

**WORK SESSION  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**May 14, 2019  
DELRAN, NJ**

**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 January 4, 2019 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

**ROLL CALL:** Mr. Lyon, Mr. Burrell and Mr. Catrambone were present. Mr. Mormando and Ms. Parejo were absent.

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

### **JIF/MEL LOSS RATIO SNAPSHOTS**

Mr. Hatcher reported that the six year loss average for the JIF is 17.4%. The loss ratio for 2018 was 100% which was due to the storm damage on the netting at Community Park; otherwise this is trending very well and we do not see anything that will affect future assessments.

The EPL/POL six year loss ratio average is 0%. We have had no claims in this area.

The 2018 average for worker's compensation claims is 63.3%. The average over the six year period is 75.6% but the last four years were very strong.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the JIF Administrators would like to attend a future meeting or have Council make a decision on early renewal. Because of the number of municipalities in the JIF and the way the years fall, they are asking municipalities to renew a year early. They are trying to even out so that if they lose a town it will not cause an impact. Council agreed to add resolution to the Public Meeting agenda for approval.

### **COAH MEETING DATE DISCUSSION**

Mr. Catrambone stated that a while back we discussed having a COAH meeting to explain the outcome of the litigation. With two members of Council not in attendance, Mr. Catrambone suggested that this be moved to the next agenda.

### **DISCUSSION ON ALTERNATE APPROACH TO FINAL PHASE FOR JAKE'S PLACE PLAYGROUND**

Mr. Catrambone stated Mr. Hatcher provided Council with several options.

Mr. Hatcher stated that to clarify what was mentioned at the last meeting. The \$50,000 was not put in the capital improvement fund, so that money isn't there. The money was put into the capital budget so that if Council got a commitment from another government agency, they could move forward with an ordinance. There was no authorization of funds. There are three avenues available to Council. There is money in the capital improvement fund, which is normally used for down payment on capital project. Council can do a fully funded ordinance using those funds but it will impact what you can do in future years. Second, you could borrow through a bond ordinance. Third, is you could borrow from the Open Space Fund. We have pretty much committed the Open Space funds to cover debt service. There is also one bond

ordinance from 2018 that will have approximately \$5,000 remaining once it is closed out. We are waiting on a grant from the County before we can close out the project. Mr. Hatcher stated that we also need to confirm the actual costs associated with the construction of the zip line.

Mr. Catrambone stated that the day after the May public meeting, Mr. Hatcher left for vacation and returned today. To be perfectly clear there is no pile of money sitting in a bucket waiting to be used. Mr. Catrambone stated that he is hoping we are successful in finding ways to fundraise the fund to complete the project as quickly as possible.

Mr. Hatcher stated that all avenues he mentioned will require an ordinance that needs four affirmative votes.

Mr. Burrell recommended that we get an outline of their plan in order to map out our funding.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we will set up a meeting with the Jake's Place representatives.

### **DISCUSSION ON PATH TO PROGRESS RESOLUTION**

Mr. Catrambone stated that this is a rather lengthy general plan.

Mr. Lyon stated that the plan is rather voluminous and ties into pension, healthcare and retiree healthcare issues. It also discusses new hires and how they will be treated both pension and retirement age wise. Mr. Lyon stated there are a lot of factors in the plan that make a lot of sense and should be implemented. There are others that have to be questioned. Mr. Lyon suggested that everyone read through the plan and highlight their concerns and we can discuss this at a future meeting when all members of Council are present.

Mr. Catrambone agreed that Council should take more time to review the information. Council will discuss this at a future meeting.

### **REPORTS**

**Ms. Eggers** – No report.

**Mr. Hatcher** – Mr. Hatcher reported that we have a private property owner that reported a dead tree on the Township land behind their property. Public Works went out to evaluate the tree and has determined that the tree is dead but not at the point that it will fall down and hurt anyone. Mr. Hatcher stated that the homeowner is offering to pay a private contractor to remove the tree and will pay the cost. Mr. Hatcher stated that he wanted to run this past Council and the Township Attorney.

Mr. Arnautovic stated that as long as we have the proper reservation of rights and indemnification that if something goes wrong will the Township would be held harmless, he doesn't see any issue from a legal perspective.

Council had no issue from a policy standpoint.

Mr. Arnautovic asked if it includes the removal of the stump.

Mr. Hatcher stated it does not include removal of the tree or stump. They will only be dropping the tree onto the Green Acres property.

**Mr. Arnautovic** – Mr. Arnautovic asked that Council pass a Resolution authorizing the resident to cut down the tree on Township property and authorize the Township Attorney to prepare the release.

Mr. Burrell made a motion to give authority to the resident to cut down the tree and have it fall on Green Acres property. The resident will assume all the expense and liability, hold the Township harmless and we have been assured that it is a dead tree. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lyon.

**Mr. Lyon** – No report.

**Mr. Burrell** – No report.

**Mr. Catrambone** – No report.

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

Mr. Burrell made a motion to open the meeting to the public. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lyon. All were in favor, motion approved.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Burrell made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Lyon. All were in favor, the motion was approved.

Mr. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyon to enter into closed session for discussion on the following issue: Management Benefit Contract Issue – Medical Reimbursement

Mr. Lyon made a motion to end the closed session and reopen the meeting to the public. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burrell. All were in favor, motion approved.

There was no action needed after closed session.

Mr. Lyon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Burrell. All were in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamey Eggers, Township Clerk