

**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**May 6, 2014
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 December 28, 2012 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone were present.

ALSO, PRESENT: Mr. Long, Solicitor, Mr. Hatcher, Administrator and Ms. Eggers, Municipal Clerk.

Mr. Morrow made a motion seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to approve the minutes for March 4, 2014, March 11, 2014 and March 25, 2014

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye. Mr. Schwartz abstained.

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Abstained:

Motion Approved

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
ORDINANCE 2014-6**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH SALARY RANGES FOR VARIOUS EMPLOYEES
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW
JERSEY AND REGULATING THE MANNER OF PAYMENT OF SAME.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Delran in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that:

SECTION 1. ANNUAL SALARIES

A. The following designated Township Officials shall receive salaries set within the range herein for each position as determined by Resolution of the Township Council

POSITIONS	2014 Salary Range	Pay Period
Business Administrator	\$115,000 - \$125,000	Biweekly
Sr. Police Records Clerk	\$45,000 - \$55,000	Biweekly
Treasurer	\$52,000 - \$62,000	Biweekly
Public Works Superintendent	\$80,000 - \$90,000	Biweekly
Supervisor of Garage Services	\$60,000 - \$70,000	Biweekly
Tax Collector	\$55,000 - \$65,000	Biweekly
Tax Search Officer	\$500 - \$700	Biweekly
Secretarial Assistant	\$45,000 - \$55,000	Biweekly
Municipal Court Judge	\$23,000 - \$33,000	Biweekly
Court Administrator	\$52,000 - \$62,000	Biweekly
Municipal Clerk	\$60,000 - \$70,000	Biweekly
Tax Assessor	\$25,000 - \$35,000	Biweekly
Chief Financial Officer	\$40,000 - \$50,000	Biweekly
Emergency Management	\$2,500 - \$3,500	Monthly
Construction Code Official	\$35,000 - \$47,000	Biweekly
Director of Inspections	\$35,000 - \$47,000	Biweekly
Sewer Executive Dir. Of Operations	\$100,000 - \$115,000	Biweekly
Sewer Asst. Superintendent	\$55,000 - \$65,000	Biweekly
Sewer Search Officer	\$500 - \$600	Biweekly
Recycling Coordinator	\$1,200 - \$2,400	Biweekly

Fire Sub-Code Official	\$30.00 - \$38.00/hour	Monthly
Electrical Sub-Code Official	\$35.00 - \$42.00/hour	Monthly
Plumbing Sub Code Official	\$35.00 - \$42.00/hour	Monthly
Building Sub Code Official	\$35.00 - \$42.00/hour	Monthly
Fire Inspector	\$32.00 - \$40.00/hour	Monthly
School Traffic Guard	\$28.00 - \$32.00	Monthly
Secretary Recreation	\$500 - \$1000	Quarterly
Violation Clerk	\$3,500 - \$4,500	Biweekly
Surveyor Census Taker	8.25	Biweekly
Summer Help	8.25	Biweekly

Section II Repeal - All ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Section III Adoption - This Ordinance shall take effect twenty days after final adoption and publication according to law. This Ordinance is retroactive respectively to January 1, 2014 where applicable. The retroactive applies to those employees currently employed at the time of the adoption of this ordinance.

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

There were no comments.

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

Mr. Morrow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to adopt the ordinance on second reading.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
ORDINANCE 2014-7**

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH SALARIES FOR VARIOUS OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND REGULATING THE MANNER OF PAYMENT OF SAME.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Delran in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that:

SECTION 1. ANNUAL SALARIES

A. The following designated Township Officials shall receive salaries set herein for each position as determined by the Mayor of the Township of Delran.

POSITIONS	2012	2013	2014	2015	PAY PERIOD
Chief of Police	\$113,601	\$115,873	\$118,190	\$120,554	Biweekly
Lieutenants	\$100,922	\$102,940	\$104,999	\$107,099	Biweekly

Section II – Repeal – All Ordinances or part of Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Section III Adoption – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final adoption and publication according to law. This ordinance is retroactive to January 1, 2012 for those employees currently employed at the time of the adoption of this ordinance.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi. All were in favor, motion approved.

There were no comments.

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

Mr. Morrow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to adopt the ordinance on second reading.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE 2014-8

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,750,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,662,500; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morrow to adopt the ordinance on first reading.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mrs. Kolodi, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN

ORDINANCE 2014-9

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN AMENDING §20-45 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO CLARIFY THE ROLES AND DUTIES OF THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND THE RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morrow to adopt the ordinance on first reading.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye. Ms. Pangia and Mr. Schwartz vote nay.

