

**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**August 4, 2015  
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 23, 2014 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

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

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

Gary Catrambone, Council President, presented a Proclamation to Mary Tompkins on behalf of Mayor and Council for her years of service to the Delran Recreation Advisory Committee.

Gary Catrambone, Council President, presented a Proclamation to Liz Woodward for her generosity to members of the Fire Department.

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to approve the minutes for May 12, 2015, May 26, 2015 and June 2, 2015.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
ORDINANCE 2015-9**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN AMENDING CHAPTER 102 OF THE  
TOWNSHIP CODE CONCERNING BULK STORAGE CONTAINERS**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Council of Delran Township (the "Township") find that an amendment to § 102 of the Delran Township Code is appropriate; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendment will allow the Township to clarify responsibilities in notifying persons of the penalties for violations of Chapter 102 and within the Township;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Township Council of Delran Township as follows:

**SECTION 1** Delran Township Municipal Code § 102 shall be amended as follows:

§ 102-6 Responsibility

Shall be amended to replace “Copies of the penalty provisions of this chapter shall appended to the permit and shall be mailed with a copy of the permit to the owner of the container, the property owner, and any other interested party” with “Copies of the penalty provisions of this chapter shall appended to the permit and shall be mailed with a copy of the permit to the owner of the container and the property owner.”

§ 102-7 Violations and Penalties

Shall be amended to read:

“Violations of this chapter or any conditions of a permit issued pursuant to this chapter shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$250. Each day or portion thereof that a violation continues shall be considered a separate violation. If any storage container, storage device, pod, trash dumpster, roll-off container, or similar container placed or maintained on Township property, streets, or rights-of-way, or left in such a location after expiration of the permit, the Township may send a notice to the person contracting for the use of the container, and the owner of the affected property of the violation. If the violation is not corrected within 10 days after the mailing of written notice to the owner of the container, the container may be removed and stored by the Township at the owner's expense. Notices to remove pursuant to this section shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal delivery. Such charge for removal and storage of the container shall be in addition to any fines that may otherwise be imposed pursuant to this section.”

**SECTION 2. Repealer.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to said inconsistencies and conflict.

**SECTION 3. Severability.** If any section, part of any section, or clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not effect the remaining provisions of this ordinance. The governing body of the Township of Delran declares that it would have passed the ordinance and each section and subsection thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.** The ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

Ms. Pangia made a motion to table this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schwartz.

After discussion Mr. Catrambone stated that this ordinance does not involve cartable storage bins.

There being no other question, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Catrambone voted nay on tabling Ordinance 2015-09.

Ayes: None

Nays: 4

Motion Defeated

Ms. Pangia made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to open the meeting to the public for questions on Ordinance 2015-09. All were in favor.

There were no comments from the public.

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

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to adopt Ordinance 2015-09 on second reading.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

## **RESOLUTION**

### **TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN RESOLUTION 2015-94A AMENDING 2015 CAPITAL BUDGET**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to table Resolution 2015-94A. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pangia.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE 2015-10**

**BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF THE 2015 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OF THE TOWNSHIP; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$246,388 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 \$234,068; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to table the ordinance on first reading.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-11**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, CANCELLING CERTAIN FUNDED AND UNFUNDED APPROPRIATION BALANCES HERETOFORE PROVIDED FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS AND RE-APPROPRIATING PORTIONS OF SUCH FUNDED AND UNFUNDED APPROPRIATION BALANCES FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S 2015 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to table the ordinance on first reading.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4  
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**RESOLUTIONS**

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2015-95**

**APPROVING CLOSE OUT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1  
DELRAN COMMUNITY – PHASE 2 (LIGHTING)  
RONALD JANNEY ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, INC.  
(INCREASE OF \$3,293.25)**

Ms. Pangia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to adopt Resolution 2015-95.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4  
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2015-96**

**APPROVING CLOSE OUT CHANGE ORDER  
2014 ROAD PROGRAM  
BOGEY'S TRUCKING AND PAVING, INC.  
(DECREASE OF \$77,949.87)**

Ms. Pangia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to adopt Resolution 2015-96.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4  
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2015-97**

