

**REORGANIZATION MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**January 4, 2022  
DELRAN, NJ**

The meeting was called to order with a salute to the Flag by Councilman Burrell.

**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 December 28, 2021 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

**ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE**

At this time, the Oath of Office was administered to Marlowe Smith, Ward 3 Councilman by Assemblywoman Carol Murphy.

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

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Mr. Catrambone, Mayor, Mr. Siciliano, Solicitor and Ms. Larkin, Deputy Clerk were present.

**NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

Mr. Lyon nominated **Tyler Burrell** as **President of Council** for a term to expire **December 31, 2022**. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Jeney.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

Mr. Burrell nominated **Thomas Lyon** as **Vice President of Council** for a term to expire **December 31, 2022**. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Jeney.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS WITH ADVICE & CONSENT OF COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION 2022-01** Appointment of Siciliano & Associates as the Township Solicitor.

**RESOLUTION 2022-02** Appointment of CME Associates as the Township Engineer

**RESOLUTION 2022-03** Appointment of Parker McCay, P.A. as the Township Bond Attorney

**RESOLUTION 2022-04** Appointment of Marmero Law, LLC as the Township Labor Attorney

**RESOLUTION 2022-05** Appointment of Kathleen McGill Gaskill, Esq. as the Township Tax Attorney

**RESOLUTION 2022-06** Appointment of The Platt Law Group, P.C. as the Township Affordable Housing Attorney

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to adopt the above resolutions.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS**

**RESOLUTION 2022-07** Appointing Bowman & Company, LLP as Township Auditor

**RESOLUTION 2022-08** Appointing Daniel Rosenberg & Associates, LLC as Township Public Defender

**RESOLUTION 2022-09** Appointing Greg Perr as Township Prosecutor

**RESOLUTION 2022-10** Appointing Weiner Law Group, LLC., as Township Conflict/Special Attorney

**RESOLUTION 2022-11** Appointing Hardenbergh Insurance Group as Township Risk Management Consultant

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Parejo to adopt the above resolutions.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 2022-12** Establishing Rules Concerning Meeting Decorum and Procedures

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve Resolution 2022-12.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**RESOLUTION 2022-13** Cash Management Plan – Depositories and Investments

Ms. Parejo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve Resolution 2022-13.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**RESOLUTION 2022-14** Approving 2022 Annual Meeting Notice

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeney to approve Resolution 2022-14.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**RESOLUTION 2022-15 Adopting 2022 Temporary Budget**

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve Resolution 2022-15.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

**MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS**

Kimberly Bogie to the Planning Board as a Class 2 member for a term to expire December 31, 2022

Desiree Russell to the Planning Board as Alternate 1 for a term to expire December 31, 2023

**MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF COUNCIL**

James Hatzold to the Recreation Advisory Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2024

Kara Bottini to the Green Team for a term to expire December 31, 2024

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the above appointments.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS**

Thomas Lyon to the Planning Board as a Class 3 member for a term to expire December 31, 2022

Michael Anderson to the Zoning Board for a term to expire December 31, 2025

Tyler Burrell to the Recreation Advisory Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2024

Emily Klein to the Green Team for a term to expire December 31, 2024

Al Carp to the Green Team for a term to expire December 31, 2024

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Parejo to approve the above appointments.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

### **COMMENTS AND REMARKS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**Mayor Catrambone** – Mayor Catrambone will reserve comments for the public meeting.

**Ms. Parejo** – Ms. Parejo congratulated everyone and will reserve her other comments for the public meeting.

**Mr. Jeney** – Regarding meeting disciplines, Mr. Jeney asked the Council President if it was the same policy that we've been using.

Mr. Burrell stated yes. The same terms apply to the policy that is in place now.

Solicitor Siciliano stated that it is the same policy but it is adopted annually.

Mr. Jeney asked if it the same policy used by other townships, generally?

Solicitor Siciliano stated that it is a model ordinance that Mr. Siciliano worked on with Mr. Burrell. It's based on a line of case law and decisions followed throughout the state of New Jersey.

Mr. Jeney stated it supports resident involvement in our meetings. It just defines how we do that so as to have an organized meeting.