Ayes: 3

Nays: 2

Motion Approved

RESOLUTION

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN

RESOLUTION 2014-60

A Resolution Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for: Storm Recovery Fund Required by PL 2013, c. 271

Mr. Morrow made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2014-60.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone and voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN

RESOLUTION 2014-61

A Resolution Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for: Accumulated Absences Liability Fund Required by N.J.A.C. 5: 30-15

Mr. Morrow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to adopt Resolution 2014-61.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone and voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2014-62**

**Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation
In accordance N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87:
Department of Justice: Bulletproof Vest Grant**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2014-62.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone and voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2014-63**

**Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation
In accordance N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87:
NJ Department of Transportation: Haines Mill Road**

Mr. Morrow made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2014-60.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone and voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 2014-64 Authorizing Refund of Road Opening Deposit for Permit #2273 TO Stanley Karaka in the amount of \$2,720.00

Resolution 2014-65 A Resolution to affirm the Township of Delran's Civil Rights Policy with respect to all Officials, Appointees, Employees, Prospective Employees, Volunteers, Independent Contractors, and members of the Public that come into contact with Municipal Employees, Officials and Volunteers

Resolution 2014-66 Approving the Release of Planning Board Escrows

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to adopt the Resolutions on consent agenda

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone and voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

MOTIONS

Mr. Schwartz made a motion authorizing the payment of bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kolodi.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to accept the report of the Tax Collector, CFO and the Township Clerk.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Schwartz made a motion granting the mercantile licenses listed below. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pangia.

1. Hoptopus's Garden, 5020 Route 130 North
2. Delran Autoplex, 150G-1 Carriage Lane
3. Samuels Auto Sales, 150-12 Carriage Lane
4. Mega Auto Market International, 207-12 Carriage Lane
5. Ditmas Auto, Inc., 207-7 Carriage Lane
6. Signature Auto Group 1, Inc., 207A-11 Carriage Lane

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

REPORTS

Ms. Eggers – No report.

Mr. Hatcher – Mr. Hatcher reported that Burlington County has notified us that the single stream recycling will begin September 1, 2014. If you need an additional bucket the deadline has been extended and you can reach out to the County by phone or e-mail.

Mr. Hatcher reported on the Resolutions for the dedication by riders. This allows the Township to put a funds into an account for snow removal. This will help balance the budget in years that we have heavy snow. We have also done the same for accumulated sick leave.

Mr. Long – No report.

Mr. Bauer – Jim Bauer, Fire Commissioner stated that it is good to see Mr. Schwartz back at the meetings.

Mr. Bauer stated that, on behalf of the Emergency Squad, he wanted to thank Council for the replacement of the doors.

Mr. Bauer reported that there was a minor shed fire on Stewart Avenue on April 12th.

Mr. Bauer stated that there was a motor vehicle accident on Tenby Chase Drive. The helicopter came in to transport an individual involved.

Mr. Bauer stated that on Easter morning they assisted with a dwelling fire in Willingboro.

Mr. Bauer stated that they had the pumps out in Riverside Park on Thursday for approximately twelve hours due to the five inches of rain. NJ American Water Company has been providing us with a pump that helps get the water out of the yards a lot faster so we can focus on the basements.

Ms. Pangia – Ms. Pangia reported that the League of Women voters held a seminar which she attended where they invited young girls to show them what it mean to be in politics. Local officials from both parties attended the event and it was a great day.

Ms. Pangia stated that she attended the welcome home celebration at the VFW for a Riverside resident which was a wonderful event.

The mammogram van was at the Municipal Building on April 22nd and will be back on May 22nd. This Thursday, May 8th, will be the Red Cross Blood Drive.

Ms. Pangia wished good luck to the members of the Police Department that will be participating in the Police Unity Tour.

Ms. Pangia thanked the fire fighters for all of their hard work during the recent flood. She also thanked the residents for welcoming her into their homes to show her the ongoing issues that they face.

Mr. Schwartz – Mr. Schwartz stated that in regards to his vote regarding the Parks and Recreation Ordinance. He is still in agreement with the expansion of the ordinance in regards to the roles of the RAC. The reason the he voted against the ordinance is that he believes the written ordinance is not consistent with what Council discussed over the last few months. It does not diminish his respect for that committee.

