

**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2007  
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, 2006 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

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

Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paris to approve the work session and special meeting minutes for August 15, 2007.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4  
Nays: None  
Abstained: 1

Motion Approved

Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hermansky to approve the minutes for the July 24, 2007 Regular Meeting.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5  
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**ORDINANCES OF FIRST READING**

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
ORDINANCE 2007-12**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY  
LOCATED AT BLOCK 83, LOTS 12, 13, AND 14**

Mr. Hermansky made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. to adopt the ordinance on first reading by title only.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
ORDINANCE 2007-13**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH SALARIES FOR VARIOUS OFFICIALS OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW  
JERSEY AND REGULATING THE MANNER OF PAYMENT OF SAME**

Mr. Hermansky made a motion, seconded by Mr. Macey. to adopt the ordinance on first reading by title only.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
ORDINANCE 2007-14**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12, "TRAFFIC" OF  
THE GENERAL REVISED ORDINANCE OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN AND ESTABLISHING WEIGHT LIMITS FOR ECHO  
AVENUE, COOPER STREET AND ONEDA AVENUE**

Mr. Hermansky made a motion, seconded by Mr. Macey to adopt the ordinance on first reading by title only.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5  
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
ORDINANCE 2007-15**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN VACATING  
A PORTION OF THIRD STREET AT LEON AVENUE**

Mr. Macey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hermansky to adopt the ordinance on first reading by title only.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 4  
Nays: None  
Abstained: 1

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
ORDINANCE 2007-16**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 231, "PARKS AND  
PLAYGROUNDS", SECTION 231-2, 'HOURS' OF THE  
REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
DELRAN**

Mr. Hermansky made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paris to adopt the ordinance on first reading by title only.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5  
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
ORDINANCE 2007-17**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED EXPENSES IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING \$1,050,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$962,500 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME AND REAPPROPRIATING \$200,000 PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES.**

Mr. Hermansky made a motion, seconded by Mr. Macey to adopt the ordinance on first reading by title only.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

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

Ayes: 5  
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA**

Resolution 2007-73 Refunding Tax Overpayments

Resolution 2007-74 Approving Raffle License #339 Samuel T. Lambert VFW Post 3020

Resolution 2007-75 Authorizing Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License from Lonestar Steakhouse to Grayling Corporation t/a Chili's Bar & Grill

Resolution 2007-76 Refunding Planning and Zoning Board Escrows

Resolution 2007-77 Approval of the Amendments to Management Benefits Package

Resolution 2007-78 Approving Change Order for 2006 Road Improvements

Resolution 2007-79 Resolution to Amend Capital Budget

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

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

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

Anchor Moving & Storage, 1829 Underwood Blvd., Unit 5

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

## **REPORTS**

**Mayor** - Mayor Stellwag reported that he would like to clear up some rumors that only one person has the ability to make cuts or increases to the budget. He stated that only person who can make cuts and increases is the Mayor before it goes to Council. Once it goes to Council they as a group must decide on cuts and increases, not just one person.

**Administrator** – Mr. Hatcher reported that the DOT will make the requested changes to the stop lines at both Haines Mill Road and Chester Avenue. They have not given us a time table but they will move the stop lines in order for the cars to be able to see the traffic lights. We have also received a \$72,000 grant from the County CDBG Program to continue with the handicap ramp which will begin in the spring. The Burlington County JIF has a dividend of \$300,000 of which \$38,954 Delran will receive for our participation. Next meeting we will

apply the dividend to next year's premium. We have received notice for the Elected Officials Seminar which also enables us to get \$250.00 for each member of Council who attends. The seminar will also be offered during the League of Municipalities Convention in November.

**Solicitor** – Mr. Guest had no report.

### **Members of Council**

**Mr. Hermansky** – Mr. Hermansky had no report.

**Mr. Paris** – Mr. Paris stated that he would first like to report on the positive issues in Delran.

First, a special thank you to the engineering firm of Adams, Rehmann & Heggan for donating 4 Phillies Box seats and parking pass to the Duda family. I just wanted to let the former Principal's family know that they are still in our thoughts during this difficult time.

