

**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**JUNE 27, 2006
DELRAN, NJ**

The meeting was called to order with a salute to the Flag by Council President McDermott at 8:00 PM.

**The roll was called and Mr. Chinnici, Mr. Macey, Mr. Ogozalek, Sr., Mr. Hermansky and Mr. McDermott were present.
Also present: Mayor Stellwag, Mr. Hatcher, Administrator, and Mrs. McPhee, Clerk**

SUNSHINE STATEMENT: Be advised that the Township Council has given proper notice in accordance with the sunshine law in the following manner. Notice mailed to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post on December 20, 2005 and posted on the bulletin board of the same date.

Mr. Hermansky made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. to approve the minutes for May 17 and May 23, 2006

There being no questions, the roll was called.
Mr. Chinnici, Mr. Macey Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. Mr. Hermansky and Mr. McDermott voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution rescinding resolution #2006-50 Chapter 159 Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program. #2006-53

Resolution accepting the 2005 Municipal Audit. #2006-54

Resolution awarding a bid for the installation of handicap ramps. #2006-55

Resolution – Transportation Trust Fund #2006-56

Resolution awarding a bid for the purchase of police uniforms #2006-57

Resolution prohibiting road openings on certain roads. #2006-58

Resolution refunding permit #20050687 #2006-59

Resolution Chapter 159 Alcohol Education Rehabilitation Fund #2006-60

Resolution approving raffle license for Holy Cross High School PTA #2006-61

Resolution Chapter 159 – Drunk Driving Enforcement. #2005-62

Resolution calling in the performance bond for E.E.J. Mechanical #2006-63

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

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

MOTIONS

Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hermansky to pay the bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Chinnici made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. to accept the reports of the Tax Collector/CFO and Township Clerk.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Hermansky made a motion seconded by Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. to grant the following mercantile license to:

Union Financial Services 950 Chester Avenue Bldg. B
Wal-Mart Stores (office) 5011 Route 130 South
PetSmart 4004 Route 130
Robert Alterman, Inc. 207A-19 Carriage Lane
Carigno Brothers Wholesale Outlets 207 A-16
Carriage Lane

There being no questions, the roll was called.
Mr. Chinnici, Mr. Macey Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. Mr. Hermansky and Mr. McDermott voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

REPORTS

MAYOR

At this time, Mayor Stellwag presented Tania Reath and Corinne Goss with plaques recognizing each of them for the outstanding work they have done over the years with the food drive.

Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. also commented on the work done for the food drive by the teachers.

ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Hatcher commented on the 2005 audit resolution which was adopted this evening. He stated that this audit was again without comments or recommendations. To establish this, it takes a great deal of work from the department heads and staff such as the public works department, police department, treasurer, the chief financial officer, township clerk and the court administrator who bring about the purchasing system under a 12 million budget. He thanked the department heads for bringing this about.

Mr. Hatcher commented on the resolution awarding a contract for the installation of handicap ramps which is being funded through a Community Development Block Grant Program. A preconstruction meeting will be held on July 6th with construction starting approximately two week from then.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the Storm Water Management Act requires the Township to label the storm drains therefore, we have put in the purchase order for the markers and the markers are due to be shipped out at the end of this week. The public works department will be working with Eagle Scouts who will be doing an Eagle Scouts project to assist in putting the storm drain markers on. The project will take place in July and run through early August. Once the project is completed, we will ask the Eagle Scouts to come to a meeting to be recognized.

SOLICITOR

Mr. Guest had no report.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mr. Macey stated that tonight is Mr. McDermott's last night in an official capacity as Councilman. He stated that he has worked with Mr. McDermott for the past 8 ½ years noting that Mr. McDermott has been a Councilman for 12 years and it has been a pleasure working with him and he will miss his passion. He stated that he and Mr. McDermott didn't always agree but there was one thing we both agreed on and that was that we love this community.

At this time, the Mayor and Council presented Councilman Brian K. McDermott with a clock with a plaque as this was his last meeting as councilman after serving in the position for the past 12 years.

Mr. McDermott stated it is really an experience to serve on the governing body in a small town as you don't get a choice you get anything that comes your way. There were some bad points during the experience but most were positive. He stated that he has the distinction of serving as the longest term councilman in the history of the Township, 12 years and 2 months.

Mr. McDermott stated that the governing body has done a fantastic job and in looking around the Township and driving along the Route 130 corridor and see the transformation that has taken place most of which has been in the past 5 or 6 years.

Mr. McDermott stated that taxes are another thing and no one is happy in the State of New Jersey but again the average tax increase on the local purpose level was 6% for over the past 12 years which is really an achievement, it is not out of whack with other townships. He stated that the residents have had good governing with the people sitting on Council this evening and he expects to see this trend to continue.

Mr. McDermott expressed his thanks for the support from the members of Council as well as the professionals who work in the Township namely, Jeffrey Hatcher, Administrator, Donna Ibbetson, Tax Collector/CFO, Bernadette P. McPhee, Township Clerk, Ed Bart the Public Works Superintendent, and the Chief of Police.

Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. stated that it was great working with Mr. McDermott and wished his success in the future.

Mr. Hermansky stated that Township will miss Mr. McDermott but they don't know how much. Mr. McDermott has been an inspiration to me since he has been on Council.

Mr. Chinnici echoed the same sentiments, it has been a pleasure for those 6 years, he wished him best of luck.

Mr. Chinnici also thanked Mrs. Goss and Mrs. Reath for their fine work. He wished them well in their retirement. Mr. Chinnici also thanked Sergeant Murphy for the Delran Night at the Riversharks this past Saturday.