**APPROVING CLOSE OUT CHANGE ORDER  
DELRAN COMMUNITY PARK PHASE 1  
MATHIS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC.  
(NO CHANGE IN CONTRACT AMOUNT)**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to table Resolution 2015-97.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2015-98**

**EXTENDING THIRD QUARTER TAX BILL DUE DATE  
UNTIL SEPTEMBER 14, 2015**

Ms. Pangia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to adopt Resolution 2015-98.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2015-99**

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES  
UNDER STATE CONTRACT T-2776**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to adopt Resolution 2015-99.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2015-100**

**AUTHORIZING VARIOUS 2015 SEWER  
BILLING ADJUSTMENTS**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2015-100.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2015-101**

**APPROVING 2015-2016 LIQUOR LICENSE (JOE CANALS)**

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to adopt Resolution 2015-101.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DERLAN  
RESOLUTION 2015-102**

**AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE  
SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE  
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON  
FOR CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS/911 CALLS**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to adopt Resolution 2015-102.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2015-103**

**AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN A MUTUAL AID AND  
ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT**

Ms. Pangia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to adopt Resolution 2015-103.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2015-104**

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BODY CAMERA  
SOFTWARE AND EQUIPMENT  
UNDER STATE CONTRACT T-0106**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to adopt Resolution 2015-104.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2015-105**

**AWARDING CONTRACT FOR FIFTH STREET  
PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS TO  
EAGLE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC.**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2015-105.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved



**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2015-106**

**REFUNDING CONSTRUCTION PERMITS FEES FOR  
BLOCK 118.16 LOT 9 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$169.00**

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to adopt Resolution 2015-106.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2015-107**

**REFUNDING CONSTRUCTION PERMITS FEES FOR  
BLOCK 31 LOT 7 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$359.00**

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to adopt Resolution 2015-107.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**MOTIONS**

Ms. Pangia made a motion authorizing the payment of bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Connell.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to accept the report of the Tax Collector, CFO and the Township Clerk.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

## **REPORTS**

**Ms. Eggers** – No Report

**Mr. Hatcher** – Mr. Hatcher reported that tax bills will be going out on August 7 and are due by September 14. The reason for the delay is that we have to wait for the County to certify the budget before we can move forward.

Next is the road work on Tenby Chase Drive is complete and they were able to extend to some of the intersections.

The Township is the recipient of a Hazardous Discharge Fund Grant from DEPT for \$60,750 to bring about an analysis the Abrasive Alloy property which is something we have been trying to do for years. We can now move forward and hopefully clean that property up.

**Mr. Long** – no report

**Mr. Bauer, Fire Commissioner** - Mr. Bauer reported that on July 9 they responded to a truck fire behind the Municipal Building and on July 18 the Chester Avenue station covered Shamong Township and on July 19 the marine unit responded to Burlington City to help with the rescues on the Delaware.

They responded to a gas leak on Waterford Drive. On August 2, Chester Avenue station covered Shamong again. The residents may wonder why Delran answers calls to Shamong and Medford is because when there is a fire at one end of the County, those resources are stretched thin and they go to the engines that are closest to help out. Delran is fortunate that many fire volunteers are also EMT certified. While Delran was in Tabernacle, they were able to respond to a family who had not heard from their elderly relatives for about three days and they responded found the elderly couple on the floor as their air conditioner was not on and they were overcome by the heat. Delran EMT's helped the Tabernacle EMT's treat the couple.

The next item is the fire at Tenby Plaza which the Fire Marshall has not released the video yet. The film was obtained from the security camera and assumed it was from cigarettes as the film shows an individual walking up to the store and putting a cigarette out on the fake column before they went into the store. The hot ash fell to the ground and because of the hot weather and the fact there was a crack at the bottom of the column, which allowed the hot ask to get into the column where there were leaves and other debris in the column and started

to build heat and the employees saw smoke coming from the column and got a fire extinguisher but the extinguisher did not work. However, the employees did not realize that that puff of smoke they saw was building up heat in the column and did not call the fire department. The fire just took off and went across the roofs quickly. If they had called the fire department when they realized that the fire extinguisher did not work, that fire would not have taken off.

