

**The meeting was called to order with a salute to the Flag by Councilwoman Kolodi.**

**SUNSHINE STATEMENT:** Be advised the Township Council has given notice in accordance with the sunshine law in the following manner. Notice published in the Burlington County Times and Camden Courier Post on December 20, 2016 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

**ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE**

At this time, the Oath of Office was administered to Tyler Burrell, Council At-Large by Assemblyman Troy Singleton.

The Oath of Office was administered to Gary Catrambone, Council At-Large by Assemblyman Herb Conaway.

The Oath of Office was administered to Ken Paris, Mayor by Douglas Long, Esq.

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

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

**NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

**Mr. O'Connell** nominated **Gary Catrambone** as **President of Council** for a term to expire **December 31, 2017**. The nomination was seconded by **Mr. Burrell**.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4  
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

**Mrs. Kolodi** nominated **Mr. O'Connell** as **Vice President of Council** for a term to expire **December 31, 2017**. The nomination was seconded by **Mr. Burrell**.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4  
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS WITH ADVICE & CONSENT OF COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION 2017-01** Appointment of **Long Marmero & Associates LLP** as the Township Solicitor.

**RESOLUTION 2017-02** Appointment of **CME Associates** as the Township Engineer

**RESOLUTION 2017-03** Appointment of **Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer** as the Township Bond Attorney

**RESOLUTION 2017-04** Appointment of **Platt & Riso, P.C.** as the Township Labor Attorney

**RESOLUTION 2017-05** Appointment of **Platt & Riso, P.C.** as the as the Township Tax Attorney

**RESOLUTION 2017-06** Appointment of **Jeffrey Hatcher** as **Business Administrator** for a term to expire **December 31, 2020**

**Jamey Eggers, Dan O'Connell, Patty Kolodi and Steve Rickerhauser to the Multi Dwelling Emergency Commission** for a term to expire **December 31, 2017**

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to confirm the appointments of the Mayor.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS BY RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 2017-07** Appointing **Bowman & Company, LLP** as **Township Auditor**

**RESOLUTION 2017-08** Appointing **Grace & Lenti, Attorneys at Law** as **Township Public Defender**

**RESOLUTION 2017-09** Appointing **Liebling Malamut, LLC** as **Township Prosecutor**

**RESOLUTION 2017-10** **Cash Management Plan – Depositories and Investments**

**RESOLUTION 2017-11** Approving 2017 Annual Meeting Notice

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt the above resolutions.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4  
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS**

**Jeffrey Williams** to the **Planning Board** as a **Class 2 member** for a term to expire **December 31, 2017**

**Ken Paris** to the **Planning Board** as a **Class 1 member** for a term to expire **December 31, 2017**

**Patty Kolodi** to the **Planning Board** as the **Mayor's Designee** for a term to expire **December 31, 2017**

**Paul Hejnas** to the **Planning Board** as the **Class 4 Member** for a term to expire **December 31, 2020**

**Randy Khinkis** to the **Planning Board** as the **Alternate 1** for a term to expire **December 31, 2017**

**William Curzie** to the **Green Team** for a term to expire **December 31, 2019**

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to adopt the above appointments.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4  
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS**

**Gary Catrambone** to the **Planning Board** for a term to expire **December 31, 2017**

**Jon Hewko** to the **Zoning Board** for a term to expire **December 31, 2020**

**Lynn Jeney** to the **Zoning Board** for a term to expire **December 31, 2020**

**Tom Lyon** to the **Zoning Board** as **Alternate 1** for a term to expire **December 31, 2018**

**Nick Pifani** to the **Recreation Advisory Committee** for a term to expire **December 31, 2019**

**Joseph Parento** to the **Recreation Advisory Committee** for a term to expire **December 31, 2019**

**Colin Rafferty** to the **Recreation Advisory Committee** for a term to expire **December 31, 2017**

**Robert Wagner** to the **Green Team** for a term to expire **December 31, 2019**

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

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

### **REMARKS**

**Mr. Paris** - I want to first thank everyone for coming out tonight to our swearing in ceremony. Your support throughout the years of our service means so much to us. I want to recognize two people in my life that mean so much to me. My wife June and my daughter Aubrey, they have been through ten years of me serving in office as councilman and mayor. Even though a Mayor in Delran Township is supposed to be a part time position, my family will tell you that it has absorbed me, residents, vendors, businesses, council phone calls, emails, meetings etc.... It really takes its toll on your family. And worse than that is election time, the time devoted to campaigning, all the negative face book comments, negative and false propaganda directed at you and your family from the opposition. Residents and friends ask me all the time is it worth it? I will tell you June and Aubrey I love you both for being there for me during all the ups and downs. June for being the wonderful wife, being my backbone, sounding board, adviser and my best friend, and Aubrey for being the best daughter a father could have. I am so proud of you , attending grad school at Princeton, majoring in Chemistry and finding the time to be a part of our team at election time, making phone calls, assisting with our face book site, and doing those father/daughter videos....You're the greatest. Now I would like to thank my mother-in-law, Sylvia Bagonis she has been my biggest supporter and fan, she monitor's and keeps me up to speed on all the Burlington County Times Delran news articles and at election time she is my best campaigner... Thank you mom.

To all my friends, I want to thank all of you for all of your moral support, especially at election time when we count on you for not only lawn signs but for your vote. Thank you again.