I am happy to report that the Delran Business Association had their first meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup>. They distributed the proposed by laws and are gearing up for continued growth. They are still reaching out to more businesses and I encourage any business owners in the audience to contact them and join this organization. Their second meeting will discuss board and committee selections. The roads to be repaired have been announced and they are: All of Jacqueline Avenue, Westover Drive, Westover Court and Sawmill Court.

I am happy to report that Council agreed to pass the first reading of the ordinance regarding curfew in our parks. I know a lot of residents have been concerned about the recent acts of vandalism and the intrusion of a resident's home in Summer Hill. Thus approving a 9 p.m. curfew when there is no Delran AA game scheduled or 11 p.m. on nights that there are games scheduled with permits.

I would request that Councilman Macey and Councilman Hermansky please report on the progress of the application for six single family homes on the parcel between Pancoast and Harper Blvds.

I wanted to say that Council is also pursuing a large parcel of land for open space. We are taking the necessary steps in finalizing this effort.

Now I want to discuss the issues that concern me as the minority of opinion on Council.

I was told on September 19<sup>th</sup>, at our work session that Councilman Macey is now planning to revise that Anti Nepotism Ordinance to try to get a consensus. At the previous meeting, it looked as if we could finally pass this ordinance because we could get the three votes needed. Now, it is becoming clear that this is a game that my fellow councilmen are playing. It had become apparent that they just don't have the nerve to go on record and vote against this ordinance. It appears that they are just going to play musical chairs with the vote until it goes away. I question their motives and exactly who they are trying to protect. These delays surely do not protect the taxpayer's interest.

Since, I was trying to keep specific examples of nepotism confidential in our town; apparently, it hasn't been an effective way to show how much we need this ordinance. Thus, I have put together some of the easy examples of why not having this law is hurting the taxpayers.

There are several instances where there are particularly troubling circumstances surrounding township employment. It seems that the position of Assistant Superintendent at the Sewer Authority is available only for relatives of Mayor and Council and is only necessary when a relative needs the position. One of Mr. Ogozalek's cousins was promoted from Assistant Superintendent to Assistant Superintendent/Director of Operations, with a pay increase, a year or so before retiring. That means that his state pension would be calculated on his higher pay level. Then the position became unnecessary for a couple of years. When the prior Superintendent, George Conrad, retired, the Acting Superintendent was removed from his position to return to the position of Operator and the Mayor's brother-in-law was promoted to a position that suddenly became necessary. The position was that of Assistant Superintendent.

There are others. There is one department in the Township where a wife is the assistant to her husband.

I had hoped that I would not be forced to have to discuss details in public meetings but the deception that there is no real need for this ordinance has gone on long enough.

Now I want to address these flyers that have been illegally placed in resident's mail boxes and that were mailed to my residence this past Saturday afternoon and also mailed to other residents. The first thing is that the content of one of the flyers, referring to me as a Jesus betrayer and referencing 9-11 was totally disgraceful. I also wanted to make note that I am the minority on this council and I have only been in office one year. Not one of my four fellow councilmen, except the Mayor tonight, who have been in office from six to eleven years, took responsibility for their votes nor did they publicly come to my defense. This caused me to have to come to my own defense.

I requested the hard copy of the minutes as evidence of me personally questioning almost every line item on the budget, and insisting on having the special meeting prior to the public meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup> to see if we could go over it one last time.

I realized that they are not transcribed; they are very general and non specific. I submitted an OPRA request for copies of the original tapes from the budget meetings. I received the copies of the meetings and they were unintelligible. I questioned our township clerk on how they were copied. She stated that since these were recorded on mini micro cassettes we could only copy them from one machine to another through the air. Our recording device appears to be from the 1960's. This is how we give copies out over the years.

