

I have several items I would like to mention tonight

First, I would like to wish the Delran Fire Department a lot of success with their new building. It is such a nice facility and it was an excellent Grand Opening on such a beautiful day. There was a very nice event for the residents with tours of the facility. My wife and I really enjoyed conversations that we had with the young military veterans that were in attendance as well.

I would like to thank my fellow councilmen regarding the passage of the ordinance that pertains to the change in the times of the curfew in our parks, this was a major concern to the residents in Summer Hill that was brought to my attention as a result of the house intrusion and continued vandalism in Summer Hill.

Regarding the Nepotism Ordinance, I am happy to get the first reading of this ordinance passed, if all it takes is minor tweaks by Mr. Macey to the ordinance, but it has the same intent, I'm all for it. Let's see it pass its second reading.

We have had numerous complaints regarding the terrible odor that exists at the intersection of Hartford and Bridgeboro roads, we have requested that the Sewer Authority investigate the situation and report back to council regarding their findings.

Last month I requested Town Council to purchase a new recording device for our Town Council work session and public meetings. If requested, by OPRA (Open Public Records Act), this device would have the capability of producing clear copies of the recordings of our meetings. I believe we identified one and the cost will be approximately \$30.

I want to report that the Delran Business Association had their second meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> and I believe it was again very successful. I heard that approx. 25 - 30 businesses were in attendance. Board and Committee positions were voted on and assigned.

The following people were nominated and voted to be the officers of the Delran Business Association:

Greg Boehmke - President  
Scott Smith - First Vice President  
Debra Eckenhoff - Second Vice President  
Luz Rodriguez - Secretary  
Bernadette Bayuk - Treasurer

The following people were nominated and appointed as committee chairman to the Delran Business Association:

Raymond Moorehouse - Membership Committee  
Michael Anderson - Public Relations & Advertising  
Mary Parento - Public Affairs and Legislation

Paul Schultz is the legal Advisor

I want to give a special thank you to each of these individuals who are taking a proactive role in this association, for the betterment of Delran. I also want to wish them much success in their endeavor.

Finally, I would like to discuss the latest flyers that have been blanketing the community. I would love to see the monies wasted on all these flyers be donated to charities or on needed school supplies. These flyers are nothing but lies and are causing more aggravation and work on our township employees. I'm sure the intention of these flyers were to try and get me to go away, or to get the residents to turn against me but, I am not going away and I appreciate the continued support I've been receiving from the residents who have received these flyers.

Regarding the League of Municipalities, last year I referred to this event as a social event, I did not attend this event last year and suggested if we really needed to attend it and it was beneficial to our town then why don't we just send a select few (instead of nine people) and rotate the people every year. Those few could report out to the rest of council and township staff. This request fell on deaf ears.

This year, enrollment for reservations came around again. All council registered to attend the event again with township staff. Reservations were set at Caesar's Casino at \$480.00 per person. I wasn't going to attend. At the next work session, following registration my fellow councilmen and township administrator insisted that I should go, that it is very educational and that I should go.

Thus, I contacted Donna Ibbetson a week later asking her to confirm a reservation for me. At that time there were no rooms available at Caesar's so I had my reservations set at the Tropicana at \$340.00.

Then these flyers come out, that I am the only council person (singled out again) attending this League of Municipalities, and that Gary Catrambone was going, which was a total lie..... Then they actually put a Township employees name and phone number on the flyer to contact, putting this person in the middle and again wasting township money with fruitless work for a township employee.

Then I was told Councilman Macey and Councilman Chinnici canceled their reservations, so similar to the musical chairs that existed regarding the nepotism ordinance. I have now decided to cancel my reservation, the one I never believed was necessary in the first place.

The only two people aware of my original reservation were the township administrator and the township tax clerk. I did ask the Tax Clerk to keep a list of people that should contact her regarding the reservations so I could contact them to clear up the miscommunication. Then, another flyer came out referring that request for the list. The only people that knew of this request were the township administrator and the tax clerk.

While I am not accusing Jeff or Donna of leaking this information, we now know that someone within earshot of their offices is feeding this information to the people producing these flyers. I am asking the people leaking the information to either stop wasting time and taxpayer money or ask these cowards to stand up like men, or women, and discuss these issues in public. The people of Delran know this is political rhetoric and can see through this small minded scheme.

These are false accusations that are being used by my opposition. A lot of money is being spent on multiple flyers, mailers and postage. It's kind of obvious where they're getting their funding.

I guess it's starting early. And, I am not even up for reelection until 2010.

Thank you,  
Ken Paris