

**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**June 2, 2020
DELRAN, NJ**

CALL TO ORDER

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

SUNSHINE STATEMENT: Be advised the Township Council has given notice in accordance with the sunshine law in the following manner. Notice published in the Burlington County Times and Camden Courier Post on January 10, 2020 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

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

ALSO, PRESENT: Mr. Paris, Mayor, Mr. Platt, Solicitor, Mr. Hatcher, Administrator and Ms. Eggers were present.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to approve the minutes for the April 14, 2020 Action and Work Session meeting.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Lyon, Mr. Mormando, Mr. Burrell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION 2020-89 ALLOWING THE BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE

Mr. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Parejo to adopt Resolution 2020-89.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Lyon, Mr. Mormando, Ms. Parejo, Mr. Burrell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

PUBLIC HEARING 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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

Mr. Catrambone gave a brief statement of the 2020 Municipal Budget. There municipal budget calls for no tax increase. There is also no proposed increase in the sewer rates.

There were no additional comments.

Mr. Mormando made a motion to close the public hearing on 2020 Municipal Budget, seconded by Ms. Parejo. All were in favor, motion approved.

RESOLUTION 2020-90 ADOPTING THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burrell to adopt Resolution 2020-90.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Lyon, Mr. Mormando, Ms. Parejo, Mr. Burrell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

RESOLUTIONS

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2020-91**

AUTHORIZING 2020 SEWER ADJUSTMENTS

Mr. Mormando made a motion, seconded by Ms. Parejo to adopt Resolution 2020-91.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Lyon, Mr. Mormando, Ms. Parejo, Mr. Burrell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

MOTIONS

Mr. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyon to accept the report of the Tax Collector and the Township Clerk.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Lyon, Mr. Mormando, Ms. Parejo, Mr. Burrell and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

REPORTS

Ms. Eggers – No report.

Mr. Hatcher – Mr. Hatcher reported that the new municipal building signed has been installed.

The court room televisions and video equipment are being installed over the next few weeks.

Additional lighting has been installed in the front of the building. Also, changes have been made to the interior of the building in order to prepare to reopen to the public. Windows have been installed in the areas where the workers are dealing with the public. We have been very lucky as we have had no employees test positive for the virus.

Finally, this weekend we have our clean communities' days. On Thursday and Friday, the yard is open from 7 am to 7 pm for residents to drop off various items. They must provide proof of residency and must wear a mask. The yard is also open on Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm.

Solicitor – No report.

Ms. Parejo – No report.

Mr. Lyon – Mr. Lyon thanked the Mayor, Mr. Hatcher, Ms. Eggers and all the employees for their work on the budget.

Mr. Lyon stated that with everything going on in the world and the sadness as we fight this virus. It also seems we are fighting each other. Mr. Lyon stated that he feels we need to listen more and certainly accept more and love each other more. Our Police Department does a professional job and we appreciate what they do. Hopefully we get through this.

Mr. Mormando – Mr. Mormando echoed the comments by Mr. Lyon. We are all mindful about what is going on in the world with the virus and the recent protests. His biggest concern is that everyone be safe and take care of each other.

Mr. Burrell – Mr. Burrell thanked everyone for their work on the budget.

Mr. Burrell stated that recent events over the past week have demonstrated the systemic social injustices of the world and more importantly our nation. Mr. Burrell stated that he could never understand the pain of the African American community but as an American he does stand with them for the pursuit of equality and justice. All change starts locally.

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone echoed the comments from previous Council members regarding the national issues we are facing. He extended his sincere condolences to the family of the gentleman that lost his life and expressed his confidence in our Police Department. He encouraged anyone that is going to protest please do it peacefully and safely.

Mr. Catrambone stated that as our fields are going to open soon, he wants to remind everyone that we are not past COVID-19 yet. Please remember to keep up with the social distancing and wear a mask. Yesterday, we received notice of a second death of a Delran resident. The individual was a 78-year-old male and we send his condolences to the family.

Mr. Paris – Mr. Paris echoed the comments by all members of Council. Mr. Paris stated that we have been improving and increasing our public services. We have been improving our infrastructure including the roads and sewer improvement. We continue to do that while keeping the budget flat. Mr. Paris thanked the administration, department heads and staff for a fantastic job.

Mr. Paris wished Mr. Hatcher good luck with his procedure.

Mr. Paris stated that he hopes everyone stays safe and treat everyone with respect and equally. Our Police Department is aware of everything going on in the world and do a fantastic job. They are professional and treat everyone with respect.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Bill Toth, 4 Auburn Drive, stated that last year Council adopted Ordinance 2019-05 regarding background checks for youth sports organizations. The Delran AA has been fully supportive of the requirements and we do everything they can to make sure they comply. With the upcoming season they are facing challenges with ability for new coaches to get fingerprints for the background checks. Mr. Toth stated that even if the facility is open for fingerprinting it raises major safety concerns. Mr. Toth asked Council for a temporary consideration an optional way of getting the background checks.

Mr. Platt asked that he provide his contact information to the Clerk and then he will discuss this matter with the Chief of Police and report back to them.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the outside company is not providing the fingerprinting service at this time.

Mr. Toth asked if the ordinance allows for them to use their existing background check policy until the company is offering the service again.

Mr. Platt stated yes.

Mr. Catrambone stated that Mr. Platt will get back to Mr. Toth once he discusses this with the Chief.

Mr. Toth stated that he appreciates the support.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jamey Eggert, Township Clerk