

**WORK SESSION
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**July 24, 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.

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

APPOINT TO FILL VACANCY FOR WARD I COUNCIL MEMBER

Mr. Catrambone stated that with the resignation of Mr. Schwartz effective at the end of business day yesterday he would like to add this to the agenda for discussion. Mr. Catrambone stated Mr. Schwartz notified them at Democratic Committee meeting on Sunday of his intention and in anticipation of his resignation the Committee has out forth a list of three names for review by Council to fill the vacancy. The three names provided were William Furia, Virginia Parejo and Colin Rafferty. Mr. Catrambone stated that he add the opportunity to meet all three and all meet the criteria to fill the vacancy.

After discussion, Council agreed to appoint Virginia Parejo to fill the vacancy.

Mr. O'Connell made a motion to appoint Virginia Parejo to fill the vacancy as the Ward I Council representative for a term to expire December 31, 2018. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burrell.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Assemblyman Herb Conaway administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Virginia Parejo.

Ms. Parejo stated that she in honored to serve in the position and thanked Mayor and Council for their support.

MUNICIPAL COURT REQUEST

Mr. Hatcher stated that the Court Administrator has requested that court session be reduced from three down to two. Due to the new Judge some changes have been made to make the court sessions run faster. We would need to contact the Assignment Judge for permission.

After discussion, Council agreed to allow the Municipal Court to make the request to Assignment Judge Bookbinder.

Mr. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

ROUTE 130 SIDEWALKS PHASE 2

Mr. Winckowski reported that we received bids for the Route 130 Sidewalks Phase 2 project on June 21st. This project includes sidewalks on the southbound side of Route 130 from Fairview Blvd. to the Cinnaminson border. The project is funded under the NJ DOT Safe Streets to Transit grant. The low bid was from Diamond Construction in the amount \$126,705.00. The bid is below the engineering estimate. They are recommending award at the August 14th public meeting.

After discussion, Council agreed to place a Resolution of award on the August 14th meeting.

2018 ROAD PROGRAM

Mr. Winckowski reported that we received bids on July 19th for the 2018 Road Program. This includes resurfacing and or reconstruction on Lichtenthal, Litle, Antietam and Windmoor. R.E. Pierson was the low bidder. The bid included a deletion item which was Windmoor Road. The low bid came in below the engineering estimate and they are recommending award based on available budget. We currently have Hartford Road advertised for bids to be received the week prior to the August 14th meeting. Once we receive those bids and the amount for the lowest responsible bidder, we will now whether we will award the base bid or have to include the item for the 2018 Road Program. Based on the engineering estimates we are confident we will be able to award the base bid. Mr. Winckowski asked that Council be prepared to award the contract for the 2018 Road Program and Hartford Road at the August 14th meeting.

After discussion, Council agreed to add the Resolution to the August 14th meeting.

REPORTS

Ms. Eggers – No report.

Mr. Hatcher – No report.

Mr. Winckowski – Mr. Winckowski reported that the municipal building roof is about 80% complete. The bulk of the roof replacement is complete but there are amenities that still need to be completed include the metal work, sky light work, replacement of the ladder and the final coat for the extra warranty. That work should be completed in the next three to four weeks depending on the metal being delivered.

Mr. Paris stated that he is very concerned about the sky light. He understands that we are refurbishing the skylight and asked what type of warranty we will have.

Mr. Winckowski stated that it will be covered under the two year maintenance bond but there is no additional warranty pass the maintenance bond. The skylight is not included in the roof warranty.

Mr. Winckowski reported that resurfacing is completed on Pheasant Road.

Mr. Platt – No report.

Mr. O'Connell – Mr. O'Connell stated that at the last public meeting we had a resident address the Homestead Rebate. With the State budget being adopted, there is going to be additional credit this year for the Homestead Rebate Program but unfortunately it will not be above last year's amount.

Mr. O'Connell stated that he appreciates the service from Councilman Schwartz and wished the best to Councilwoman Parejo.

Mr. Burrell – Mr. Burrell updated Mayor and Council on Delran Night Out. The JIF and the MEL will not insure any inflatables. The vendor will list the Township as an additional insured and asked if Council and the Attorney are okay with that covering us or what other steps we can do to mitigate exposure to the Township.

Mr. Platt recommended that a hold harmless agreement be signed between the Township and the vendors to pay for the any attorney fees for the Township along with any judgements.