Once that video is released, the fire department would like to put it on their web site to let people know that it is important to call the fire department when they see anything that concerns them before it is a full blown fire.

The fire department was able to get a 25 ' boat from the National Park Service for \$1 and Dredge Harbor picked the boat up this week and the boat needs some work but Dredge Harbor said that the hull is in good condition and it has radar and they will be able to use some things from the old boat.

**Mr. Schwartz** – Mr. Schwartz thanked Mary Tompkins for her years of service and Liz Woodward for her act of kindness. Mr. Schwartz said that there are some residents from Riverside Park and he will let them speak during the public portion. Mr. Schwartz asked a resident to take pictures of the equipment that was defaced and the resident did not feel comfortable with what was on the equipment. Mr. Schwartz advised the residents of Riverside Park that he is watching out for them.

**Ms. Pangia** – Ms. Pangia gave an update on Jake's Place and on October 17 there will be a run to raise funds and on October 24, Truck or Treat will take place to help with the funding for Jake's Place. There is an active group that is helping with the fundraising. Ms. Pangia also congratulated Mary Tompkins and Liz Woodward for their service.

**Mr. O'Connell** – Mr. O'Connell also thanked Mary Tompkins and Liz Woodward. Mr. O'Connell said to be careful now that kids are out of school and riding bikes and playing in the street and to slow down.

**Mr. Catrambone** – Mr. Catrambone reported that Tenby Chase Drive was completed with a grant and the contractor did a great job.

Mr. Catrambone also thanked Mary Tompkins and Liz Woodward for their accomplishments and also for staying for the meeting.

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Jeff Bodnar – 116 Kathleen Avenue – Mr. Bodnar wanted to know the status of 112 Swedes Run Drive and asked if their higher evaluation will be on the new tax bill. Mr. Hatcher answered that it would be. Mr. Bodnar asked if someone could take a look at the sidewalk at 100 Patricia Avenue. Mr. Bodnar asked if he could come to the work session.

Mr. Catrambone advised that work sessions are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month and anyone can attend and at the end of the meeting if anyone has a comment they can express it at that time.

Mary Orfe - 69 Stewart Avenue - Mrs. Orfe stated she has great concerns about Friendship Park. There is mold and graffiti. Mrs. Orfe said that she was told that the mulch would be replaced but now has heard that there is no mulch available. Mrs. Orfe asked if the old mulch could be taken up and bring it down to dirt. This questions was directed to Mr. Hatcher. Mr. Hatcher stated that mulch was ordered and was put down in parks that were considered unsafe such as where equipment was showing through the mulch such as the park at Brown Street. Whenever you have humidity and rain, unfortunately mold will grow on the mulch. Mr. Hatcher said we have roughly thirteen such parks and they are maintained by adding mulch and not by taking it down to the dirt. The mulch should arrive in about two weeks.

Mr. Catrambone stated that if you have a complaint the e-mail should be directed to Township Administrator Jeff Hatcher and he will see that the proper department is notified of the problem.

Mr. Hatcher said that he would send someone out there tomorrow to take care of the graffiti.

Linda Lisicki – 905 Oak Avenue - Mrs. Lisicki stated she spoke to Mr. Catrambone and Mr. Hatcher on several occasions about the house next door to them (903 Oak Avenue). Mrs. Lisicki said that the grass has been cut and the property management company for the bank came and locked up the house and a few months ago two people came and started to live in the house. They say they are renting it from the women who owns the house but the property management said that the house is in foreclosure. Mrs. Lisicki said that there are people in and out of the house, using foul language, and racing their cars.

Mr. Catrambone asked our Solicitor what are we able to do in a situation where we think squatters may be residing. Mr. Long answered that a bank should be responsible. Mrs. Lisicki said she spoke to the public management for the bank and was told that they were going to get the sheriff involved to get them to leave.

