

**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**July 23, 2013  
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, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone were present. Mrs. Kolodi was absent.

Also present: Mr. Paris, Mayor; Mr. Marmero, Solicitor, Mr. Hatcher, Administrator and Adele Meiluta in Ms. Eggers' absence.

Mr. Morrow made a motion seconded by Mr. Schwartz to approve the minutes for June 11, 2013 and June 25, 2013

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion Approved:

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2013-78 Certification of the 2012 Annual Audit**

Mr. Morrow made a motion seconded by Ms. Pangia to approve Resolution 2013-78 Certification of the 2012 Annual Audit.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion Approved:

**Resolution 2013-79 Approving the Corrective Action Plan for the 2012 Annual Audit**

Mr. Morrow made a motion seconded by Mr. Schwartz to approve Resolution 2013-79 the Corrective Action Plan for the 2012 Audit

ROLL CALL: Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion Approved:

### **RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA**

Resolution 2013-80 Placing Road Opening Moratorium on Certain Roadways

Resolution 2013-81 Approving Raffle License No. 451, 452 & 453 for the Church of the Resurrection

Resolution 2013-82 Releasing Performance Bond for Hartford Corners 1 & 2 Corporation (Five Below)

Resolution 2013- 83 Approving Sewer Adjustment for 503 Brown Street

Resolution 2013-84 Cancelling Taxes on property purchased by the Township

Resolution 2013-85 Approving Final Change Order for Westover Drive Drainage Improvement Project (Decrease of 4,566.00)

Resolution 2013-86 Authorizing advertisement for a Public Hearing and the Scheduling of a Public Hearing Pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:11-25 for the inclusion of responsible bidder language in Requests for Proposals in Public Works Contracts.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion seconded by Ms. Pangia to approve the Resolutions on Consent Agenda.

Roll Call: Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted Aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion Approved:

### **MOTIONS**

A motion authorizing the payment of bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion seconded by Mr. Morrow to authorize payment of bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.

Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted Aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion Approved:

A motion accepting the report of the Tax Collector, CFO and Township Clerk.

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

Roll Call: Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion Approved:

A motion granting a mercantile license to:

1. Kaleidoscope Printing and Promotional Products, 1829 Underwood Blvd., Unit 9
2. H & R Auto Outlet, 207-9 Carriage Lane

Mr. Schwartz made a motion seconded by Ms. Pangia to grant the mercantile licenses.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion Approved

## **REPORTS**

Clerk – No Report

Administrator – Mr. Hatcher reported that the Township has been involved with a Pompeston Creek study and has been participating with representatives and a grant program that has been associated with it for the last 3 ½ years. Our engineer is putting together a plan for the grate at Westover Drive both the cost of putting together the plan and the work that needs to be done which would be completed at no cost to the Township. We also included the problem at the Township property adjacent to the swim club so that engineer's cost of designing a swale where the parking lot meets the Township's property

and taking it down to the irrigation ditch. They may also be included in the grant and would be done at no cost to the Township.

The DEP approvals for Stewart Avenue were received by the Township and we have submitted the plans to the CDBG Program for approval. We expect to hear from them shortly and then the plans will be submitted to the engineer. It was determined that if Council gave approval this evening to authorize the Engineers to go out to bid once the CDBG approval is received.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to authorize the engineer to go out to bid for the Stewart Avenue outfall once the CDBG approvals are received. Mr. Morrow seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion Approved

Mr. Hatcher also asked Council to approve have two additional properties to be cut and they are 3 Notre Dame Drive and 10 Frech Avenue. Mr. Hatcher apologized for receiving this information late in the day. He will be \$90 for the initial cut and \$40 for additional cuts.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to approve cutting these properties and Ms. Pangia seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion Approved

Solicitor – No Report

Fire Commissioners: Jim Bauer reported that they were proceeding to replace the ladder truck. The Fire Commissioners have decided not to make an emergency replacement. Some minor work was done to keep all pumps are working and they do not have a problem with the equipment at this time. They are using it minimally until the regular election when it will be put on to vote. Mr. Bauer will have report on refinancing their Bond at the meeting next month. He reported that Delran assisted Willingboro in two instances. One assist was a kitchen fire and the other was an assist with a rescue due to a vehicle accident.

