

**WORK SESSION
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**July 10, 2018
DELRAN, NJ**

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 16, 2018 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Burrell, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone were present. Mr. Schwartz was absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Paris, Mayor, Mr. Riso, Solicitor, Mr. Hatcher, Administrator and Ms. Eggers, Municipal Clerk.

2017 AUDIT

Mr. Hatcher stated that the Mayor and Council all received the 2017 Audit and the Fund Balance at the end of 2017 on the municipal side was \$8,737,686 and on the sewer side it was roughly \$5,900,000. Council is responsible to review at a minimum pages number 135-139 which are the comments, findings and recommendations for the 2017. Once reviewed Council will then need to adopt a Resolution to accept the audit.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he attended the exit conference and some of the findings have already been addressed. Mr. Catrambone stated that a Resolution will be on the August 14th Public Meeting for approval.

SEWER CAPITAL

Mr. Catrambone stated that there are two items being discussion as part of the Sewer capital budget.

Jerry Harris, CME Associates, discussed the two projects. Mr. Harris stated that the two projects include upgrades to the Service Water System and Aeration Blowers. These projects will be combined into one large project with financing sought by the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust Fund.

Aeration Blower Replacement – Mr. Harris stated that currently there are five, 150 horse power aerations blowers at the plant. They are by far the highest energy users at the plant as they consume approximately 43% of the total energy used. The blowers are over twenty-five years old and there are more efficient blowers on the market. The proposal is to replace two of the five blowers with more efficient technology so that we would be able to regulate the amount air needed. The other blowers will be kept as backups if needed. In the energy report it was projected that the Township would save between 30%-50% of the energy use from the current blowers. At 50% the cost savings were estimated at \$70,000 a year, at 30% it is a little over \$40,000.

Plant Service Water System Upgrade – Typically a Wastewater Treatment Plant uses the treated wastewater in place of potable water to various purposes. The Sewer Plant has a

system in place but it does work well and is not efficient. It does not always supply the amount of water needed or the proper pressure; therefore, the plant is using a combination of treated effluent, partially treated wastewater and potable water for its service water. The proposal is to provide new pumps and a new above ground storage tank to hold the treated effluent. That would eliminate the need for potable water. It is a little more difficult to quantify the potential savings on this project.

After discussion, Council authorized Mr. Hatcher to direct the Bond Counsel to draft an ordinance for the public meeting.

NJDOT TAP GRANT

Mr. Catrambone stated that Council discussed making an application for a trail connecting Delran Community Park to Notre Dame Park.

Mr. Hatcher stated that a Resolution is needed to move forward and submit the application, which was included in the packet.

Mr. Catrambone asked for a motion to adopt the following Resolution.

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN RESOLUTION 2018-138

SUPPORTING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Township of Delran is applying for funding to conduct the design and construction of a pedestrian trail connecting Delran Community Park with Norte Dame Park within the Township of Delran; and

WHEREAS, the project will help to continue and improve the promotion and encouragement of pedestrian and bicycle access and safety for school children and residents; and

WHEREAS, maintenance of the pedestrian trail once constructed, will be assumed by the Township of Delran; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Delran hereby supports the submission of a grant application for the Transportation Alternatives Program within the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation and authorizes the Mayor, Township Administrator and the Township Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary and related to the submission of said grant application or grant agreement.

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to adopt Resolution 2018-138.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Burrell, Mr. Kolodi, Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 4
Nays: None

Motion Approved

FENCE ENCLOSURE DELRAN COMMUNITY PARK

Mr. Catrambone reported that the Delran AA is requesting permission to install a fence enclosure behind the storage shed similar to a portable kennel.

Mrs. Kolodi stated that she feels it would make the park look sloppy and feels that they need to make better use of the shed.

Mr. Paris stated that he agrees.

Mr. Connell stated that he agrees the shed is large and if they are concerned about vandals all the equipment will be visible.

Mr. Catrambone and Mr. Burrell also agreed.

Mr. Catrambone asked Mr. Hatcher to reach out to Bob Kennedy and let him know that Council agreed they would like an indoor solution.

REQUEST FROM TENBY CHASE SWIM CLUB

Mr. Catrambone stated that he will be recusing himself from the discussion and vote due to being a bond holder at the club.

Mr. O'Connell stated that he will also be recusing himself since he is an active member of the club.

The request includes the following for the Burlington County Championships on July 28th:

- Use of Bleachers
- Parking on field adjacent to Swim Club
- Parking limited to one side of Forge Road
- One way traffic on Forge Road

Mr. Hatcher stated that they have requested six sets of bleachers but we will only be able to provide two. They will also provide certificates of insurance as they have done in the past. They have also asked that the Township request snow fencing from the County as they are not permitted to make the request.

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Burrell.

Mr. Burrell and Mr. Kolodi voted aye. Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Catrambone abstained.

