

**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**April 22, 2008
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 December 21, 2007 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Macey, Mr. Ogozalek, Sr., Mr. Paris, Mr. Hermansky and Mr. Chinnici.

ALSO, PRESENT: Mr. Guest, Solicitor, Mr. Hatcher, Administrator and Ms. Meluita, Deputy Municipal Clerk

Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hermansky to approve the regular meeting minutes from the February 26, 2008

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Macey, Mr. Ogozalek, Sr., Mr. Paris, Mr. Hermansky and Mr. Chinnici voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Paris made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hermansky to approve the work session minutes from the February 20, 2008, March 5, 2008 and March 19, 2008.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Macey, Mr. Ogozalek, Sr., Mr. Paris, Mr. Hermansky and Mr. Chinnici voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mr. Hermansky made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. to introduce the 2008 Municipal Budget.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Macey, Mr. Ogozalek, Sr., Mr. Hermansky and Mr. Chinnici voted aye. Mr. Paris voted nay.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 1

Motion Approved

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 2008-35 Refunding Planning and Zoning Board Escrows

Resolution 2008-36 Refunding Zoning Board Application Fee of \$500 to Michael Livengood

Resolution 2008-37 Authorizing participation in Burlington County Shared Services Forum

Resolution 2008-38 Accepting and Adopting the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund – Loss Control Policy

Mr. Hermansky made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paris to adopt the resolutions.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Macey, Mr. Ogozalek, Sr., Mr. Paris, Mr. Hermansky and Mr. Chinnici voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

MOTIONS

Mr. Macey made a motion authorizing the payment of bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hermansky.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Macey, Mr. Ogozalek, Sr., Mr. Paris, Mr. Hermansky and Mr. Chinnici voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Hermansky made a motion, seconded by Mr. Macey to accept the report of the Tax Collector/CFO and the Township Clerk.

Mr. Macey, Mr. Ogozalek, Sr., Mr. Paris, Mr. Hermansky and Mr. Chinnici voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Hermansky made a motion granting the mercantile licenses listed below. The motion was seconded by Mr. Macey.

1. Premier Auto Tech, 130 Carriage Lane

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Macey, Mr. Ogozalek, Sr., Mr. Hermansky and Mr. Chinnici voted aye.
Mr. Paris voted nay

Ayes: 4
Nays: 1

Motion Approved

Mr. Macey read the National Safe Boating Week proclamation. Asked everyone to be careful and wear life jackets.

REPORTS

Mayor – The Mayor was absent.

Mr. Hatcher – Mr. Hatcher discussed two brief items. First, Delran Township is part of the Burlington County JIF which is a Shared Service for Joint Insurance of 18 communities in Burlington County and gets its re-insurance from the Municipal

Excess Liability Fund, which we are one of the 360 members of the 566 municipalities in the State. Delran Loss Ratios for the last three years is less than 23% there are a lot of safety programs that go on in the building all the employees participate in it. From safety movies to safety training to a safety kick-off breakfast that takes place with the Joint Insurance Fund and our insurance has been less than a 2% increase over last year, which is outstanding based on some of the things we used to go through when we were in the general market many years ago.

Secondly, through the Joint Insurance Fund we are also going to be looking at the possibility of a health insurance. There is a presentation that is going to be given on Friday of this week, at which I will review if there are any opportunities for Delran at that meeting.

Solicitor's report – No Report

Mr. Paris – Mr. Paris congratulation Ms. Zierler on her becoming the State PTA President. Mr. Paris thanked Gina Reed and Dave Moitozo for the EAA for the Amico Island Earth Day Celebration. Mr. Paris stated that the problem with the basins behind Hartford Corners has been resolved. He thanked Mr. Hatcher and the Township Engineer for handling that issue. Mr. Paris stated that there was a meeting regarding the section of Summerhill known as Millers Run. They will correct the grading issue and a sewer easement will be turned over to the Sewer Authority.

Mr. Ogozalek – no report

Mr. Hermansky – no report

Mr. Chinnici – no report

Mr. Macey – Mr. Macey thanked his fellow councilmen who supported the introduction of the budget on first reading tonight. This was not an easy year as is any year when you pass an increase on to the taxpayers of Delran. The public will hear more of an insight on May 27 at second reading which will give everyone an insight as to why Council had very little choice to end up where we did which is \$119 increase even though we lost two employees. However, we now have one less police officer and one less public works employee on the street. Mr. Macey pointed out that Cinnaminson might be doing away with their local dispatching something that Delran did approximately thirteen years ago.

Mr. Chinnici left the meeting at this point.

Public Portion of the meeting

Diane Zierler 128 Jacqueline Avenue – Thanked the Town Council and the Mayor for the proclamation on her becoming the State PTA President. Mrs. Zierler explained when you are elected State President, you get to pick a theme and Mrs. Zierler's theme is "Keeping the Focus", which means to keep the focus on every child.

Dolores Cannone - 910 Hubbs Street – Mrs. Cannone explained that she talked to the people in the tax office and found out there are 5,156 residential properties. Mrs. Cannone said that when we were reassessed that everyone's taxes went up at least by \$500. Mr. Macey said that this was not a result of the reassessment but as a result of the tax increase for that year that came at the same time as the assessment. Mrs. Cannone wanted to know that if you have \$500 reflected in 5,156 properties, is that reflected in the budget. Mr. Macey explained reassessments do not raise money. We are required to do assessments because our ratios are out of line with the fair market value of your home. Mr. Macey explained that every year we introduce a budget and increase the amount of tax based on the amount of the different taxing authorities who pass along increases and this is based on the value of your home. Increases are due to increases in School Budget, County Budget, Fire Budget and any other taxing jurisdiction that is involved in calculating the taxes on your home.

Gloria Stefans – 67 Janeway Avenue – Asked again about the reassessment. Mr. Macey again explained that at the exact time that the reassessment kicks in, so does the increase in the school budget, municipal budget, etc.

Thomas Marrow 94 Pancoast – Mr. Marrow wanted to give Council a little bit of an update on the Pancoast development. On April 8, there was a meeting at the County on the proposed road and he and a few neighbors attended that meeting. There was a representative for the lawyer of the construction firm, engineer and traffic study gentlemen. The county did the presentation of the development and there are four outstanding issues and/or problems with the road. The residents had an open mike and were allowed to speak and voice their opposition to the development and road onto Fairview Street. The application was denied which is a small victory for the residents. The developer has to come back with a new set of plans and another idea for the road. Mr. Marrow also said there is going to be parking issue of additional parking on Fairview Street because the developer is not showing any overflow parking in his development.

Mr. Marrow also wanted to point out that Public Service is looking to help municipalities with their energy sources if they go into a solar energy source. Mr. Marrow hopes that the Township Council would do a little research on this possibility.

Mr. Guest clarified that the Township can pass an ordinance regulating the parking but the ordinance has to be approved by the County since it is a County road.

Michael Jewell 116 Greenbrier Road – Mr. Jewell is in attendance to promote this year's Relay for Life of Delran on May 30 and 31 at Delran High School. He wanted to raise awareness and funds in the fight against cancer. Mr. Jewell asked for a proclamation from the Mayor to be read at the Relay. Also, the American Cancer Society names May 1 as "Paint the Town Purple" Day which is a day set aside to get everyone excited and promote the event. Mr. Jewell requested that the Township do anything they can in the smallest way to put purple ribbons in the parking lot, etc.

A motion for adjournment was made by Anthony Ogozalek and seconded by Mr. Hermansky. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Adele Meiluta