

**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**August 3, 2021  
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 7, 2021 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

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

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Mr. Catrambone, Mayor, Mr. Siciliano, Solicitor, Mr. Hatcher, Administrator and Ms. Eggers were present.

**PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION**

Mayor and Council presented Proclamations various individuals.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

Ms. Parejo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes for the April 13, 2021 Closed Session Meeting.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo and Mr. Lyon voted aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Ms. Parejo to approve the minutes for the May 11, 2021 Action and Work Session Meeting.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo and Mr. Lyon voted aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

## **ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

### **TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN ORDINANCE 2021-15**

#### **AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 118," CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM", SECTION 118-3, "FEES", OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN AND REPLACING WITH NEW CHAPTER 118," CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM", SECTION 118-3, "FEES".**

SECTION ONE. Chapter 118, "Construction Codes, Uniform", Section 118-3, "Fees", of the Code of the Township of Delran, be and the same is hereby repealed and replaced thereto with the following:

#### **Chapter 118**

#### **§118-3 Fees:**

A. The basic construction fee shall be the sum of the parts computed on the basis of the volume or cost of construction; the number of plumbing fixtures and pieces of equipment; the number of electrical fixtures and devices; the number of sprinklers, standpipes and detectors (heat and smoke); the number of lift devices and their appurtenances; and shall be calculated at the unit rates provided herein plus any special fees. The fee for plan review shall be 20% of the amount to be charged for a new construction permit. Plan review fees are not refundable. The minimum fee for a basic construction permit covering any or all of building, electrical, plumbing, fire protection or elevator / lift / escalator work shall not be less than \$65 for each subcode. All fees shall be rounded to the nearest dollar and paid in full prior to the issuance of a construction permit.

(1) The building volume or cost. The fees for new construction or alterations are as follows:

(a) Fees for new construction shall be based upon the volume of the structure. Volume shall be computed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.28. The construction fee shall be in the amount of \$0.055 per cubic foot of volume for structures of all types of construction and use groups as classified and defined in Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 of the International Building Code, except that:

[1] For structures of Use Groups A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5, F-1, F-2, S-1 and S-2, the construction fee shall be in the amount of \$0.025 per cubic foot of volume; and

[2] Fees for renovations, alterations and repairs or site construction associated with pre-engineered systems of commercial farm buildings, premanufactured construction, and the external utility connection for premanufactured construction shall be based upon the estimated cost of the work.

The fee shall be in the amount of \$40 per \$1,000 for the first \$50,000, prorated. From \$50,001 to and including \$100,000, the fee on the amount exceeding \$50,000 shall be in the amount of \$25 per \$1,000 of the estimated cost, prorated. Above \$100,000, the fee on the amount exceeding \$100,000 shall be in the amount of \$10 per \$1,000 of estimated cost, prorated. For the purpose of determining estimated cost, the applicant shall

submit to the Department such cost data as may be available produced by the architect or engineer of record, or by a recognized estimating firm, or by the contractor. A bona fide contractor's bid, if available, shall be submitted. The Department shall make the final decision regarding estimated cost.

(b) Fees for additions shall be computed on the same basis as for new construction for the added portion.

(c) Fees for combination renovations and additions shall be computed as the sum of the fees calculated separately in accordance with Subsection A(1)(a)[1] and [2] above.

(d) Fees for modular homes shall be a flat fee of \$400.

(e) Fees for mobile homes shall be a flat fee of \$400.

(f) Fees for temporary structures shall be as follows:

[1] Garden-type utility sheds which are 200 square feet or less, 10 feet or less in height for residential (R-3, R-5) properties are not required to have a construction permit. All other use groups are required to obtain a permit and pay a flat fee of \$60.

[2] Garden-type utility sheds which are larger than 100 square feet, but not more than 200 square feet, 10 feet in height for residential (R-3, R-5) properties shall be a flat fee of \$60. All other use groups shall be a flat fee of \$100.

