

Good Evening.

There are several issues that I would like to discuss tonight.

First, I have discussed the donation of money and equipment with several businesses in town for the children of Delran. I assumed that my fellow councilmen would want to be involved with this effort. To my surprise, they wanted no part of this project.

Therefore, I am researching the formation of a non profit organization that would collect and distribute money to be used as scholarship money for Delran Township students. I have also had businesses come to me to donate equipment to the township. I am happy to report that Ott's Laurel Tavern has donated a pitching machine to the Township AA and committed to donate to the scholarship fund.

Second, due to the current state of politics, I have attempted to introduce an Anti-Nepotism ordinance. My fellow councilmen have ignored my initial recommendation indicating that they felt it was not necessary. I am aware of several instances of family members of elected and appointed officials in Delran being hired for township positions. I want to eliminate any possibility of improper action. I will continue to fight for this ordinance.

Third, I was approached by the Grande Homeowners Association to help with a problem involving flooding caused by what appears to be poor drainage design. I have set up a meeting with the association, the developer and the township engineer to attempt to find a solution to this serious problem.

Fourth, I have discovered that there may be some discrepancy in the chain of ownership for what is referred to as Section 12 in Summerhill. This is the section that is being built as we speak. The tax records indicate that there was either confusion or misappropriation of tax obligation or ownership of that property. I am continuing to investigate the problem and will report back to the people as I uncover more details.

Finally, I am deeply concerned about the true nature of the influence of partisan politics in the handling of the appointments in the townships boards and authorities. Although Delran elections are supposed to be non partisan, all but one appointed position is filled with registered Republicans. I have suggested intelligent, involved and eager to serve individuals to several positions and have been stonewalled.

Another deep concern is that not only are my fellow councilmen not appointing new, eager, talented candidates that I am suggesting, they are out voting me to place people who already hold a position on another board or authority to fill the spots as they open. While I cannot out vote them on these appointments, I can let the public know that this is their method of operation.

I will continue to speak my mind and make every attempt to voice the concerns fo the residents of Delran.

I thank you for this opportunity.