

**PUBLIC MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**October 11, 2022
DELRAN, NJ**

CALL TO ORDER

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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 March 1, 2022 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Burrell were present. Mr. Jeney was absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Rizzuto, Solicitor, Mr. Bellina, Administrator, and Ms. Eggers, Township Clerk,

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

Mr. Catrambone presented a proclamation to Petty Officer Second Class, Donald Seymour, United States Navy.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes for the February 1, 2022, and February 8, 2022 Closed Session Meetings

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Lyon, and Mr. Burrell voted aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mrs. Apeadu made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes for the March 8, 2022 Public Meeting Minutes.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Lyon, and Mr. Burrell voted aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

ORDINANCE(S) ON SECOND READING

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
ORDINANCE 2022-19**

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH SALARIES FOR VARIOUS EMPLOYEES WITHIN THE DELRAN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND REGULATING THE MANNER OF PAYMENT OF SAME

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Delran in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that:

SECTION I. ANNUAL SALARIES

- A. The base salaries of all employees covered under the Delran Patrolman’s Association Agreement will be as follows per annum, per year indicated. These annual salaries are paid on a biweekly basis.

Year	Academy Recruit	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7
2021	\$39,037	\$49,283	\$55,240	\$61,199	\$67,156	\$73,116	\$79,072	\$85,032
2022	\$40,013	\$50,516	\$56,621	\$62,729	\$68,835	\$74,944	\$81,049	\$87,158
2023	\$41,013	\$51,778	\$58,036	\$64,297	\$70,556	\$76,817	\$83,075	\$89,337

Year	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
2021	\$90,988	\$96,948	\$102,910
2022	\$93,263	\$99,372	\$105,482
2023	\$95,594	\$101,856	\$108,119

- B. The base salary for the Chief of Police will be as follows per annum, per year indicated. These annual salaries are paid on a biweekly basis.

Year	Annual Salary
2021 (Effective 4/1/2021)	\$138,440.24
2022	\$142,593.45
2023	\$146,871.25
2024	\$151,277.39

Section II Repeal - All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Section III Adoption - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final adoption and publication according to law. This Ordinance is retroactive to January 1, 2021 for those employees currently employed at the time of the adoption of this ordinance.

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

There were no comments.

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

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu to adopt Ordinance 2022-19 on second reading.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Roll Call: Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Burrell voted aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Resolution 2022-188 Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Agreement Between the Township of Delran and the Summerhill Condominium Association to provide for Reimbursement for Trash Removal Services

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu to adopt Resolution 2022-188.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Roll Call: Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Burrell voted aye. Mr. Lyon abstained.

Ayes: 3

Nays: None

Abstain: 1

Motion Approved

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Resolution 2022-188** – Removed from Consent Agenda. See above.
- b. **Resolution 2022-189** Approving Raffle License #619 for Delran Middle/High School PTA **Resolution 2021-168** Authorizing the Cancellation and Refunding Tax Sale Certificate 21-00034
- c. **Resolution 2022-190** Authorizing Township Engineer to Perform Licensed Site

Remediation Professional Services for Remedial Investigation at Abrasive Alloys,
10 Rancocas

- d. **Resolution 2022-191** Authorizing the Reduction of Performance Guarantees and Escrows for Timber Ridge at Delran, LLC
- e. **Resolution 2022-192** Appointing Corey E. Ahart as the Municipal Court Judge
- f. Authorizing the Payment of Bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
- g. Accepting the report of the CFO including the July and August YTD Revenue Report, YTD Budget Report and July and August Check Register.
- h. Accepting the report of the Tax Collector and Township Clerk

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu to adopt the above Consent Agenda.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Roll Call: Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Burrell voted aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

REPORTS

Mr. Bellina – No report

Ms. Eggers – No report

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone reported that at the end of October, Pioneer will begin fixing the drainage issues at River Road.

Mr. Catrambone stated that the concrete and resurfacing work has begun on Notre Dame Drive, Fordham Street and other areas in the township.

Mr. Catrambone explained that the township phone system has a broken part which makes it impossible to leave a voice mail. The part has been ordered but is delayed so if residents need to contact anyone at the township, please use the contact form on the website.

Mr. Catrambone announced that the Green Team's costume swap which occurred last week was successful.

Mr. Catrambone reported that the firehouse will be having an open house on October 22nd from

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. It is also National Fire Prevention Month and people will be able to meet fire fighters and check out the equipment

Mr. Catrambone advised residents who will be on the roads in town, to watch for students who are participating in homecoming activities this week. He congratulated the kids and parents who are participating in this great event in town.

Ms. Rizzuto – Ms. Rizzuto reported that upon review of the 2021 Delran Township Municipal Audit and the corresponding corrective action plan that was adopted at the last meeting, the NJ Office of the Comptroller has determined that it will no longer seek to take the interviews of the three individuals that were previously identified. Therefore, all legal review with this matter has ceased.

Mrs. Apeadu – Mrs. Apeadu stated that she spoke with some of her constituents and she received a referral from one of the residents in Ward 1. As soon as she gathers some additional information, she will forward it over to the office.

Mr. Smith – Mr. Smith congratulated Petty Officer Second Class, Donald Seymour. Mr. Smith stated that he loves that the township is recognizing the veterans in town, giving us an opportunity to hear about their accomplishments.

Mr. Smith also reiterated the mayor's warning about watching people who are involved in the homecoming festivities.

Mr. Lyon – Mr. Lyon congratulated Mr. Seymour. He is appreciated.

Mr. Lyon wished luck to all of the classes involved in homecoming.

Mr. Lyon also stressed that residents should let the township know if anything needs to be taken care of in their neighborhoods.

Mr. Burrell – Mr. Burrell mentioned that Trunk or Treat begins at 3:00 PM on October 29th.

Mr. Burrell encouraged people to come out for the homecoming parade and skits this Saturday.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Pamela Geary, 9 Aster Court, questioned the resolutions awarding professional services to defend people working on behalf of the township, asking how that serves the residents. Mr. Burrell explained that anyone working on behalf of the township would not want to do their job if it opened them up to personal liability every time something happens. He also noted that this was not a criminal investigation. The NJ Office of the Comptroller decided that there was no longer a need to interview anyone. Ms. Rizzuto explained that Ms. Geary started by assuming that someone did

something wrong. Ms. Geary stated that the township uses the residents' money to protect their interests. Mr. Burrell stated that no one is trying to hide anything and it is all a matter of public record. Ms. Geary commented that the day will come when we have to answer for what we've done and that by saying nothing, you're just as guilty as the ones who are doing bad things.

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

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

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers
Municipal Clerk