PSE&G came out and shut down the electricity to 903 but Mr. Lisicki was told that they may have a meter by-pass which may allow them to still get electricity.

Mr. Hatcher stated that we have done a number of items and we brought about getting the grass cut and secondly we contacted the Police Department to go out there and investigate and find out if these people are in there illegally. Mr. Hatcher said we have been in contact with the bank and have gone through all the steps that Mrs. Lisicki has gone through.

Mr. Schwartz asked Solicitor Doug Long if it would be possible at the next work session to brief Council on these circumstances and what can be done. Council wants to be as aggressive as they can be not only on this property but others around town also. Mr. Long said that was a good idea and also we would need the Chief of Police to be present as when the property owner is not violating ordinances it is quite difficult for the Township to step in.

Mrs. Lisicki asked if someone would get back to her and keep her informed as to what is being done.

Alice Anderson of 908 Oak Avenue said that she lives across the street. She has seen drug deals and the language is terrible.

Kim Darling of 906 Oak Avenue stated there are three children living there and they will be going to school in Delran. The response was if they have something with their name and address on it, the children can go to school.

The residents were told if they see these people breaking the law, then they should call the police.

Councilman Schwartz asked the residents to keep him informed by e-mail and to send him their e-mail addresses.

James Bauer 806 Edgewood Avenue – Mr. Bauer stated that he failed to bring something up in his report and that is that Riverside Marina has always given them a slip for free for their boat and with the problems with the low water, they moved the boat to Dredge Harbor who has also given the fire department a free slip.

Mr. Bauer said that while walking his dog, he noticed the handicap curbs and stated they look nice; however, they brought in top soil but were they supposed to seed it. That whole patch is weeds and not grass. Mr. Hatcher stated that it was seeded but with the hot weather it did not grow and it will be re-seeded in the fall.

Bob Gilbert – 75 Stewart Avenue stated they had their twenty-second return of cremains on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July and that makes 188 veterans they buried in Doyles cemetery. Of the ones that were buried recently 6 of them were WWII vets, 3 of them were WW1 vets and 1 was a Spanish American vet.

Mr. Gilbert asked about the outflow on Alden Avenue. Mr. Hatcher stated that the contractor has been awarded the bid and it is in the contractor's hands. Mr. Gilbert asked if there is any progress at the end of Stewart Avenue. Mr. Gilbert was asked in what regard? Mr. Gilbert stated that something was to be done so they would not get flooded on a regular basis. Mr. Schwartz stated that a letter was written and sparked some interest and Mr. Schwartz spent some time with a member of the Congressman's staff last night and he is trying to coordinate something that makes sense. Mr. Schwartz talked to Cory Booker's office, Troy Singleton's office and Senator Diane Allen and trying to coordinate all the pieces that he can come back to Council with. Councilman Schwartz said he did not have a complete report for Council and that is why he did not bring it up.

Mr. Gilbert said in talking about properties that are in disrepair a while back across the street from Friendship Park someone tore down the fence but it has since been repaired but the concrete sidewalk is in disrepair.

Mr. Gilbert said that Mr. Schwartz told him that there is a Freeholder's meeting tomorrow and they are going to cut \$8,546,603.09 in cancellation of capital and utility projects in Burlington County. Mr. Gilbert asked if Council knew anything about it. Council did not know about this but Mr. Gilbert said the notice was in the Burlington County Times on August 3. Gary Catrambone said the county level is not under their jurisdiction. Mr. Hatcher was shown the notice in the paper for an interpretation. Mr. Hatcher explained that the County is taking

balances from ordinances that they had money left over where numbers came in better than what they anticipated and they are cancelling those balances over but they are not cutting out any programs but re-appropriating funds.

Mr. Gilbert asked about Chester Avenue and the two houses one is Council is going to do it and then have the Engineers to go look at it. Mr. Gilbert asked if we had to pay the engineers to do it and the answer was yes. Mr. Gilbert asked "Why are we paying someone to go into someone's yard. Mr. Gilbert stated he has something from the water company and it says they are trying to sell insurance for your water lines. The sewer line is your responsibility to the main.