Mr. Schwartz stated that anyone who knows him knows that he went a serious medical condition over the last several months. Just because he could not be here does not mean that he wasn't thinking about the residents in Riverside Park as he saw the rain coming down. Everyone on Council kept him updated on the events happening in Ward 1. The Fire Department did a fantastic job.

Mr. Schwartz thanked everyone for all the thoughts and phone calls as he was going through this difficult time.

Mrs. Kolodi – Mrs. Kolodi reported that a dinner will be planned honoring Jim Bauer, as the first Citizen of the Year as residents can keep an eye out in the paper and on the Township website for the information.

Mrs. Kolodi stated that she has received numerous calls regarding roads. She tells the residents that we have the Engineer that evaluates all of the roads and makes a recommendation to Council with the roads most in need. This year we have appropriated \$200,000 in additional funds for the road program. For those of you whose road seem to in bad shape, please don't feel that we are neglecting you road. Please continue to call us and report potholes and also any roads that residents feel need to be repaired. We do take everything into consideration.

Mr. Morrow – Mr. Morrow reported that the County will be repaving Bridgeboro Road next week from the overpass to the Riverside border.

Mr. Morrow reported that about two weeks ago we had the community cleanup day held at the municipal building. There were a lot of residents that participated and he received a lot of feedback. Many residents would like to see this on a monthly basis. Council has been discussing opening the municipal building on two Saturdays each month. This will help keep the debris off the curbs.

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone stated that the if the residents order their blue recycling containers now they are free, if you wait you will have to pay approximately \$70.00 for the container. The deadline to order is June 1st.

Mr. Paris – Mr. Paris thanked the RAC for the fantastic job on the Easter Egg Hunt. We had the highest attendance ever. He thanked Dunkin Donuts and Lucas Ford for their donations.

Mr. Paris stated that in regards to the RAC ordinance that was introduced tonight, there are two areas of biggest concern to him. He wants to make sure that all donations that come in are accounted for and that the RAC will be responsible for the budget. We also want to make sure that the insurance is in place for the groups using the various fields.

Mr. Paris reported that we are receiving a grant from the NJDOT in the amount of \$195,000, which will be used to finish Tenby Chase Drive. He has also been discussing with the Governor's office the condition of Hartford Road so we will be pushing for municipal aid to improve that road in hopes that we can turn it over to the County.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morrow to open the meeting to the public for any questions. All were in favor, the motion was approved.

Bonnie Orfe, 69 Stewart Avenue, discussed with Council the major issue with parking at L&M Bakery. He mentioned something to the owner and got nowhere.

Mr. Catrambone asked that Mr. Hatcher discuss this with the Chief of Police.

Bonnie Orfe asked what the residents are to do with the yellow buckets.

Mr. Hatcher stated that if the residents would like to give them back to the Township, we will take them, but they are theirs to keep.

Bob Gilbert, 75 Stewart Avenue, stated that he is glad to see Mr. Schwartz back.

Mr. Gilbert thanked the Fire Department for the fantastic job they did during the recent storm. Mr. Gilbert stated that during the flooding one of the police officers drove the vehicle up onto his lawn and now he has ruts from the tires. He appreciates the warning but does not feel that they should have driven onto his lawn. Mr. Hatcher will look into this issue. Mr. Gilbert stated that the Fire Department could not pump the water out right away because of the smell of oil from the house next to him at 71 Stewart Avenue. The house is vacant and one of the heirs to the estate has put several items in the backyard that were leaking crank oil. Hazmat came down and got a hold of the individual and the items were removed. Something needs to be done with the property.

Mr. Gilbert stated that the area at the end of Stewart Avenue has been breached again. Instead of the water coming over the bank on the right the issue is on the left.

Mr. Paris stated that the contractor will be back out to stabilize the area.

Mr. Gilbert stated that structure that was built does its job but he believes Council felt it would do more to stop the flooding and it's not. He also has a lot of debris that washed up from the flooding. There are logs in the roads. There is also an issue on Alden Avenue and something must be blocked. The water is not flowing out of that area.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the Engineer was out there and saw the issue and he will be looking into the problem.

Mr. Gilbert stated that he lost two days of pay because he had to stay home and make sure that his basement did not flood. It is very frustrating. What we did at the end of Stewart Avenue is great but it will not stop the flooding. A friend of his told him that we need to take dirt and clay from the street on a forty-five degree angle and at the top put a five foot high concrete face from American Legion Drive to the Sewer Plant. A rough estimate is about \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. We would have to get Riverside on board and if they don't want to be involved we could get them to sign a waiver.