And I don't want to forget the Delran township employees and vendors, they make up our team, and what a great job they all do, we as mayor and council have the best team in Burlington County... We are proud of you.

It is an honor for me to serve the Delran township residents for the third term. I believe I actually joined past Mayor Loraine Schmierer as the only mayor in Delran Township history to serve 3 terms, what an honor and privilege. I can promise you that we will continue to make Delran one of the most desirable places to live while keeping taxes stable and in check. Our team doesn't care about politics, personal interests or gain, we are residents just like every other resident in Delran and we want the best for our community.

**Mr. Burrell** - Thank you Assemblyman Singleton for swearing me in and Assemblyman Conaway for joining us tonight.

I want to thank my parents, Carolyn and Tim, for their endless confidence and support throughout the course of this election. They have been nothing but supportive - from building signs, putting signs out, to folding papers - they have been there by my side during every step of the way. I am eternally grateful for their encouragement and optimism.

Further, I would like to thank my girlfriend, Em, for being there since day one. I can't thank you enough for providing endless emotional support, letting me drag you out to knock on doors or put out signs with me. I'm sure it was a joy dealing with me and I can't thank you enough.

I also want to thank Dan O'Connell for your help, as well as Patty Kolodi for her assistance and support despite her knee.

Thank you Mr. Hatcher our Administrator, and Jamey, our Clerk, and all the department heads for meeting with me to help my transition from concerned private Citizen to Councilman.

I would also like to thank my running mates, Mayor Paris and Councilman Gary Catrambone. We worked together to get through what I am being told was one of the toughest election years in Delran history.

But, most of all, I would like to thank the residents of Delran who saw through all the political rhetoric and placed their vote confidently in me. I assure you that I will work hard to:

- maintain an aggressive road program,
- increase our social media presence to increase transparency
- And work to continue to keep taxes stable
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I assure you that every decision will be focused on the best interest of Delran and the residents.

Thank you again to everybody. I am forever grateful and know this wouldn't be possible without each and every one of you.

**Mr. Catrambone** – First I would like to thank Assemblyman Herb Conaway, Assemblyman Troy Singleton and Attorney Doug Long for swearing in the Mayor and Council tonight.

I am so happy that we have all survived the political divisiveness of 2016 campaign season.

I want to go on record as saying that anyone whose mission it is to divide this council and this town, for any reason, will not be greeted warmly.

Let me also say that any resident that wants to have a conversation that brings positive, constructive improvement to the town, the process, or this council will get our full attention.

I am working with the other members of Council to try to shorten the time it takes to get through the governmental red tape for everything we do. To follow up more efficiently and get some lingering projects done.

Believe me, this New Council is not just "more of the same". It will, however, continue to be more thrifty, more efficient, and more transparent.

We will be setting up an official Delran Township Facebook page where people who prefer Facebook to our website can go for quicker access to updates and breaking news.

While we will not have a 24 hour hotline, we will make every attempt to quickly address rumors while they are just brewing.

Social media has changed the speed with which rumors spread and information is dispersed. We saw that happening and are actively working to address the need for more information.

However, I would ask that everyone please recognize that we are all your neighbors. You know us – you know our families. I believe that most local elected officials, especially here in Delran, simply want to do the best job possible to serve the residents.

1. We will continue to provide the best services possible. As an example: Many people have told me that our new, semi-automated approach to leaf collection worked beyond expectations. People in “high leaf density” areas said they couldn’t believe how many times the leaf trucks were able to get back to their neighborhood.
2. We will continue to keep taxes stable. That is the single most important item on our agenda.
3. While some people have questioned the new automated trash service, I firmly believe that it will be a success and a surprise to the people who don’t yet believe.
4. Finally, ROADS. We have paved more roads than in any prior 8 year period in Delran. This year, I am proposing combining the 2016 and 2017 road programs to finish Fox Chase Drive, pave Whitemarsh, Oxford and Drexel. This would be the most aggressive road program in any 12 month period...ever. For that reason, I am proposing that we start next week, at our first 2017 Work Session, to put this plan in place. Together, this Council can make it happen.

After the ridiculous rhetoric that Tyler mentioned, I am so psyched to get back to focusing on doing the best we can for Delran.

We are moving forward with one of (or maybe the) youngest Councilman ever in the State of New Jersey.

But, don’t let age define Tyler. He is smart, motivated, energized, smart, honest, hardworking and (did I mention smart)! I congratulate him and cannot wait to see him working for the residents of Delran.

Finally, I want to congratulate Mayor Paris on his victory. Let’s be frank, the obnoxious amount of money spent to try to smear his good name is repulsive. Ken worked through all the smears and brought his message to the people. And they reelected him. Good for Ken and good for Delran.

Now, this Council is ready to do the work of the people of Delran. So hold on tight as we are about to get started.

First step happens at 7PM tonight.  
The First work session is next Tuesday at seven.  
I know I am ready to go.

Thank you everyone for coming out tonight!

**Public Portion**

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

Colin Smith, Maple Shade, stated that he is a friend of Tyler Burrell and wanted to come tonight to congratulate him on his election.

Tim Weir, 205 Arch Street, stated that he grew up in this town and has never been more optimistic about the future of Delran. This Council and the people that lead this Township give him a hope that he has not felt in a while.

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

**Motion to adjourn the meeting**

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

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers  
Township Clerk