[3] The fee for fabric shelters, sheds, or accessory structures of Use Group U larger than 200 square feet, or more than 10 feet in height shall be calculated as in Subsection A(1)(a) above but shall not be less than \$125 for all use groups.

(g) Fees for tents 1,600 square feet or larger or more than 40 feet in any one direction shall be a flat fee of \$90.

(h) Fees for fences higher than six feet shall be a flat fee of \$75 for Use Groups R-3 and R-5. All other use groups shall be calculated as per Subsection A(1)(a)[2] above.

(i) Fees for signs 15 square feet or less per side shall be a flat fee of \$20. Signs larger than 15 square feet per side shall be calculated at the rate of \$3.50 per square foot of the sign computed on one side only but shall not be less than \$90. Fees for temporary signs shall be a flat fee of \$60.

(j) The fee for a storable swimming pool, fish pond or similar structure shall be a flat fee of \$60.

(k) Fees for swimming pools above ground and not more than four feet six inches in depth shall be a flat fee of \$120.

(l) Fees for swimming pools other than those covered in Subsection A(1)(k) above shall be a flat fee of \$175.

(m) Fees for reroofing or residing on structures of Use Groups R-3 and R-5 shall be a flat fee of \$75 each. All other use groups shall be calculated as per Subsection A(1)(a)[2] above.

(n) Fuel oil storage tanks. The fee for removal of an R-3 or R-5 Use Group storage tank shall be \$60; all other tank removals shall be \$90. The fee for installation of a storage tank shall be \$300, except that use groups R-3 and R-5 shall be a flat fee of \$55.

(o) The fee for a demolition permit shall be \$55 for temporary structures less than 100 square feet and less than 10 feet in height. All other demolition permits for temporary structures shall be \$55.

(p) The fee for a demolition permit shall be \$150 for a structure less than 5,000

square feet in area and less than 30 feet in height as well as farm buildings, including commercial farm buildings under N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.2(d). For all other structures, the fee shall be \$300.

(q) The fee for the demolition of a pool shall be \$55.

(r) Fees for retaining walls shall be as follows:

[1] The fee for a retaining wall with a surface area greater than 550 square feet that is associated with a Class 3 residential structure shall be \$189.

[2] The fee for a retaining wall with a surface area of 550 square feet or less that is associated with a Class 3 residential structure shall be \$95.

[3] The fee for a newly constructed retaining wall of any size at other than a Class 3 residential structure shall be based on the cost of the construction.

(2) Electrical fixtures and devices. The fee shall be as follows:

(a) For the first block consisting of one to 50 receptacles, fixtures or devices, the fee shall be \$60; for each additional block consisting of up to 25 receptacles, fixtures or devices, the fee shall be \$1. For the purpose of computing this fee, receptacles, fixtures or devices shall include lighting fixtures, wall switches, convenience receptacles, sensors, dimmers, alarm devices, smoke and heat detectors, communications outlets, light standards eight feet or less in height, including luminaries, emergency lights, electric signs, exit lights or similar electric fixtures and devices rated 20 amperes or less, including motors or equipment rated less than one horsepower (hp) or one kilowatt (kw).

(b) For each motor or electrical device rated from one hp or one kw to 10 hp or 10 kw; for each transformer or generator rated from one kw or one kva to 10 kw or 10 kva; for each replacement of wiring involving one branch circuit or part thereof; for each storable pool or hydromassage bathtub; for each underwater lighting fixture; for household electric cooking equipment rated up to 16 kw; for each fire, security or burglar alarm control unit; for each receptacle rated from 30 amperes to 50 amperes; for light standards greater than eight feet in height including luminaries; and for each communications closet; the fee shall be \$20.

(c) For each motor or electrical device rated from greater than 10 hp or 10 kw to 50 hp or 50 kw; for each service equipment, panel board, switchboard, switch gear, motor control center, or disconnecting means rated 225 amperes or less; for each transformer or generator rated from greater than 10 kw or 10 kva to 45 kw or 45 kva; for each electric sign rated from greater than 20 amperes to 225 amperes, including associated disconnecting means; for each receptacle rated greater than 50 amperes; and for each utility load management device, the fee shall be \$75.