OPRA requires that you give out audible tapes, I know a year or so ago residents received OPRA tapes on Sewer Authority minutes and they were inaudible.

So at the last work session, I requested that the Township Clerk purchase an up to date recording and taping duping device and Councilman Macey said what if we don't want it. This makes it appear that Council doesn't want residents to

know what is really going on. This makes it much more difficult for people to find out the real story about the budget. This also misleads the public regarding the minutes that we have fought so hard to get on the township's website. I feel having audible tapes available from the entire township meetings should be made a priority. This is unacceptable and unethical especially since it has been known that this has been going on for a long time. Mr. Paris thanked Jamey, Township Clerk, and Adele, Mayor's Secretary, for all the additional work that this situation has created. Regarding the second flyer about cronyism that was sent to my residence, I had made a couple of nominations to the boards once I was elected to office over a year and a half ago. One was to nominate myself to one of the two Council seats on the planning board and the other was the nomination of Gary Catrambone to the Delran Sewer Authority. Gary is very knowledgeable about the Sewer Authority since he started watching their activities nearly ten years ago. There have been numerous allegations regarding the Sewer Authority's reinstatement of previously unnecessary position of Assistant Superintendent, the position which happens to be the mayor brother-in-law. Council Bert Hermansky personally asked Gary Catrambone if he would serve on the Sewer Authority back in 2000. Mr. Hermansky stated that he did not ask Gary to serve, just if he would be interested. Mr. Paris wanted a presence on both boards overseeing their processes. Both requests were not honored. These nominations were provided, by mail, only to the Mayor, the Administrator and Council members present, so it is interesting that this information came on a flyer with the other anonymous budget flyer in his mail. Just yesterday, another flyer was sent, in care of the Township Administrator, indicating knowledge of the fact that the County Prosecutor decided not to investigate the previous flyer referring to Jesus and 9-11 as a hate crime. This flyer requested that, in light of this information, the police would not be involved with the investigation since this was political activity. The only people with knowledge of the prosecutor's determination were the Chief of Police, Administrator, Mayor and Council. This leaves one conclusion, someone sitting up here is feeding the information to this unregistered group of anonymous people.

**Mr. Ogozalek, Sr.** – Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. stated that he has one comment on the nepotism ordinance. Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. stated that Mr. Paris was quoted in the newspaper on June 29<sup>th</sup> saying that Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. and Mr. Hermansky said they do not believe there is a problem with nepotism and the ordinance is unnecessary. Again, on August 30<sup>th</sup> Mr. Paris was quoted saying the same thing, that Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. believes the ordinance is not necessary. Today in the Burlington County Times, Mr. Paris stated that Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. wants a stricter nepotism ordinance. First he is saying that I do not want the ordinance then he says I want one. Right there it shows he is a blatant liar. Everything he says you have to take with a grain of salt. Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. stated that he has been here 50 years and on the government payroll for 50 years and he has seen it all. He has seen it all from beginning to end. The latest one, a woman in the clerical office asked to quit her job to go into the Burlington County Police Academy. After two weeks, she dropped out and came to apply for her job back.

She was told that she could not have her job back because the Department Head had hired his daughter. That shows you that we need something in place and he wants a stricter one an iron clad one.

**Mr. Paris** – Mr. Paris stated that for the first five or six months Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. was against the ordinance, it was not until about four months ago that Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. came up with the Burlington County Freeholder's ordinance. That is further clarification for why Mr. Paris said what he said.

**Mr. Ogozalek, Sr.** – Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. stated that Mr. Paris told the residents in the Burlington County Times to contact their councilmen. Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. was contacted by residents and told them that Mr. Paris is a liar from the word go. Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. is for the nepotism ordinance. He stated he is not the bad guy. That is why he is explaining himself.