Mr. Bauer also reported that the Squad received a rescue call for a 29 year old female fell overboard from a boat in Dredge Harbor and a male jumped in to assist. They were both found many hours later from someone out fishing and probably just in time because the female was suffering from hyperthermia; however, the outcome was good as they were both rescued and are in good condition.

## **Members of Council Reports**

**Ms. Pangia** reported that the Farmers' Market is busy and that we had a lot of rainy Tuesdays and also extreme heat. The Market is extended to run until the end of September. Ms. Pangia extended a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers and reported that it takes at least 100 man hours to run the Farmers Market. Ms. Pangia thanked the High School and Middle School boys and girls who have been coming out to help. She also thanked the many volunteers who have put in numerous hours to make the Farmers Market a success. On August 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be a celebration for "National Farmers Market Week". The Secretary of Agriculture Doug Fisher will come to Delran on August 6 to present a proclamation to the volunteers and a proclamation from the Governor's Office and the USDA office. The volunteers have been selling water at the Farmers Market and the profits are going to the 5K run for the Fire Department. The banner for the finish line will be purchased with the funds.

The Mammogram Van will be here again hopefully at the end of September and there will be a blood drive the Wednesday before Thanksgiving here at the building.

Ms. Pangia stated she is working on a "Trunk & Treat" event to be held the weekend before Halloween at the Community Park as a safe way for our children to Trick or Treat. There will be more information forthcoming at the end of August.

**Mr. Schwartz** received some feedback from the residents of Swedes Lake that have been somewhat disappointed at the repairs that have been made and has been reassured by the Township Engineer that in the next few weeks there will be a report on the next stage of completing that project.

Mr. Schwartz mentioned two people who passed away that had an influence on his life. One was John McKeon, Sr. who was a great help to him in his automobile business and the other was Ed Simpkins who died at 43 years of age.

Mr. Schwartz thanked Ms. Pangia for her work on the Farmers' Market and its success which is due to all the hard work of the volunteers. He stated it is a place to come and not only get your produce but also to see and meet your neighbors.

Mr. Schwartz mentioned that he is the liaison for NJ Transit and on a trip to Trenton he went to the vending machine and due to his visual impairment needed assistance. A gentlemen who assisted him was an Army Ranger who served three tours in Afghanistan and talked about his experience and the fact that he was shot twice. The gentlemen had a medical discharge but had no place to live and Mr. Schwartz called many agencies to try to get help. Finally he called Bob Gilbert from Stewart Avenue who is involved with the Veteran agencies. Mr. Gilbert immediately started the ball rolling and helped the young man.

**Mr. Morrow** acknowledged the 5K Run on September 7th that the Fire Department is sponsoring and wished them well. Mr. Morrow said there is a lot of thanks to go around for the DEP approval for Stewart Avenue especially the Mayor who reached out constantly to our County and State officials, our Engineering firm as well as the Council members for their persistence in getting this approval.

Mr. Morrow also suggested that the residents walk back in the community park as it is coming along very nicely. He said when he walked back there, he saw deer running around and it is going to be an awesome community park.

Mr. Morrow was glad to see Meadow Ice Cream parlor coming into the shopping center where the old KFC was located. He hopes that business will give a boost to that shopping center.

Mr. Morrow reported that the Mayor and Township Council have been working very hard to get Delran Township to be a "green" community by cleaning up the town of trash, the Green Team that Council is working on, getting a few grants that Mr. Hatcher reported and Mayor and Council is working on Delran not only being a family friendly community but a clean community. We will see a lot of improvements.

Mr. Morrow also reported that the whole length of Brown Street is getting done along with Lowden Street and also several intersections (about 12 or 13) that are in need of repair. They will get done either in the fall of this year or in the spring of next year. Council is aggressively pursuing the road program this year. The repair of a hole near the Fire Station at Cleveland Avenue will probably also get done.