(d) For each motor or electrical device rated from greater than 50 hp or 50 kw to 100 hp or 100 kw; for each service equipment, panel board, switchboard, switch gear, motor control center or disconnecting means rated from greater than 225 amperes to 1,000 amperes; and for each transformer or generator rated from greater than 45 kw or 45 kva to 112.5 kw or 112.5 kva; the fee shall be \$145.

(e) For each motor or electrical device rated greater than 100 hp or 100 kw; for each service equipment, panel board, switchboard, switch gear, motor control center or disconnecting means rated greater than 1,000 amperes; and for each transformer or generator rated greater than 112.5 kw or 112.5 kva; the fee shall be \$750.

(f) The fee charged for electrical work for each permanently installed private swimming pool as defined in the building subcode, spa, hot tub or fountain shall be a flat

fee of \$78. Storable pools, fountains and spas for private (R3 or R5) shall be a flat fee of \$60. Inground pools for private (R3 or R5) shall be a flat fee of \$125. These flat fees shall include all receptacles, motors, pumps, switching, heaters and underwater lighting directly required for the pool, spa or fountain only.

(g) The fee charged for the installation of single and multiple station smoke, heat, Carbon monoxide or fire detectors in any one- or two-family dwelling shall be a flat fee of \$40 per dwelling unit. All other types of alarms shall be charged in accordance with Subsection A(2)(a) and (b) above.

(h) For installations consisting of multimeter stacks, the fee shall be based on the ampere rating of the main bus and not upon the number of meters or rating of disconnects on the meter stack. Individual loadside panel boards shall be charged in accordance with Subsection A(2)(c), (d), or (e) above. There shall be no additional fee charged for the concurrent installation of individual feeder conductors.

(i) For motors or similar devices requiring concurrent installation of individual controls, relays and switches, the fee shall be based only upon the rating of the motor or device. There shall be no additional fee charged for the concurrent installation of individual circuit components, for example, controllers, starters, and disconnecting means.

(j) For electrical work requiring replacement of service entrance conductors or feeder conductors only, the fee shall be based on the designated ampere rating of the overcurrent device of the service or feeder as follows:

[1] Two hundred twenty-five amperes or less: \$75;

[2] Two hundred twenty-six to 1,000 amperes, the fee shall be \$145; and

[3] Greater than 1,000 amperes: the fee shall be \$750.

(k) The fee charged for process equipment shall be based on the ampere rating of the overcurrent device protecting the conductor feeding the process equipment or the cutoff device.

(l) For the purpose of computing these fees, all electrical and communications devices, utilization equipment and motors which are part of premises wiring, except those which are portable plug-in type, shall be counted.

(m) For photovoltaic systems, the fee shall be based on the designated kilowatt rating of the solar photovoltaic system as follows:

[1] One to 50 kilowatts: \$100;

[2] Fifty-one to 100 kilowatts: \$250; and

[3] Greater than 100 kilowatts: \$750; and

[4] for each Megawatt, the fee shall be \$1000.

(3) Plumbing fixtures and equipment. The fees shall be as follows:

(a) The fee shall be in the amount of \$20 per fixture, piece of equipment or appliance connected to the plumbing system, and for each appliance connected to the gas piping or oil piping system, except as indicated in Subsection A(3)(b) below.

(b) The fee shall be \$95 per special device for the following: grease traps, oil separators, refrigeration units, utility service connections, backflow preventers equipped with test ports (double check valve assembly, reduced pressure zone and pressure vacuum breaker backflow preventers), steam boilers, hot-water boilers (excluding those for domestic water heating), active solar systems, sewer pumps and interceptors. There shall be no inspection fee charged for gas service entrances.