Public Portion of the meeting

Gary Catrambone 261 Burning Tree Road mentioned a situation at the Sewerage Authority which causes us great concern. He stated that he understands that there

is a police presence at the Sewer Plant from 4 pm to 7 am. He asked if anyone could help us understand, what this is all about and who is paying for this.

Mr. Baxter, solicitor for the Sewerage Authority stated that there is an ongoing investigation at the Sewerage Authority as a result of certain tests that we got back as part of our normal testing process. Preliminarily it appears that what was found may not be used in our processing and may have been introduced from an outside source. The investigation has just started and it is continuing. The authority had a meeting last night and they are concerned about the safety of the plant, and the public. The employment of the police is simply watch dogs from the end of the business day to the beginning of the next business day and around the clock in weekends until we can get to the bottom of it. We have commissioned the police department to begin an investigation as to what may have happened there as well as the Sewerage Authority engineer who will perform their internal technical investigation of the site.

Mr. Catrambone stated just to fill you in officially or on the record, we were in attendance at the meeting yesterday and seems as though there was a DEP inspection and their was chlorine found in the water somewhere in the process and that is what the investigation is about.

Mr. Catrambone stated that the Director of Operations is not on the premises and the Sewerage Authority has reactivated a position that for the past 3 years has been vacant and they just refilled the position in an attempt to make up for work that couldn't be done since the director was out. He stated that it was explained to him last night that this person was to serve as a double check however; the memorandum that was distributed states that this person is serving in both purposes, the person is serving as the director of operations as well as the assistant director of operations. The person came into the job which was recently reactivated for an additional \$50,000 a year. He stated that it is his feeling that perhaps the sewerage authority should tie up some of their loose ends and maybe the person who is the director should either be returned to work or replaced because we are paying him and an assistant to do in essence, the same job.

Mr. Macey asked if he was talking about George Conard, and stated hasn't he retired, hasn't he sent in his papers for retirement. Mr. Catrambone stated that he is not aware of that. Mr. McDermott stated that he has time coming to him because he is retiring. Mr. Macey stated that he doesn't think there is an intent on him returning. He stated that he understands that Mr. Conard is no longer working there.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he wasn't aware that he is not returning. Mr. Macey stated that he doesn't know that for sure. Mr. Catrambone stated that his concern is that we are paying for a director and an assistant director. Mr. Macey stated that this typically happens when people are out on extended leave and it has to do with his right to take leave and still be paid as he may have accumulated sick time. Unfortunately, in the world we live in with State benefits and State leave of absence there are plenty of circumstances where there are leaves of absence.

Mr. Macey stated that he understands what Mr. Catrambone is saying that paying two people for the same job is a waste of public funds but it has nothing to do with

the circumstance of the chlorine issue or supervision. if the individual has time coming to him then the authority has to pay him.

Mr. Catrambone stated that there was someone who was filling in for Mr. Conrad as temporary director at no additional pay and he was removed from that capacity and the position was reinstated. He stated that it appears that it may have been due to his connections. He went on to say that the individual who was replaced as the temporary director at no additional cost has higher licensing than the person who is now the assistant director. The assistant director position was created so that this person would be the only person who would be applicable to fill that spot.

Mr. Catrambone stated that due to the fact that the authority has authorized the spending of an additional \$50,000, he felt that Council should be made aware of this.

Mike Johnston 402 Pine Street, Delanco NJ stated that he was here on behalf of his mother Carol Johnston who lives at 806 Colby Avenue. For the record, Mr. Johnston, is an employee of the Delran Sewerage Authority. Mr. Johnston stated that he thinks the chlorine issue with the plant was that on June 21, 2006, the director of operations stayed late flushed and used either bleach or chlorine to clean the UV system and the reason he said that is because on June 22, 2006..... Mr. Hermansky interrupted him and stated that if there is an investigation going on and you are an employee of the authority he recommends that he not state anything further for the simple fact that you may be called to testify on the matter. Mr. Johnston stated that he wants to state my facts. Mr. Macey stated for what purpose. Mr. Johnston stated that the taxpayers have to pay the police to watch the plant and felt that it is unfair that the taxpayers have to pay police officers that don't really need to be there when you have a director of operations and on June 21, 2006 they stayed late and either used bleach or chlorine to flush the system. Mr. Hermansky stated do you know that they used that or are you guessing. Mr. Johnston stated no, I know they did it as I have pictures. On June 22, 2006, when the DEP came there was chlorine in system.

Mr. Johnston spoke at length on the issue and noted an issue with a pumping station that went down and Mr. Ogozalek, Sr., is the person who signs the purchase orders. This incident could have produced raw sewerage on the street as there is no bypass system in place for an emergency such as this. He felt that this was misconduct on Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. part because it could have been a health and safety issue to the people of Delran, the board should look into removing him from the Sewerage Authority as well as resign as Councilman. The Mayor should also resign as Mayor. Mr. Hermansky stated all this because they didn't do what you thought they should have done. Mr. Johnston asked Mr. Hermansky not to interrupt him noting that Mr. Hermansky has an illegal connection as he is dumping his pool into the storm culvert. Mr. Hermansky stated that he will take this issue under advisement.

Mr. Johnston stated that he would like an investigation of the Sewerage Authority by the Township Council on the removal of Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. from the Sewerage Authority for misconduct.

This discussion continued on the subject.

Mr. Macey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hermansky to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM

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