**Mr. Catrambone** reported that the web site is up and functioning. Mr. Catrambone wanted to reiterate that the Secretary of Agriculture will be here on August 6th at 4 pm. Mr. Catrambone would like to see a lot of residents coming out. Mr. Catrambone reported on Swedes Lake and reported that Council likes to get the most work successfully done at the least possible cost. An example is the intersection at Hartford/Conrow which was a successful project not costing a great deal. The Swedes Lake outfall did not work as well and now we have to look at the possibilities for the next step. Council will look at Step 2 for Swedes Lake and Council will find a solution that will be satisfactory.

**Mayor Paris** reported that Tom Morrow has been after getting a Safe Walkway to Transit grant. It seems to be dragging on so our engineer has been going back and forth with the county. The Mayor called the County and it seems like they will be pro-active with our engineers and we are hoping to get a thumbs up this week. We want to get this project started for the safety of the residents along there and the pedestrians who walk there.

Mayor Paris has been talking to some businesses about the old Sam's property. Mayor Paris has been talking with some developers to try and bring more retail into town. Mayor Paris has been talking to some other towns about the merging of some activities e.g. recreation and he will speak to Mr. Grockenberger in regard to the seniors as well as the Chairman of the RAC.

Mayor Paris and Mr. Hatcher had a meeting with a liaison from the Governor's office who is responsible for the seven counties around here. They toured Riverside Park, went by Route 130, went to the community park and went to Fairview and it seems the State is supporting us on all of these projects.

Mayor – Mayor Paris reported that Lockheed-Martin will be laying off approximately 350 workers beginning August 1. There are many residents of Delran who are employed at Lockheed Martin. There are possibly more layoffs to come. The Mayor spoke to the State as this will impact many of the towns around here.

Public Portion of the meeting – Motion to open the meeting to the public

Mr. Morrow made a motion to go into the public portion of the meeting and Ms. Pangia seconded it. All were in favor

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

Mr. Harry Edsel – 8 River Drive. Mr. Edsel thanked the Mayor and Council for the work being done on Stewart Avenue and Mr. Hatcher for keeping him informed and answering his questions. Mr. Edsel asked if the pipe will have a delay in starting the Stewart Avenue outfall. The answer was it is two separate projects. Mr. Hatcher explained that either way Council is going forward with the project and hopefully CDBG money will come in to help defray some of the costs. We will have to get this part of the project done before the berm is even considered. Mr. Edsel asked if he could talk to Jon Runyon and Mayor Paris said there is no harm in going to public officials.

Mr. Morrow thanked Mr. Edsel for always being respectful to Council.

**Bob Gilbert** – 75 Stewart Avenue – Mr. Gilbert thanked Mayor and Council for getting the DEP approval and asked for a timeframe for the work to begin. Mr. Hatcher answered that the Engineer will put together the specs and then there is an approximate thirty day period for the bids to go out and be received.

Mr. Gilbert said he was glad to help the young man who needed some help. Mr. Gilbert talked about the Mission of Honor and how they give proper burial to abandoned cremains of veterans that have never been properly buried. This Mission of Honor will take place at the General Doyle Cemetery and they hope to have at least fifty cremains to be given a proper burial. He invited anyone to attend the service and will have a date in the future either the end of August or beginning of September.

**Mal Anderson** – 725 Perkins Lane –Edgewater Park - Mr. Anderson had copies of his letter to the editor in the BCT on the Fire Department. Mr. Anderson that veterans are assisted with a tax deduction. Mr. Anderson feels strongly that something should be done for volunteers and we need to change legislation that would allow property tax reductions to volunteers of the Fire Department Delran Township. Mr. Bauer was asked to put together a list of how many volunteers own property in Delran and would be eligible for such a deduction. Mr. Anderson asked if Council could get something started to give a tax break to volunteer Fire people. This would encourage people to volunteer and stay with the Fire Department. Mr. Anderson spoke to Senator Diane Allen about this and she said it was on the agenda at one time but did not have a lot of support. Council is interested in taking a look at this.

**Mr. Rich Grockenberger** – 84 Alden Avenue – Thanked Council for all they do and for getting the grass cut around town which has been an improvement to the town.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to come out of the public portion seconded by Mr. Morrow.

All were in favor.

Mr. Morrow made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Schwartz.

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Adele Meiluta