(4) For fire protection and hazardous equipment, sprinklers, standpipes, detectors (smoke

and heat or carbon monoxide), pre-engineered suppression systems, gas- and oil-fired appliances not connected to the plumbing system, kitchen exhaust systems, incinerators and crematoriums, the fee shall be as follows:

(a) The fee for 20 or fewer heads shall be \$95; for 21 to and including 100 heads, the fee shall be \$151; for 101 to and including 200 heads, the fee shall be \$300; for 201 to and including 400 heads, the fee shall be \$748; for 401 to and including 1,000 heads, the fee shall be \$1,200; for over 1,000 heads, the fee shall be \$1,500.

(b) The fee for one to 12 detectors shall be \$60; for each 25 detectors in addition to this, the fee shall be in the amount of \$25.

(c) The fee for each standpipe shall be \$289.

(d) The fee for each independent pre-engineered system shall be \$145.

(e) The fee for each gas- or oil-fired appliance that is not connected to the plumbing system shall be \$75.

(f) The fee for each kitchen exhaust system shall be \$150.

(g) The fee for each incinerator shall be \$500.

(h) The fee for each crematorium shall be \$460.

(i) For single and multiple station smoke or heat detectors and fire alarm systems in any one- or two-family dwellings, there shall be a flat fee of \$60 per dwelling unit. For detectors and fire alarm systems in buildings other than one- or two-family dwellings, the fee shall be charged in accordance with Subsection A(4)(b) above.

(5) The fee for plan review for elevator devices in structures of Group R-3, R-4, or R-5, and for elevator devices wholly within dwelling units in structures of Group R-2 shall be \$63 for each device.

(6) The fee for plan review for elevator devices in structures of groups other than R-3, R-4 or R-5 and devices in structures of Group R-2 exempted by Subsection A(5) above shall be \$328 for each device.

(7) The fees for elevator device inspections and tests shall be as set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:23-12.

(8) The fee for a mechanical inspection in a structure of Group R-3 or R-5 by a mechanical inspector shall be \$85 for the first device and \$25 for each additional device. No separate fee shall be charged for gas, fuel oil, or water piping connections associated with the mechanical equipment inspected.

(9) For certificates and miscellaneous items, the fees are as follows:

(a) The fee for a certificate of occupancy shall be a flat fee of \$65.

(b) There shall be no fee for a certificate of approval.

(c) The fee for a certificate of occupancy granted pursuant to a change of use group shall be a flat fee of \$150.

(d) The fee for a certificate of continued occupancy shall be a flat fee of \$150.

(e) There shall be a fee for a temporary certificate of occupancy of \$35 and \$35 for each issuance thereafter.

[1] Exception 1: There shall be no fee for the first issuance of the temporary certificate of occupancy, provided the certificate of occupancy fee is paid at the time when the permit is first issued.

[2] Exception 2: Where a written request for a temporary certificate of occupancy is made for reasons other than uncompleted work covered by the permit (such as uncompleted work required by prior approvals from state or

municipal agencies), no renewal fee shall be charged.

(f) The fee for a plan review of a building for compliance under the alternate systems and nondepletable energy source provisions of the energy subcode shall be \$345 for one- and two-family homes (Use Group R-3 and R-5) as well as light commercial structures having the indoor temperature controlled from a single point. For all other structures, the fee shall be \$1,725.

(g) For cross connections and backflow preventers that are subject to testing, requiring reinspection annually, the fee shall be \$75 for each device when they are tested.

(h) The fee for a permit for lead-hazard-abatement work shall be \$150. The fee for a lead-abatement clearance certificate shall be \$60.

(i) The fee for a permit for asbestos-hazard-abatement work shall be \$150. The fee for an asbestos-related certificate of occupancy shall be \$60.

(j) The fee for the annual electrical inspection of swimming pools, spas or hot tubs shall be \$60.

(k) The fee for an application for a variation in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.10 shall be \$975 for Class I structures, and \$250 for Class II structures, and \$168 for Class III structures. The fee for resubmission of an application for a variation shall be \$200 for a Class I structure, \$60 for a Class II structure and \$30 for a Class III structure.