Mr. Catrambone discussed having a waiver signed by the parents.

Mr. Platt stated that municipalities are also provided with Title 59 immunity.

After discussion, Council agreed to be added as an additional insured by the vendor as well as a hold harmless agreement between the Township and the vendor, Time for Fun Jumpers in Pennsauken. Council also agreed to have waivers signed for anyone riding the mechanical bull which will be restricted to individuals 18 and older. Mr. Platt will work on the hold harmless agreement and the waivers.

Ms. Parejo – No report.

Mrs. Kolodi – No report.

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone thanked Mr. Schwartz for his service through the years and welcomed Ms. Parejo.

Mr. Paris – Mr. Paris thanked Mr. Schwartz for his service and welcomed Ms. Parejo.

Mr. Paris congratulated the Delran Police Department on their accreditation.

Mr. Paris stated that he received another notification from a business person that is pursuing the possibility of a marijuana business. He asked Mr. Catrambone if he spoke with them.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he did speak with the individual and they indicated that they were looking at numerous towns and have tentative positive reaction from two.

Mr. Paris stated that he received an inquiry from another company called Green Life, a NJ cannabis company. They are a medical, cultivating, manufacture and dispensing facility. Mr.

Paris stated that in the past we had concerns but if this is a positive for the community he feels we should definitely look into it.

Mr. Paris stated that we have been asked to prepare a proclamation a public official for one of the services in town and will be putting something together.

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, stated that at the last meeting he attended he was expressing his comments towards comments made three meetings prior to tonight regarding a Council person's comments. Included in that language was a reference to the Township professionals as my professionals. Mr. Schmidt stated that the Township professionals work for the Township and do not belong to an individual Council person. Being able to comment at a public meeting is something that is guaranteed by the law of this State and a right to free speech guaranteed and enshrined by the Constitution of the United States and the State of NJ Jersey. Mr. Schmidt stated that the actions by Mr. Catrambone at the last meeting were comparable to North Korea or Iran as Mr. Schmidt stated that he was not hostile and was stating his opinion which he has the right to do whether Mr. Catrambone agreed with him or not. Mr. Schmidt stated that he was retained by the Police Department because of the action by Mr. Catrambone.

Mr. Schmidt stated that he feels the residents of Delran have the right know if the Council President signed or forged election petitions within the last five years by signing someone else's name and he would like a yes or no answer.

Mr. Catrambone thanked Mr. Schmidt for his question.

Scot DeCristofaro, Haddonfield, stated that he is here tonight because of the audacity to call the police on a member of the public. Mr. DeCristofaro stated that he watched the video online and he didn't see Mr. Schmidt be vulgar, use profanity or in any way break the peace of this meeting. Mr. DeCristofaro stated that he found the actions to be reprehensible, egotistical and out of line. Mr. DeCristofaro asked Mr. Catrambone if he had an apology for Mr. Schmidt.

Mr. Catrambone made no comment.

Mr. DeCristofaro stated that he also finds it reprehensible that Mr. Catrambone would put the Police Chief in that position as well as the Township for a potential law suit. Mr. DeCristofaro stated that he also admonishes the Council as they stood by and let a sitting elected official call the police on a citizen. That is why people are afraid of the government and what he did was wrong. Mr. DeCristofaro stated that he took note that Mr. Catrambone didn't answer Mr. Schmidt's question on whether he forged documents and asked if Mr. Catrambone was going to give an answer.

Mr. Catrambone made no comment.

Mr. DeCristofaro asked if there is proof somewhere that he did forge documents would Mr. Catrambone resign.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we are taking public comment.

Mr. DeCristofaro stated that his actions combined with what he heard about the possibility that he may have forged documents shows a pattern of behavior that if he did is illegal and should be sent to the Prosecutor's Office and the Attorney General and actions should be taken. Mr. DeCristofaro stated that he finds the behavior very concerning and that is why he is here tonight.

Mr. Catrambone thanked him for his comments.

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

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to enter into closed session for discussion on the following issues: Contract Negotiations – Emergency Squad Services

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

Mr. Catrambone asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2018-140

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2018-140**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY REGARDING
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

Mr. Catrambone stated that this Resolution would authorize an agreement with Moorestown and Palmyra Emergency Squads to provide base life support service in addition to pay those organizations 4,030 per week plus fuel.

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to adopt Resolution 2018-140.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Ms. Parejo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi. All were in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamey Eggers, Township Clerk