Mr. Catrambone stated that our Township Engineer has assessed the area. Unless Riverside Township is on board, we would just be locking water in the area. If Riverside floods, we flood. We never felt that the improvements at the end of Stewart Avenue would fix the problem because water levels are rising. Our hope is that the pipe will not be the

super highway for water to come back up from the river through the storm drains and it has done that.

Mr. Gilbert stated that we need to keep the water out of the yards and in the street.

Mr. Catrambone stated that it is difficult to do unless we raise the area.

Mr. Paris stated that we are still pursuing additional funding for the area. Mr. Paris recommended that Mr. Gilbert attend a work session when the Engineer is in attendance to go over this scenario.

Mr. Gilbert stated that on April 10th, the Mission of Honor, buried another twenty-one soldiers at General Doyle Cemetery, which brings the total to one hundred and fifty-one. We have reunited two hundred and twenty-six with family members.

Mr. Gilbert reported that the VFW has opened and they have held their elections.

Mr. Hollock, 236 Spilt Rail Court, discussed with Council a concern about the Delran AA and individuals involved in the organization. He has coached in the Delran AA for the past five years and recently he and a few other coaches have moved away for several reasons. First, last year, the Vice President of the organization said that if you don't like it here take your kid and play somewhere else, so they did. They formed and funded their own organization. They have faced a lot of hurdles from the Delran AA since then. They are trying to play at Summerhill field and have been told several different things about getting time. They received the proper insurance and filed the necessary paperwork and were told that the Baseball Commission Bob Gatti was responsible for scheduling the field. Bob Gatti basically told them that there is nothing he can do because it is scheduled for Delran AA. Then they were told that Joe Parento, RAC Chairman, was responsible for scheduling. We reached out to Joe Parento with the paperwork and when we received the response, we give nine Sundays for games. We also asked for one day during the week and Mr. Parento told him to deal with Bob Gatti. He finds that strange because he does not understand what Mr. Gatti has to do with this if Mr. Parento is responsible for the scheduling. We are trying to get through this and seek fields in other Townships. The boys that have left the Delran AA and now being faced with harassment and bullying at the schools. It came down to one of the boys singling out my step son. We were handling it between the kids but then the text of e-mail changed from an eleven year olds grammar to that of more sophistication. The email was threatening and basically said to show up at school and see what happens. We met with the Vice Principal and he called the boys in and the young boy that apparently made this threat told the principal that his dad wrote the e-mail. This is not in line with the by-laws of Delran AA and he feels that the Vice President of the Delran AA should be removed in his opinion. We tried to go to Bob Kennedy and he told us that he tries not to get involved. We are here because he has nowhere else to go.

Mr. Paris asked if he has contacted the police.

Mr. Hollock stated that he did talk to Officer Howley but they were trying to handle this through the organization and they have been no help.

Mr. Paris stated that we handle the scheduling of the fields but the Delran AA does not reported to Council.

Mr. Hollock reported that once we pushed hard enough we received a permit from Joe Parento, two days after a scheduled practice.

Mr. Paris stated that he will look into this.

Mr. Hollock stated that his biggest issue is the threatening of his step-son by the Vice President of the Delran AA.

Mr. Catrambone stated that if this was a Township organization we would have a say in the way that they run their organization but unfortunately we do not. The harassment is a police issue.

Sal Leto, 7 Providence Court, stated that there are a few items he would like to address. His tax dollars have funded the Delran AA, there has to be something we can do. We are talking about the Vice President of the Delran AA threatening a child, the same age as the children he is coaching. There has to be someone that they answer to. We tried to reach out to the President of the AA and he does not want to get involved. We did not want to legal route. Mr. Leto asked who he has to submit an OPRA request to for access to Delran AA records.

Mr. Catrambone stated that if the organization was under the Township you would come to the Township Clerk.

Mr. Leto stated that he hopes that everyone on Council takes a look at what the Delran AA is doing. People outside of the Township associate the Delran AA with the Township.

Mr. Paris stated that he will reach out to Bob Kennedy, President of the AA, to discuss the issues. Mr. Paris stated that in regards to the field time, once a permit is issued to the Delran AA, it is up to them to give up the time since they have already been approved.