(l) Hourly charges and fees for development-wide inspection of homes after issuance of a certificate of occupancy shall be in such amount as may be reasonable and necessary in order to ascertain whether a violation exists or to verify that any work performed has abated the violation. The hourly fee shall not exceed four times the hourly rate of pay for the Construction Official or any of the subcode officials or inspectors involved in determining whether a violation exists or verifying that any work performed has abated the violations.

(m) In addition to the fees specified above, a surcharge fee of \$0.00334 per cubic foot of volume shall be charged for new construction or additions, and a surcharge fee of \$1.70 for alterations, renovations and repairs. The surcharges shall be collected for training, certification and technical support programs as required by the Uniform Construction Code Act.[1]

B. The Construction Official shall determine the fee(s) for special services and/or conditions not specifically provided for in Subsection A above. Additionally, the Construction Official shall, with the advice of the subcode officials, prepare and submit to the Council biannually a report recommending a fee schedule based on the operating expenses of the enforcing agency and any other expense of the State Uniform Construction Code Act.

C. The local enforcing agency fee schedule for the various subcodes shall be deleted and the current state fee schedule inserted in its place in the event that the work is contracted for by a third-party agency. In addition to the state (D.C.A.) fees, an administrative surcharge of 15% shall be added thereto.

D. Waiver of fees.

(1) In the case of construction by the Township of Delran, Delran Board of Education, the Delran Fire Department, the Delran Sewer Authority and the Delran Emergency Squad, all construction, inspection, plan review or other fees of whatever nature set forth in this chapter may be waived by the Construction Official. The waiver of such fees is limited to the fees which represent income to the Township of Delran; such a

waiver shall not include payments to third-party inspection agencies or other fees that are mandated by the State of New Jersey.

(2) Such waiver as set forth in Subsection D(1) above shall be effectuated by request, in writing, to the Construction Official. The Construction Official shall give that waiver once satisfied that the request is consistent with the terms of this section.

(3) No fee shall be collected for work that may be required on a primary structure located on any lot or premises consequential to a natural disaster.

SECTION TWO. Chapter 118, “Construction Codes, Uniform”, Section 118-3, “Fees”, be and the same is hereby amended.

SECTION THREE. Each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION FOUR. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication according to law.

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

There were no comments.

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

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Parejo to adopt Ordinance 2021-15 on second reading.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo and Mr. Lyon voted aye.

Ayes:4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**ORDINANCE(S) ON FIRST READING**

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
ORDINANCE 2021-16**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 317,” TAXICABS” OF THE CODE OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN**



There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo and Mr. Lyon voted aye.

Ayes:4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**Resolution 2021-126** Authorizing Awarding of Contract for the 2021 Traffic Calming Improvements to Black Rock Enterprises in the amount of \$327,550.00

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeney to adopt Resolution 2021-126.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo and Mr. Lyon voted aye.

Ayes:4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**Resolution 2021-127** Authorizing Award of Contract for the 2021 Miscellaneous Concrete Improvement Project to Lexa Concrete, LLC for the base bid amount of \$342,630.60

Ms. Parejo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeney to adopt Resolution 2021-127.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo and Mr. Lyon voted aye.

Ayes:4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**Resolution 2021-128** Governing Body Certification of the 2020 Annual Audit

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to adopt Resolution 2021-128.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo and Mr. Lyon voted aye.

Ayes:4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**Resolution 2021-129** Approving the Corrective Action Plan based on the recommendations in the 2020 Audit Report

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to adopt Resolution 2021-129.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo and Mr. Lyon voted aye.

Ayes:4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**Resolution 2021-130** Awarding a contract for the purchase of a Sewer Camera Truck (SC01-21A) through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Cooperative Pricing Agreement in the total contact amount not to exceed \$224,640.61

Ms. Parejo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to adopt Resolution 2021-130.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo and Mr. Lyon voted aye.

