

**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**August 27, 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, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone were present.

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

PROCLAMATION FOR CONSTITUTION WEEK

Council President asked the representative from the Daughters of the American Revolution to come forward and accept a proclamation for Constitution Week. The proclamation was read by the Mayor. The representative thanked Delran since it is the 18th year in the row that Delran Township has presented them with a proclamation and supports their cause.

Mr. Catrambone then called up Laura Kulinski who worked on a School Supplies Drive to benefit Providence House Women's Shelter. Mayor and Council presented Ms. Kulinski with a basket of school supplies to be donated as a token of appreciation for her work for this worthy cause. Mrs. Pangia also thanked Ms. Kulinski for her volunteer work on the Delran Farmer's Market.

Approval of the minutes for July 9, 2013 and July 23, 2013

Mr. Morrow made a motion seconded by Ms. Pangia to approve the minutes of July 9 and July 23, 2013.

Roll Call: Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Catrambone voted Aye. Mrs. Kolodi abstained as she was not present for those meetings.

Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Abstain: 1
Motion approved

PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-25 FOR THE INCLUSION OF RESPONSIBLE BIDDER LANGUAGE IN REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS.

Mr. Catrambone stated that this gives the ability to insert responsible bidder language which would guarantee that the people that we are paying prevailing wage for contracts are qualified. This is for the Township's protection.

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

Ben Young, 116 Ridgeview Road currently the Mayor of Cinnaminson and the Director of Public Works. I am here to speak tonight because I am the Director of Public Works. His concern is the potential of increasing the costs of services for residents, reduction in number of eligible vendors which will also cause an increase in costs also the cost for implementing the program and monitoring the work for compliance. Mr. Young mentioned that many contracts are Public Works contracts and he gave examples. This work is usually done by local contractors but not all of the local contractors can comply. If they do try to comply, it will definitely cause the cost of the work to increase because of the added administrative costs. Mr. Young mentioned that many of our local vendors have been trained by other craftsmen but do not have the proper credentials. Mr. Young stated in summary that this ordinance would greatly reduce the number of contractors, add to the cost of the project and projects would not get done in a timely manner due to the lack of certified personnel. Mr. Young felt that Cinnaminson would be effected if this ordinance was adopted. Mr. Catrambone said this language has to go to the Dept. of Community Affairs for approval. Mr. Catrambone said the language would not be included for only "single source contractors" as the desire is not to harm the Township. Mr. Marmero, Township Solicitor, said that language would go into specific RFP's if the Township chooses to do so but it does not necessarily mean all contracts.

Mr. Young was thanked for his comments.

Bryan Camp, of 88 Lakeside Drive in Mt. Laurel, NJ. Mr. Camp wanted to comment on some of the statements made by Mr. Young. Mr. Camp said this language is in place in many places such as Burlington County College, the Township of Mt. Laurel and others and this did not restrict any of their projects and the projects were completed in a timely manner and within their budget. Mr. Camp gave cost analysis on some projects and felt that if quality assurance language was in place, the projects would have cost less. Mr. Camp said that there is prevailing wage, so there is no additional costs. Mr. Camp felt that there are less cost overruns with responsible bidder language. Mr. Camp also felt that certified people doing public money work contracts on public money dollars should be properly educated and trained in their profession. Mr. Camp gave other examples of bids and bid spec policies. Burlington County Vo-Tech has classes for proper certification.

Mr. Camp was thanked for his input.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion seconded by Mr. Morrow to come out of the public hearing of the meeting. All were in favor, motion approved.

Mr. Catrambone said that nothing further had to be done this evening and the Township Solicitor will deliver the language to the Division of Local Government and the DCA will tell the Township can use the language. The Solicitor does not anticipate a problem.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2013-90 Approving Chapter 159 for the Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$65,000

Mr. Morrow which was seconded by Ms. Pangia made a motion to approve the CDBG grant

There being no question, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 2013-91 Authorizing Township to enter into an agreement with the Riverside Sewerage Authority

Resolution 2013-92 Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Agreement with the County with respect to the Fairview Street Sidewalk Improvements

Resolution 2013-93 Setting the due date for the 3rd Quarter 2013 tax payments

Resolution 2013- 94 Approving totally disabled veteran deduction for Block 118, Lot 4 effective July 1, 2013

Resolution 2013-95 Approving totally disabled veteran deduction for Block 120.02, Lot 7 effective July 1, 2013

Resolution 2013-96 Approving totally disabled veteran deduction for Block 97, Lot 30 effective July 1, 2013

Resolution 2013-97 Approving totally disabled veteran deduction for Block 79, Lot 10 effective July 1, 2013

Resolution 2013-98 Approving totally disabled veteran deduction for Block 31, Lot 28 effective July 1, 2013

Resolution 2013-99 Approving totally disabled veteran deduction for Block 160, Lot 26 effective July 1, 2013

Resolution 2013-100 Approving various grass cuttings

Resolution 2013-101 Approving Site Work Maintenance bond release for Red Balloon

Resolution 2013-102 Approving Sewer Maintenance bond release for Red Balloon

Resolution 2013-103 Approving Sewer Adjustment for 508 Leon Avenue

Resolution 2013-104 Approving Raffle License # 454 for Holy Cross High School PTA

Resolution 2013-105 Refunding Construction Permit Fees for the VFW

Mr. Schwartz made a motion seconded by Ms. Pangia to approve the above resolutions.