Joe Jesuele, 18 Woodyfield Lane, stated that it is just frustrating the way it all transpired. We requested the Summerhill field to be able to play a game but the other request was a general request any field one night during the week for practice time. He understands that the Delran AA is not part of the Township but when the Delran AA holds tournaments, these are the same individuals representing Delran.

Mr. Paris stated that the only thing that the Township is responsible for are the Township fields.

Mr. Catrambone stated that just because they use Delran in their name, does not mean that the Township is responsible. This is the first time he is hearing all of this information.

Mr. Hollock read the e-mail that was sent to his step-son.

Theresa Wilson, 100 Pancoast Blvd., stated that she wanted to speak because the e-mail was also directed to her son. There have been comments made to her son that the Vice President will never coach her son again. Last year he took it upon himself that if there were not enough children that tried out for a team, they could go outside the Township. They had plenty of Township residents try out last year but they bumped out players that had played for several years to bring in individuals from other towns. She feels this is wrong on all levels. Her son will now not play for the Delran AA, she is appalled at the behavior of the organization.

Mr. Leto stated that Summerhill field is a Green Acres field, he asked who is receiving state money to maintain the fields, is it the Delran AA or the Township.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the state does not provide funding for the maintenance of the fields.

Mr. Jesuele stated that the issue is he has so much Township pride, he has a business in town and has coach in the Delran AA for many years. It was really tough for him after last season to take his son from the team because of what was going on in the organization. He is sorry that this is not the right place to discuss this but it was an important issue to bring forward in hopes that something will change. It is not only our children that have left the Delran AA to go elsewhere.

Mr. Paris stated that he will talk to Bob Kennedy and he feels that we can help get something accomplished. In regards to fields, he believed that he was working with Mr. Parento and that everything was okay in that area.

Mr. Jesuele stated that before he put in the request he tried to find out when the field was not being used. Once they submitted their permit, suddenly the field was being used. On our application we asked for Sunday mornings at Summerhill from April through November and any field and day during the week. Everything was fine until we received the permit back we received nine dates and one had already past.

Mr. Paris stated that it is unfortunate that we had to postpone the opening of Delran Community Park because of the weather. The field will not be open this year which puts more of a strain on our other fields. Next year, once those fields are open it should help with that problem.

Mr. Leto stated that once they received their permit they check the Delran AA schedule and they were not using the field on Wednesday or Thursday evening. The other thing that came about is that the suddenly the eleven and twelve year old district teams had a whole schedule full of Sundays that they did not have before their permit was issued. Mr.

Leto stated that he hopes that they find a field outside of Delran so that they do not have to deal with this.

Mr. Paris stated that when he talks to Bob Kennedy he will pull Mr. Parento into the conversation.

Mr. Jesuele stated when he are talking about the baseball some of the frustration is that when we were given use of Summerhill the next issue becomes the equipment such as the bases. We were told that the Township does not supply the bases.

Mr. Hatcher stated that is normally correct.

Mr. Jesuele stated that when they approached the Delran AA about using the bases they were told that if they let them use the equipment they would have to allow other organizations.

Mr. Paris stated that unfortunately we can't get involved in equipment that belongs to the Delran AA. He can tell them that as far as the harassment issue we will talk to the police to see how to handle that issue.

Mr. Hollock stated that this is how they are going to pursue this legally if it is necessary. They are going to ask for the resignation of the Vice President of the Delran AA.

Mr. Paris stated that he will set up the meeting with Bob Kennedy, Joe Parento and a representative from their organization to help work this out.

Dan Wilson, 100 Pancoast Blvd., stated that he wanted to reiterate that they will pursue legal action if necessary. They had the same messages directed at their son by the same individual.

Mr. Jesuele thanked Council for their time. It is an unfortunate situation but they appreciate their time.

Dolores Cannone, 910 Hubbs Street, asked if there are children from other towns playing in the Delran AA and if that is because we don't have enough children here that are willing to play.

Mr. Catrambone stated that there are some children that are from out of town. He cannot answer for whether there are enough Delran residents willing to play.

Mr. Paris stated that rule was always that you must be a resident for participate in the Delran AA. He will look into the issue with out of town residents. The club teams do allow out of town residents.

Richard Grockenberger, 84 Alden Avenue, discussed with Council the flooding on Alden Avenue. The pipe does not allow water to exit because it is too low.

Mr. Catrambone stated that pipe has to be at a certain level to allow water flow out it cannot be elevated or water will not exit.