Ayes:4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**Resolution 2021-131** Authorizing the Purchase of a New Holland B95 Backhoe through the Sourcewell Purchasing Network National Contract in the Lump Sum Amount of \$97,250.00

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeney to adopt Resolution 2021-131.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo and Mr. Lyon voted aye.

Ayes:4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **Resolution 2021-132** A Resolution to affirm the Township of Delran's Civil Rights Policy with respect to all Officials, Appointees, Employees, Prospective Employees, Volunteer, Independent Contractors and Members of the Public that come into contact with Municipal Employees, Officials and Volunteers
- b. **Resolution 2021-133** Amending Resolution 2021-106 Authorizing the Grass Cutting for 1223 Fairview Street
- c. **Resolution 2021-134** Extending Grace Period for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Taxes
- d. **Resolution 2021-135** Refunding Various Sewer Accounts
- e. **Resolution 2021-136** Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes of a Totally Disable Veteran located at Block 118, Lot 4.03 Qualifier C0206 Partial Tax Year 2021 and thereafter

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to adopt the consent agenda.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo and Mr. Lyon voted aye.

Ayes:4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**MOTIONS**

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeney authorizing the payment of bills including all purchases made under the cooperative purchasing agreement.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo and Mr. Lyon voted aye.

Ayes:4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Ms. Parejo accepting the report of the CFO including the

June YTD Revenue Report, YTD Budget Report and June Check Register.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo and Mr. Lyon voted aye.

Ayes:4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeney accepting the report of the Tax Collector and the Township Clerk.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo and Mr. Lyon voted aye.

Ayes:4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Ms. Parejo granting a mercantile license to the following:

- Delran Coffee Shop (New Owner) 102 Bridgeboro Street
- The Butcher and Grill, 4004 Route 130 North

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Ms. Parejo and Mr. Lyon voted aye.

Ayes:4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

## **REPORTS**

**Chief Peak, Delran Fire Department** – Chief Peak reported that it has been a busy month. They have had 63 calls for service since the last meeting and 403 calls year to date. Chief Peak reported on several notable calls including the severe storms this past month.

Chief Peak reported that on 7/28 they had six members graduate Fire Fighter 1 training through the County.

Mr. Lyon thanked them for all they do and their service to the community.

**Ms. Eggers** – No report.

**Mr. Hatcher** – Mr. Hatcher reported that we are in the process of going through our Employment Practice Liability Risk Management Program. We have updated the Employee Manual and provide a copy to all employees, distributed the Conscientious Employee Protection Act to all employees, adopt model Civil Rights Resolution. Also, we need to provide training to the supervisors and police employees and anti-harassment training to all employees. Once that is completed, we will have a lower deductible with the Municipal Excess Liability Fund. We are also going through our exposure review process.

Mr. Hatcher thanked all the department heads for their hard work on another excellent audit. Mr. Hatcher recognized Kareemah Press, CFO on an excellent job for her first audit.

**Mr. Catrambone** – Mr. Catrambone encouraged residents to attend Cops and Cones at Toppings at Armore on Monday 8/6 between 6-8 PM children 12 and under will receive a free cup or cone. Delran Police Officers will be in attendance to interact with the children. Children will also be able to take pictures in the police vehicles.

Mr. Catrambone reported that several residents have mentioned people soliciting door to door without permits. Please remember never to let anyone in your home and ask to see their solicitation permit. If they do not have one please close the door and call 911.

Mr. Catrambone reported that the Straight to Treatment Program has been a success and is saving lives.

Mr. Catrambone reported that yesterday the Delran Summer Camp started.

**Solicitor** – No report.

**Mr. Smith** – Mr. Smith recognized the Delran Fire and Police Department for an excellent job keeping everyone safe. Thank you for all your hard work.

Mr. Smith stated that he had the opportunity to attend the Straight to Treatment Event at Esquire License and it was very successful. Kudos to all the organizers and volunteers.

**Mr. Jeney** – Mr. Jeney echoed the comments from Mayor Catrambone and Mr. Smith.

**Ms. Parejo** – No report.

**Mr. Lyon** – Mr. Lyon stated that all of the employees in Delran are very dedicated and do a great job. We appreciate all their hard work.