There being no question, the roll was called.

Roll Call: Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

MOTIONS

A motion approving the Delran Soccer Club Fun Day Event at Peter Vermes Soccer Field on August 29, 2013.

Mr. Hatcher stated there was not a letter of certification from one vendor; therefore the motion should be based on the Township receiving the necessary certification from one of the vendors to be sure that their Registration is filed with the State.

Mr. Morrow made the motion with that stipulation which was seconded by Ms. Pangia.

There being no question, the roll was called.

Roll Call: Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

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

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion authorizing the payment of bills which was seconded by Mr. Schwartz.

There being no question, the roll was called.

Roll Call: Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

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

Mr. Morrow made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to accept the three reports.

There being no question, the roll was called.

Roll Call: Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

A motion granting a mercantile license to:

1. R&P Motors, 120 Carriage Lane
2. Meryem Brick Oven Bakery, 4000 Route 130 North, Unit 26
3. The Meadows of Delran, 4037 Route 130 South
4. MRM Auto Sales, 207A15 Carriage Lane
5. WG Motor Sales, 150A-26 Carriage Lane
6. B&Z Auto Sales, 207-13 Carriage Lane
7. Deals On Wheels Auto Group, 207-4 Carriage Lane
8. Lex Toy Group, 207-6 Carriage Lane
9. Off Lease Vehicle, 150A-28 Carriage Lane
10. My Next Car Source, 207-9 Carriage Lane

Mr. Schwartz made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to grant the mercantile licenses as mentioned.

There being no question, the roll was called.

Roll Call: Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

REPORTS

Administrator – Jeffrey S. Hatcher mentioned that the tax bills are finally out and the deadline for payment is September 20. If payment is not received by September 20, the interest will go back to August 1.

The second item is that the bid specifications were received from CME Engineering for the 2013 Road project and we need authorization from Township Council to allow the Engineers to go out to bid and to if Council wishes to do so this evening, it would speed up the process.

Mr. Catrambone asked for a motion that we allow our Township Engineer to put the 2013 road project out to bid.

Mr. Morrow made the motion which was seconded by Ms. Pangia. All were in favor, motion approved.

Solicitor – no report

Fire Commissioner Jim Bauer mentioned that the 5K run is coming up. Mr. Bauer reported that there was a fire in a vacant building behind the fire department. They are checking the surveillance cameras to see if they can see someone. It is still being checked and maybe they will have an answer next week. There was also a fire in the basement in the Bridgeboro section which was started in a gas dryer. There were no injuries. Mr. Bauer stated that they are a fire department that trains their firefighters very well and he is very proud of all the volunteers; however, because they are so well trained they are recruited by paid fire departments. One person was recruited from Columbia, SC and they were so impressed that they recruited three more, so Delran lost 4 volunteers to Columbia, S.C. Cory Hullings is going to Philadelphia Fire Department. Delran is proud of their volunteers and presently have some men in fire school but that will only replace the four that we are losing and not add any new members. In the Jr. Membership program there are five people now attending Fire School in Burlington County. Therefore, we are now at the same number.

Jim was thanked for his report.

Members of Council

Councilwoman-at-Large Lona Pangia – Ms. Pangia mentioned a Trunk or Treat that is going to be organized for the end of October. Ms. Pangia is working on having this event at our new Community Park and will have more information next month concerning using the Community Park. Tickets for Delran residents only will be available at Delran Day. The Drive carefully sign campaign is starting the end of August and into the first week of school which is to remind our residents to be extra careful while driving through the streets. December 13 is the next day for the free mammogram van and also there is a blood drive scheduled for the Wednesday before Thanksgiving which is November 27 at 4 pm. September 7 is the Fire Department 5K and the volunteers at the Farmers' Market have been selling water and they are pledging \$300 to the 5K and found a group that will donate water and they will be offering water to the runners who are participating in the 5K. Lastly the Farmers Market is continuing through the end of September. Ms. Pangia mentioned that a Governor's Proclamation was received during National Farmers' Week and Delran was the only Farm Market to receive the Governor's proclamation. Ms. Pangia thanked everyone for supporting the Farmer's Market

MICHAEL SCHWARTZ – Mr. Schwartz stated he wanted to thank Ms. Kulinsky for working on a worthy project and asked anyone who could to contribute to this worthy cause. Mr. Schwartz said he is happy to say that the end is in sight for the Stewart Avenue outfall which was a combined project of Mayor and Council along with the professionals. Mr. Schwartz stated we have to lay ground work for future council members that Riverside Park is not a forgotten project. On the 29th of September, tentatively at 11 am there will be additional support for the one year anniversary following the death of a family dog. The dog passed due to a lack of care by the person who took the dog. Mr. Schwartz would like to see stronger penalties for situations such as the one that happened in Delran last year.