Solicitor Siciliano stated that we don't typically have unruly meetings but rules of decorum are in place if needed.

Mr. Jeney stated that it is smart to memorialize this in order to address some misinformation that is going around.

**Mr. Smith** – Mr. Smith expressed thanks to all and that he looks forward to working with the team again in 2022. It will be a big year with a lot of work to do.

Mr. Burrell stated he is glad to have Mr. Smith onboard officially. It's always something special to be elected on the ballot.

**Mr. Lyon** – Mr. Lyon offered congratulations to Mr. Smith and thanks to all of the people who volunteer their time on the various Township boards, committees, etc. and keep the Township running efficiently.

**Mr. Burrell** – **Mr. Burrell** thanked his colleagues for nominating him for Council President and thanked Assemblywoman Carol Murphy for swearing in Mr. Smith. Mr. Burrell stated that Mr. Smith is the perfect fit for Council. Mr. Burrell read an article by Wharton professor Adam Grant who outlined a hierarchy of thinking and leadership. Professor Grant stated that you are either a politician or a learner. Mr. Burrell said we need to employ a learner/leadership style which involves making the best decisions based on logic and evidence. This way of thinking will benefit Delran Township and keep the town moving forward. He reminded his colleagues that they all have the ability to make great changes for Delran Township.

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Commissioner Dan O'Connell wished everyone a happy new year and congratulated Mr. Smith and the entire Council. Mr. O'Connell, on behalf of the Burlington County Health Department, also thanked Delran Township for holding its meetings virtually. He wished the Mayor and Council all the best and he is just a phone call, text or email away if he is needed.

Patrick Duff, Haddon Heights resident, asked why there was only audio for participants with no option to be seen during the Zoom meeting.

Mr. Burrell said this is how Zoom works when it comes to participants contributing to the virtual meeting.

Mr. Duff questioned the need for Resolution #2022-12.

Mr. Burrell stated that it establishes the decorum rules for Council, planning, and zoning board meetings. It allows for citizens to engage in the meetings in a productive way. The resolution provides a rule book to follow for productive conversations. There is a Supreme Court case that requires this notice be published.

Mr. Duff asked about addressing Council members individually rather than Council as a whole and will this resolution change the way questions may be asked of representatives in Delran Township.

Mr. Burrell stated that typically you should be addressing Council as a whole but there is no change to what Council currently does. The ordinance was a result of a seminar that Council members

attended at the League of Municipalities held by our insurance company which asked that this ordinance be passed so townships are better equipped. Mr. Burrell stated the school board in Delran has a similar policy in place.

Mr. Duff feels that this ordinance gives the Council President a lot of leeway in deciding what comments are allowed. Mr. Duff feels that all comments that are non-threatening should be allowed even if they are repetitious, particularly if the question hasn't been answered.

Mr. Burrell stated that the resolution doesn't stifle speech, it makes it clear what the presiding officer's role is and that rules are established.

Mr. Duff asked the Mayor if he believes that taking pictures of the Dunphy property is in the job description of the Mayor and if those actions that are legal?

Mayor Catrambone said that he doesn't feel that this question is relevant to the meeting and isn't going to answer the question.

Mr. Duff stated that there are allegations of RICO violations, trespassing, and abuse of power. Have any of these allegations been reported to the authorities by Council members or the Solicitor?

Mr. Burrell stated that nothing was reported because these allegations were settled outside of court for the best of the town.

Mark Oberg, resident, commented on the rules of decorum stating that residents should be able to direct a question to an individual versus the Council as a whole. The Delran Board of Education only has power as a unit unlike the Delran Township Council who has individual power. If someone was accused of trespassing, it would have been immediately investigated by the board and then if there were any questions, it would have been bumped up to the state level.

Mr. Burrell stated no member of Council can act without a majority vote with the exception of the Mayor through administrative powers. Council is also a body and no one is stifling the ability for people to ask questions of individual members. The resolution is meant to prevent personal, frivolous questions that are unrelated to Township business.

Mr. Smith made a motion close the meeting to the public. Mr. Lyon seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

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

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers  
Municipal Clerk