Mr. Catrambone said he would like to clarify the situation on Chester Avenue. Mr. Catrambone stated that more than 50 years ago those houses were built and they ran their sewer laterals from the house to the sewer main which is connected to Riverside's sewer main. That connection is fine and intact; however, at some point somebody decided to run that sewer main through the sanitary storm water collection. The storm water pipe which is clean water has two laterals that have sewerage running through them and goes through the pipe and into the storm sewer which is Riverside and is also on a county road. It is also a county storm line and somewhere fifty years plus ago somebody either did not do an inspection or approved something that was done and what is now obviously illegal. To say that it is the resident's responsibility for something done 50 years ago is a stretch. What the county said was "this is Delran's responsibility" and several months ago, Council decided to send the Mayor and the engineer into negotiations with the county to try to come up with a resolution. The mayor and our engineer came to an agreement with the county that our engineer would figure out what needs to be done and the county would excavate the road, we would hire someone to put the pipe in and then the county would close up the road. In essence, we are working together to solve this problem.

Mr. Gilbert feels that there are a lot of houses in town that are over fifty years old and maybe this hook up with legal fifty years ago. Mr. Gilbert said when his property floods, he has ran sewerage in his back yard. Mr. Gilbert also stated his house was built in 1919 and he does not know what the regulations were back in 1919 and if he has a problem with the sewer lines, he will come to the Township.

Mr. Catrambone said this is not on the resident's property but their line and goes to where it touches the main. Councilman Schwartz stated that his concern was that he did not feel there was enough information to determine if the responsibility fell on the resident or the Township. Mr. Schwartz did not feel it was the Township or the resident's responsibility and he was open to more information.

Mr. Gilbert said he talked to neighbors and if they have a problem because something was in code before and is not now and the Township does not fix it, there will be litigation. Mr. Catrambone said he cannot believe that it was ever in code to run a sewer line through storm water.

Mr. Catrambone also stated that if the County would sue us, it would cost us legal fees of approximately \$25,000. Mr. Long said that he understands where Mr. Gilbert is saying but on this particular issue, a governmental entity messed up and we will not find out who messed

up until you spend ten thousands of dollars between the two governmental entities in a law suit to find out that you messed up or they messed up or it was so long ago, you do not know who is to blame and you will still pay to fix it.

Mr. Gilbert asked if the street is dug up and you find out it is not Delran's fault, will we still have to pay. Mr. Long answered the blame will not be found in digging up the street, the blame will be found in a court room going through documents and expert witnesses.

Mr. Catrambone said the engineer is scoping out how the work can be done and not whose responsibility it is and the total with the engineer's fee should be approximately \$10,000. Council feels that this is more prudent than going into litigation. Mr. Gilbert still feels that it is the homeowners' responsibility.

Mr. Gilbert said that the doors should not be locked on work session nights. Council said they are not locked. Mr. Gilbert said that they were locked at the last work session. Ms. Eggers said when she comes in, the first thing she does is open all the doors; however, if someone was using one of the community rooms may have locked the door when they left. There was cheerleading registration that night and the doors were not locked as registration went on for two hours. If the doors were locked, it was not until well after the work session started. Mr. Schwartz said that it was 8:05 as his phone was turned off but he did get a message from someone who was trying to get into the building. Ms. Eggers said the only explanation is that when cheerleading registration was over, they locked the doors when leaving.

Rich Grockenberger – 84 Alden Avenue – Mr. Grockenberger thanked Mr. Hatcher for taking care of the problem with the noise and hopes that Council is still looking for grants to fix the river front. Mr. Grockenberger said that a few people have come up to him about putting their home on a list for the Blue Water program. Mr. Grockenberger asked is still a chance to get into this program. Mr. Catrambone answered that the prerequisite is they have to show repeated losses. Mr. Hatcher said that the Township is keeping a list and if they contact him, he will forward the request to the engineer as the grants come up every now and then.

Mr. Grockenberger also stated he has seen the manhole covers list a little and stuff come out of it and runs into the storm sewer.

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

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

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers  
Municipal Clerk