PATTI KOLODI – Ms. Kolodi said it was nice to be back in town and she thanked Mayor and Council for keeping her informed. Ms. Kolodi announced that a "Citizen of the Year" will be launched at Delran Day. Mrs. Kolodi will be attending a meeting to iron out the details for awarding "Citizen of the Year" to one of our residents and information will be available at Delran Day on September 29.

TOM MORROW - Mr. Morrow mentioned the new business in town "The Meadows" and asked our residents to support them. Mr. Morrow said there is also activity going on in Hartford Corners. Mr. Morrow said it is very encouraging to see these businesses come into town and stay. He also talked on Fairview Street sidewalk issue. Delran is one of three towns in the State to receive this grant. He said that it is great that we received a grant for this and also Council is hopeful that the work will start soon. Mr. Morrow mentioned the two county parks that are nearby. One is Amico Island here in Delran and the other is Boundary Creek which is off of Creek Road in Moorestown. Mr. Morrow urged the residents to take a walk along these parks and see the wild life and the natural beauty that are in the parks. The deer are plentiful and Mr. Morrow has seen eagles on numerous occasions when visiting these parks.

MR. CATRAMBONE – Mr. Catrambone reported that another business may be coming into town where the old Tri-Boro Pontiac car dealer was located and they have come to our Zoning Board. This would be a joint venture between Cinnaminson and Delran. He is also glad to see new businesses wanting to come to Delran. The paving will begin soon at Community Park on Hartford Road. Mr. Catrambone mentioned that school is starting and for all drivers to be extra careful as there will be many more children out on the streets coming and going to school.

MAYOR KEN PARIS - Mayor Paris touched base on the road program and reported that Brown Street, Loudon and intersections in the Tenby Chase section of town will be completed. Mayor Paris mentioned the 5K run/walk to take place on September 7 and he invited everyone to come out. Delran Day is September 29 and there is a meeting tomorrow night at 7 pm and anyone wanting to get involved, please come out to the meeting. There will be inflatables for the children at Delran Day. Delran Day will be involved with the Food Bank of New Jersey and perhaps there will be a minimum charge per child for using the inflatables and that money will be donated to the Food Bank. Mayor Paris touched briefly on the events for the day and urged everyone to come out and enjoy the day.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Barbara Gallagher 220 Sharrow Vale Road in Delran. Mrs. Gallagher asked if a new roof raises your tax assessment. Mr. Hatcher does not believe that is the case but he will talk to the Assessor and get the correct information. Mrs. Gallagher got a permit for the new roof and the cost was \$71 and she felt that was rather high. Mrs. Gallagher asked that perhaps Delran Township should consider giving Senior Citizens a discount on permits.

Bob Gilbert 75 Stewart Avenue thanked Mr. Catrambone and Ms. Pangia for their condolences on the passing of his mother-in-law. Mr. Gilbert asked if Stewart Avenue has gone out to bid. Mr. Hatcher said that we got approval from the State and we authorized the engineer to go out to bid. Mr. Gilbert said that more work has to be done especially on the river bank. The flapper valve is a step in the right direction but it cannot be the end of the work and the residents of Riverside Park cannot be forgotten.

Mr. Gilbert stated that there are a lot of abandoned houses in Riverside Park and wanted to know if anything can be done. Mayor Paris said that unfortunately this is something that is out of our control and Mr. Hatcher stated this is also a big issue in the State of New Jersey. Mr. Hatcher said that there would not be enough money in our whole budget to address these problems. Mr. Hatcher said that the money from Blue Acres has not come to Burlington County yet.

Mr. Gilbert invited everyone on September 18 to General Doyle cemetery where twenty-five veteran's remains will be interred at the cemetery. Mr. Gilbert will get an exact time for anyone who wants to attend. Mr. Gilbert also mentioned that work is being done on the VFW building on Fairview Street.

Mary Parento from 25 Bridgeboro wanted to applaud Council for keeping Delran Day a family event and not having the Beer Garden.

Mr. Morrow made a motion which was seconded by Ms. Pangia to come out of the public portion of the meeting. All were in favor, motion approved.

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

Respectfully submitted

Adele M. Meiluta