Ayes: 2
Nays: None
Abstained: 2

Motion Approved

REPORTS

Ms. Eggers – Ms. Eggers reported that the e-mail was switched over yesterday and we are still working out some issues. If anyone is having any issues let her know.

Mr. Catrambone, Mr. Paris and Mr. O’Connell indicating they are still having issues.

Chief Parente – No report.

Mr. Hatcher – No report.

Mr. Riso – No report.

Mr. O’Connell – Mr. O’Connell stated that at the last meeting he reported that we had two residents competing at the Special Olympics 2018 USA Games in Seattle. Resident, Ricardo, along with his teammates won a gold medal.

Mr. Burrell – Mr. Burrell updated Council on Delran Night Out. There are currently nine sponsors and two more pending. In terms of entertainment there will be balloon artists, face painting, inflatables, tethered balloon rides and carnival games. The Delran Police Department along with the Burlington County Sheriff’s Department will be in attendance along the Delran Fire Department. Crunch Fitness will have a ninja warrior section. There will also be speed pitch and dunk tank. The Central Park Bank will be playing at 7:30 right after the Jake’s Place groundbreaking.

Mr. Catrambone stated that his new sister-in-law sings in the band and he will recuse himself when needed.

Mr. Burrell stated that they haven’t signed a contract and can have further discussion regarding the band.

Mr. Paris stated that Dunkin Donuts and Pennoni should also be reaching out for sponsors.

Mr. Burrell asked if Mayor and Council have any issues with advertising the sponsors on Facebook. Mr. Burrell stated that he can break the sponsors into categories. Mayor and Council agreed.

Mrs. Kolodi – Mrs. Kolodi stated that she has no report but requested to talk to Mr. Hatcher or Ms. Eggers after the meeting regarding a resident concern.

Mr. Catrambone – **Mr. Catrambone reported that he found out today that Alice Furia** has passed away. She was a former Election Commissioner and a mentor to Mr. Catrambone. Mr. Catrambone stated that she was a great women and an asset to Delran.

Mr. Paris – Mr. Paris stated that he received several calls from residents regarding cars parked out to the corner at Bridgeboro and Mulberry St. Mr. Paris stated that he reached out to Mr. Hatcher and Chief Parente and we will be painting the curb yellow to prohibit parking at the corner.

Mr. Paris stated that he spoke with Mr. Winckowski and he would like to start discussing the kiosk at Community Park.

Mrs. Kolodi stated it would be a great place for the wall of honor donors.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Burrell made a motion to open the meeting to the public. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Connell. All were in favor, motion approved.

John Schmidt, Gloucester City, questioned if there is anything in the Township code requiring a motion to be passed by a majority of Council. His question was in regards to the vote on the motion for the Swim Club. Under existing case law abstentions count as a negative vote making the vote 2-0-2; therefore, the majority of the members present having not voted in favor the motion doesn't pass.

Mr. Riso stated that is not always the case. Often times abstentions count in favor of the motion maker. In this case he believes the motion was properly carried with a 2-0 vote and the abstentions did not adversely affect the vote.

Mr. Schmidt stated that the case he was citing was Patterson v. Cooper.

Mr. Riso stated that he is aware of the case.

Mr. Schmidt stated that he was going to bring this up at the last meeting but was thrown off by some of the happenings. At the monthly Council meeting, after making his statement, he is assuming that the members of the governing look at stuff before voting. Mr. Schmidt stated that he was discussed in a closed session of this Council. There is no rationale from a governing body to be discussing a member of the public. That is closed door government. Mr. Schmidt stated that the contempt he saw from Council Vice President, Mr. O'Connell he has not seen from a public official since Anna Docimo was Mayor of West Deptford Township.

Mr. Catrambone stated although this is the public comment portion doesn't mean that Mr. Schmidt has the opportunity to espouse diatribe that is unrestricted.

Mr. Schmidt stated that this is the public portion of the meeting and he was recognized and is going to make his statement.

Dialogue went back and forth between Mr. Catrambone and Mr. Schmidt. Mr. Catrambone asked Chief Parente to have an officer come into the room.

Mr. Catrambone asked Mr. Schmidt how he is aware of what was discussed in closed session.

Mr. Schmidt stated that he has the minutes from the meeting which he received through an OPRA request.

Mr. Catrambone asked Ms. Eggers if that is accurate.

Ms. Eggers stated yes.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we have a lot more to discuss tonight and doesn't want to discuss West Deptford as we are not that body and we are not in debt.

Mr. Schmidt stated they are not but he saw that. He spent three years in West Deptford and it was very troubling and he hopes that doesn't come to Delran.

Mr. O'Connell made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Burrell. All were in favor, the motion was approved.

Mr. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connell to enter into closed session for discussion on the following issues: FOP Grievance 2018-08, Negotiations – Emergency Squad Services.

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

Mr. Burrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. O'Connell. All were in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamey Eggers, Township Clerk