Mr. Lyon stated that it is still not too late to get your covid vaccine.

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Bill Pfeffer, 43 N. Chester Avenue asked when Milanese Pizza will be demolished. It has been over two years and is an eye sore and probably filled with rats and vermin.

Mr. Catrambone reported that on several occasions we had the Construction Official out to the property. We will have him visit the property again tomorrow to inspect the property.

Mr. Siciliano stated that there are several steps we can take before we get to demolishing the building. If they ever see evidence of vermin, they can contact the County Board of Health immediately. The Code Official can certainly site the property for certain issues.

Mr. Pfeffer stated that his concern is for young kids getting into the property and getting injured as it is a real danger.

Mr. Siciliano will make sure the property is secure. There is certain criteria for an unsafe structure. The property may be an attractive nuisance but that does not make it unsafe.

Mr. Pfeffer stated that he has read several Township ordinances for both residential and commercial properties and they read all structures must be kept in a safe and clean condition.

Mr. Siciliano stated that Construction Official can site the property owner if it is not being kept in a safe and clean condition. They will have to appear in Municipal Court.

Mr. Pfeffer stated that after two years, maybe the Construction Official can begin siting the property owner and then maybe we will get some movement on the property.

Mr. Jeney suggested that we should have someone reach out to the owner to see what their intentions are with the property.

Mr. Pfeffer stated that researches Township minutes and he has noticed that whenever a vote on a Resolution is taken, the roll ayes and nays are not recorded.

Ms. Eggers stated that she is not aware of any missing votes and asked for a specific date in order to look into this further.

Mr. Pfeffer stated that they are never posted.

Mr. Pfeffer suggested that we post the meeting dates on the sign in front of the municipal building.

Ms. Eggers stated that she can add that information to the sign if they wish.

Mr. Pfeffer stated that his last item is whether there will be a traffic light at the new development on Chester Avenue. The traffic will be terrible once that is completed.

Mr. Lyon stated that there is no plan for a traffic light.

Bob Gilbert, 75 Stewart Avenue, asked if there has been any progress on the Governor's We Value our Veteran Award.

Mr. Lyon stated that Council will be discussing this at the next work session meeting.

Mr. Gilbert stated that he spoke the Superintendent and he is passing his information on to the History Department at the High School. They appear to be on board.

Mr. Gilbert asked what type of housing is being built at the Chester Avenue development. Will it be Section 8 housing.

Mr. Lyon stated that it will be affordable housing.

Mr. Catrambone stated that only 20% of the homes are affordable.

Mr. Gilbert asked if that is a privately-owned development.

Mr. Catrambone stated yes.

Mr. Gilbert stated that he has some concerns with no one overseeing the occupants of the development. The property is right next to the High School. Will they be screening the occupants.

Mr. Lyon stated that he could certainly call the developer and asked the process.

Mr. Gilbert stated that a dead body was found at Simon & Schuster this morning.

Mr. Catrambone stated this happened last week and is still under investigation.

Mr. Gilbert reported that the VFW will be hosting an ice cream party on 8/15. There is also a pig roast coming up. There has been no activity with the burials at General Doyle's Cemetery. Prior to the pandemic, we have buried 302 service members. We have also reunited 416 service members with family. We are hoping to meet again in September.

Commissioner Dan O'Connell, 5 Springcress Drive, stated that as Deputy Director for the County Board of Commissioners, he wanted to stop by to add their thanks and appreciation to Mayor and Council for honoring the Police officers, Fire Fighters and EMT's. As the liaison to Public Safety, he has learned a lot about mutual aid. He wanted to attend the meeting last month where the individuals were honored but he was out of town.

Commissioner O'Connell thanked Mayor and Council for their assistance with the recycling issues. We have been told the problem has been resolved.

Commissioner O'Connell stated that it was nice to see everyone tonight and they are doing a great job.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jamey Eggers, Township Clerk