tax Sale
- d. Approval of the following Mercantile Licenses**
 - Windy Hill Management, LLC dba MVP – East Staffing 2902 Route 130, Unit #3 Parkway
 - Burlington County Spring Shop, LLC 8006 Route 130 North
- e.** Authorizing the payment of bills including all purchases made under the cooperative purchasing agreement.
- f.** Accepting the report of the CFO including the April 2026 YTD Revenue Report, YTD Budget Report and April Check Register.
- g.** Accepting the report of the Tax Collector and Township Clerk

Mr. Morrow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to adopt the above Consent Agenda. There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Leslie Sweet, 74 Stewart Avenue – Ms. Sweet asked if there was an update from the Army Corps of Engineers and if there was any decision made about purchasing the Tiger Dam.

Ms. Eggers stated that they are continuing to work on the plan for the next part of the review. She stated that the Township has not moved forward to obtain the Tiger Dam.

Patricia Griffith, Brown Street – Ms. Griffith commented that in 2019, Council made a zoning change that made it possible for Weiss Properties to build the apartments currently going up next to Home Depot.

Ms. Eggers advised that it was part of the settlement agreement in response to fair share housing.

Ms. Griffith stated that the Mayor and Council members should not be allowed to sit on the Planning or Zoning Boards. Ms. Eggers and Mr. Marmero explained that no member of Council can be on the Zoning Board. There is however a law that states that one member of Council and the Mayor or their designee must be on the Planning Board.

Mr. Jeney explained that the Mayor and Council at the time were forced by court order to approve the zoning change that allowed the Weiss Properties apartment complex to be constructed.

Ms. Cure 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 reported that the emergency squad responded to 277 calls in April. The squad recently passed the NJ State Department of Health inspections and is currently in the process of doing competencies for staff members and equipment. The first township and community CPR classes were held recently. And the emergency squad is getting ready for the Car Show in Delanco and the 250th Freedom Fest in Delran.

Ms. Eggers – Ms. Eggers reported that R.E. Pierson is continuing work for the 2025 road

program and will also be back on Stewart Avenue for Phase 2 next week.

Bids will be received on Tuesday, May 17th for the Pancoast Blvd. Traffic Calming Improvements, Summerhill Baseball Field and the Summerhill Hockey Rink.

Ms. Eggers commented that due to state changes, all legal notices for Delran Township are posted on the township website and will not appear in the newspaper.

Mr. Marmero– No report

Ms. Cure – Ms. Cure complimented Ms. O'Donnell on the Green Team presentation. She explained that Sustainable Delran was designed so people could make small changes that make a positive difference in the environment.

Mr. Morrow – Mr. Morrow stated that in 2009, Bill Curzie approached Council to talk about having a Green Team in Delran. Mr. Morrow pronounced that it has been amazing to see how many wonderful things have been accomplished over the last seventeen years.

Mr. Morrow praised the work done to complete Greenwood Avenue.

He reported that he has heard roosters in the vicinity of Pancoast Blvd. and reminded residents that roosters are not allowed in the Township. Mr. Jeney explained that the Chicken Advisory Board is available to investigate complaints. Residents can call the Township with concerns.

Mr. Morrow advised that there are many people struggling to pay bills. He is determined to review the budget to see if there are ways to avoid raising taxes.

Mrs. Apeadu – Mrs. Apeadu stated that she is also concerned about the budget and intends to seriously review it.

Mr. Smith – Mr. Smith cautioned driver's to be aware of pedestrians, bikes, etc. when on the roads.

He thanked the Green Team and all the Township volunteer groups who are the backbone of Delran.

He thanked Assemblywoman Carol Murphy and Assemblyman Balvir Singh for participating in the recent town hall at the Municipal Building.

Mr. Jeney – Mr. Jeney thanked the Green Team and announced that the Historical Society will be giving a presentation on their work in June.

He thanked Mr. Smith for organizing town halls which allow community members to speak directly with state and county elected officials.

Mr. Jeney thanked VFW Post #3020 for helping with various tasks at Lake Lonnie on May 7th. He explained that after two high school students asked about improving Lake Lonnie, the Green Team has worked tirelessly to make it an enjoyable place for all. He also thanked Al Carp for the work he has done for the Green Team.

He announced that on Tuesday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m. the Pfeffer Brothers, former Delran police officers, will give a presentation on the history of Delran at the Delran Historical Society meeting in the community rooms at the Municipal Building.

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

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers