

**WORK SESSION
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**April 27, 2021
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 7, 2021 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Burrell were present. Ms. Parejo was absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Catrambone, Mayor, Mr. Siciliano, Solicitor, Mr. Hatcher, Administrator, and Ms. Eggers, Clerk.

FIELD COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Mr. Burrell reported that he met with the Athletic Association along with the Mayor and they brought up some concerns about the fields in town. The Mayor has been in contact with the AA and Soccer club. In order to get to some of the nuances of these issues and brain storm some policy implications, we are promoting a field committee and the members we listed take a look at this. Ultimately, they can report back to the Administration and Council with some recommendations and further information.

Mr. Catrambone stated that the committee will include all organizations involved in the field usage on a regular basis. This will be a good opportunity for us to hear them out completely and then see what we can do to address the issues on more of a planned process. Hopefully we will be able to rip off the band-aid and cure what the underlying issues are as best as we can.

Mr. Burrell stated that the representative from the school district will be Anthony Guidotti, Athletic Director.

Mr. Smith made a motion to appoint the standing committee including all members listed in the memo. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeney.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Burrell voted aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

SEWER CLAIMS

Mr. Burrell reported that there is only one claim adjustment. The recommendation is to charge the average for 2019 and 2020 billing which is 9,000 gallons. Mr. Burrell asked if Council has any objection.

Council had no objection. A Resolution will be on the agenda for the Public Meeting.

KINGS AT DELRAN SEWER SERVICE REQUEST

Mr. Burrell requested that this item be tabled at this time. He spoke with Mr. Siciliano and Mr. Winckowski this morning regarding this issue and they are going to get us more information. Mr. Winckowski would like to prepare a letter/memo describing what our options are and outlining some of the details of this before we make a decision that impacts the Township or is a potential burden on the Township. We will get an answer to the developer here in question but we want to have the right information in front of us to make an informed decision.

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to table this item until Mr. Winckowski and Mr. Siciliano provided additional information. All were in favor, motion approved.

JANITORIAL BIDS

Mr. Burrell reported that contrary to the original memo, CNS Cleaning Company as the other bids received were for four days.

Mr. Hatcher reported that we reached out to the other bidders and the apparent low bidder got back to us indicating that they were bidding on four days a week. Four days a week isn't sufficient for cleaning as the Police Department operations are twenty-four hours a day. We are recommending award to the low bidder for the five days a week which is CNS Cleaning Company in the amount of \$39,468. CNS Cleaning Company is our current contractor. There were no comments or questions from Council. A Resolution will be on the Public Meeting agenda for approval.

REPORTS

Ms. Eggers - No report

Mr. Hatcher – Mr. Hatcher reported that the public hearing on the municipal budget is next Tuesday, May 4th, at 7:00 pm. The municipal budget is on the website along with the user-friendly budget and the budget PowerPoint for review.

Mr. Catrambone - Mr. Catrambone stated that we want to get the fields committee underway as quickly as possible to hopefully find some permanent solutions to the issues.

Mr. Catrambone reported that he has been working with Councilwoman Parejo on the cleanup of Friendship Park. The park needs attention so we are working along with Senator Singleton's team.

We are going to do a beautification day at Friendship Park. It will be a team event as they have a large group of volunteers that like to come out and help. We'll coordinate with Public Works to give us the supplies needed. The cleanup will take place on June 12th from 10:00 am to noon. It will involve anything needed including mulching, cleaning and weeding. As we look forward to the cleanup, we thank Senator Singleton's for his interest in the community and I thank Councilwoman Parejo for her help in putting that together.

Mr. Catrambone reported that last Friday we had an opportunity to continue the Anderson family Farm's legacy to serve the community in a brand-new way. This is kind of a historic Delran Landmark as you all know and it will serve as a local headquarters for Farmers Against Hunger. They are a group that works to reduce food waste and food insecurity by ensuring access to fresh and healthy produce for every family in New Jersey. They have terrific things planned for educational gardening and nutritional programs and expansion of the farm area to grow new crops as well as having a physical location for storage so they can distribute food donated by local farmers.

Mr. Catrambone stated that Riverside High School student, Joelle McElroy has been working with an organization called Louie's Voice. The organization is a non-profit which offers training to first responders on how to best interact with special needs individuals, specifically when those individuals are non-verbal during a crisis situation or any other interaction. The Delran Police, Delran Fire, EMS, have awareness decals available for free. These stickers can be placed on your vehicle or at your residence to alert responders to be aware that they may be interacting with a non-verbal individual. In case of fire, they may need to search for someone in the home who will not be able to call for help. Mr. Catrambone stated that he genuinely enjoyed speaking with Joelle who is truly a remarkable young woman. It was great to have the support of all the Delran organizations as well as those from Riverside and Delanco.

Mr. Catrambone reported that last week we held the DEA takeback event which is something that happens twenty-four-seven at the Police Department. All you have to do is go up and ring the bell and if someone is inside they will let you into the lobby. If they are not, someone will return to the station and their next safest opportunity and you can turn in old prescription drugs or those that are no longer necessary. If a family member no longer takes these drugs, they can be turned in. This past Saturday they collected twelve pounds of drugs which is an awful lot for little pills. In the last six months, they collected a hundred and ninety-eight pounds. That is quite an amazing accomplishment and I applaud them for doing that. It keeps all those drugs off the street and out of the drains. People flush them down the toilet which is horrible for the environment.

Mr. Catrambone mentioned the seedling give-a-way by the Green Team. It was their six annual tree give a way and as always, they did a great job. There were a lot of folks out there and it was great to see everyone and share that experience with them.

Finally, to the residents who today experienced a tragic fire at their home, I just want to ask residents to keep them in mind and in their prayers as that family navigates this difficult time. I

will be reaching out to the family shortly after they catch their breath from what must have been a tragic day for them and see if there is anyway the bigger Delran community can help them moving forward. I know that there are already friends and neighbors that are putting together a kind of Go Fund me to help them get through the next couple of days, weeks, and probably months to get past this. So, keep your eyes open on social media and we will let you know how as always, the Delran family helps one another.

Mr. Siciliano – Mr. Siciliano reported that we are continuing our efforts regarding the ordinance revisions.

Mr. Smith – Mr. Smith reported that on Saturday, he was delighted to join the members of Green Team as well as Mayor Catrambone, Council President Burrell and Councilwoman Parejo at the Green Team Tree give-a-way. It was well attended with a tremendous number of volunteers. The Green Team does a great job beautify Delran and he is excited about all the work they are doing.

Over the last couple of days Governor Murphy and today President Biden have relaxed the restrictions for Covid-19. We want to make sure everyone is still continuing to stay vigilant as we know that there still is virus transmission going on. We should be able to get back to doing some regular activities that we used to provided that everyone is vaccinated. Please continue to keep those vaccination appointments, if you already got your first, make sure you keep your second.

Mr. Jeney – No report.

Mr. Lyon – Mr. Lyon stated that he is sorry he missed the Green Tree-give-away as he had a funeral to attend. It is always a great event and is awesome for the community.

Mr. Lyon stated that Farmers Against Hunger that is really cool program, as my father grew up on a small farm in Delaware Township on Kings Highway which is now Kings Highway, Cherry Hill. My family has kind of a farming background and he talked to Mr. Anderson on several occasions. This is something he would like to get more involved with. This program is a win-win for all the residents.

Mr. Burrell –Mr. Burrell reminded everyone that there will be no work session on June 8th due to the Primary Election. In the summer months the workload for Council tends to slow down a little bit. With that in mind and considering how fast we are getting through stuff here Mr. Burrell suggested that we cancel the July 13th and August 10th work sessions for the summer Council agreed.

Ms. Eggers will make a note of the cancelled dates.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

There were no comments.

Mr. Jeney made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Smith. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

Mr. Lyons made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Jeney. All were in favor; the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamey Eggers, Township Clerk