Mr. Grockenberger stated that in other areas the water seems come and go but it does not in his area.

Tammy Hollock, 236 Spilt Rail Court, stated that she wanted to thank whoever texted Bob Kennedy because both him and his wife showed up.

Nick Retsko, 68 Alden Avenue, asked Council if any permits have been filed to do any work on the dike wall between the Sewer Plant and the Township line.

Mr. Catrambone stated no.

Mr. Retsko stated that it has been a year and a half that Council has promised them something would be done and as far as Alden Avenue is concerned nothing has been done. The Township also continues to mow the bank which is against state law. Every time we mow the bank it causes more and more erosion. Can we not squeeze enough funds out of the state to raise that river bank. We are also dealing with the sewer pipes are also overflowing because of the storm water. Something needs to be done.

Mr. Hatcher stated that we have an application into the state for the shore protection grant, it was turned down the first time. The first step was to install the flapper valve at the end of Stewart Avenue, while we continue to apply for grants.

Mr. Morrow stated that if you go to any area that runs along the Rancocas Creek at high tide the water about ready to crest the embankment. The water levels are rising in the river and the creek. Raising the embankment may help but it will not stop the problem because the water will continue to find a way its way in. It takes a long time for the state to respond to the grant application. All the money is going to the shore areas and everything else if being pushed aside.

Mr. Catrambone stated the issue is we do not have the money to undertake a project of this size. The estimate that Mr. Gilbert discussed tonight is nowhere near what our Engineer has indicated.

Mr. Morrow stated that the rough estimate that the Township received for a major project was estimated at \$6,000,000 to do the most improvements along the river.

Mr. Retsko stated that the Township could help, if they stopped mowing.

Mr. Hatcher stated that when we stop mowing the residents complain.

Mr. Retsko stated that we could mow where there is grass but once we go over the wall that is an issue. That is what keeps the soil tight.

Mr. Hatcher stated that he will talk to Mr. DeSanto tomorrow.

Mr. Catrambone stated that if that is the case they will stop.

Mr. Retsko stated that this has been neglected by the Township for years. Another issue is with Riverside boat yard. There are spots where water comes out of there and floods the area. They could do something to address this issue.

Mr. Morrow stated that they will look into this issue.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we will continue to do all we can do. It is not because we don't want to do something it is that we do not have the ability.

Mrs. Kolodi stated that she lives in Tenby Chase that this is an issue that we have continued to talk about. During this recent storm her basement also flooded. We have applied for every grant available and will continue to do so. She is learning how the system works and it does take a long time, which is very frustrating.

Mr. Retsko stated that the last time we talked to Council he questioned the Township building code. We continue to build in the Township and we cannot handle current sewer and have to send the sewer to Riverside.

Mr. Catrambone stated that the reason the sewer goes to Riverside is not we cannot handle the sewer it is because when the homes were built it was easier to connect to the Riverside pipes. It was long before anyone here was on Council, it happened back in the 1950's.

Mr. Hatcher stated that we have the capacity to handle all of the building that we have as well as all the building that has been approved. There has been very little development in the last several years.

Mr. Retsko asked if there is a plan for the area on Creek Road across from Starke Lane.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the sewer plant has the capacity if they were to build.

Mr. Retsko stated that at the same time we add additional storm drains that all run down to the creek, it has to stop.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we cannot stop residential building. We can try and regulate the development but we cannot stop it.

Mr. Retsko stated that if it is proven that by building, it will cause additional flooding in their area than it can be stopped.

Mr. Morrow stated that most of the new developments are required to have either a retention or detention basin.

Mr. Retsko stated that Council is going to need to come up with an answer.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we are trying it is not that simple.

Mr. Retsko stated that someone should check and see if there is a way to speed up the process because it is an ongoing problem.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we have numerous people pushing the get the permit for Stewart Avenue and it still took six months.

Mr. Retsko stated that if the state is not going to do anything there has to be a buyout.

Mr. Hatcher stated that residents can apply to the state under the Blue Acres program. Mr. Hatcher stated that we have been given a grant that will allow one buyout. We are using the surveys that we sent to identify individuals that may be interested.

Mr. Grockenberger, 84 Alden Avenue, stated that he is lucky that he does not have a basement and has not had a lot of damage but if he could he would sell his house today. You probably have to have a certain amount of damage to qualify for Blue Acres.

Mr. Hatcher stated you have to file an application under the program.

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

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morrow to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers
Municipal Clerk