**Mr. Macey** – Mr. Macey stated that he is not going to defend Mr. Paris's comments nor is he going to debate him because it is his perception. As it relates to the flyers, Mr. Macey stated that Council presided over the budget this year and they did not by choice decide to pass along the increase because they thought it would make the residents happy. They did it because they had no alternative, because of the increasing costs to run the town and the decrease in state aid. Mr. Paris agreed with Council and was cooperative as a part of Council in moving the horrible budget forward. The representation that Mr. Paris was solely responsible is wrong and they are unfair to Mr. Paris. Mr. Macey stated that it is his perception that it is not a member of council who is putting out that type of information. Mr. Macey stated that he was as disgusted as anyone in the flyer referencing 9-11. Mr. Macey stated that Mr. Paris voted along with Council and was equally responsible. Mr. Macey believes that Council is not responsible because there are greater powers at the state level that put us in the position. If he was responsible then he would be embarrassed by the job he is doing. He is embarrassed being involved in an increase of that magnitude because he is powerless to do anything about it. He would not blame Mr. Paris solely for this increase. Mr. Macey stated that as it relates to the hire in Sewer Authority of someone who is related to Mayor Stellwag. Council does not govern the Sewer Authority, they are autonomous. The person in question was one of only two people that had the proper certification to be named the assistant at a time when the assistant of that authority was absent because of a disability. Mr. Macey stated at times he has sat up here looking disagreeable towards Mr. Paris. Mr. Macey stated that he has nothing to hide he is just sitting here trying to serve the people.

**Mr. Paris** – Mr. Paris asked Council if he went over the budget line item by line item. Council agreed that he did as they all did. Mr. Paris asked Council if he requested a follow up meeting to try to reduce the budget again. Mr. Chinnici stated that it is possible. Mr. Paris asked Mr. Macey if when he asked for a new tape machine, he said what if we don't want one. Mr. Macey stated that he does

not want to get into a debate. He does not know if it is necessary to get a new tape machine but it is not his official stand point. If it was asked in a more sensible fashion instead of, a he said she said and someone trying to make him look foolish then he would have a different answer. Mr. Paris stated that when George Conrad resigned there was an Acting Superintendent with a higher certification that was asked to step down to Operator and Mr. Stellwag's brother-in-law was given the position. The more qualified was moved out of the position.

**Mayor Stellwag** – Mayor Stellwag stated that Mr. Paris was wrong that they had the same certification. His brother-in-law, who has only been his brother-in for four years, has worked here for seventeen years, had seniority. The Superintendent that stepped down appointed that acting superintendent. The board is the one who made the determination. Mayor Stellwag stated that he was in favor of Gary Catrambone being on the Sewer Authority. Mr. Catrambone sent the Mayor a letter and the mayor passed that along to Council because they make that appointment. If that got out that Mr. Catrambone was asked to be on the Sewer Authority all of Council got copies of that letter. Mr. Paris stated that the cronyism letter referred to Mr. Paris making the nomination. Mr. Paris stated that he mailed the letter to Mr. Hatcher and the only time that was discussed was in a closed room work session. Mr. Stellwag stated that appointments are not in closed session. Mr. Guest stated that there may not have been public in attendance but it is not discussed in closed session. Mayor Stellwag went on record to say he still believes Mr. Catrambone should be on the Sewer Authority.

**Mr. Chinnici** – Mr. Chinnici stated that the nature of the flyers is disgusting. It is the worst literature he has ever seen and to attack someone like that is ridiculous.

### **Public Portion of the meeting**

Joanne Bintliff, 186 Forge Road, stated that she was accused of putting out the first flyer by Councilman Paris. Mr. Paris stated that he did not accuse her. Mrs. Bintliff stated that before a Council meeting, it was discussed and Mr. Paris told them that she had a hand in the flyer. She stated that she would like Council to tell her whether they heard him make that statement. Mr. Hermansky stated that Mr. Paris said he thought it was the Bintliff's. Mr. Chinnici stated that he insinuated it was them. Mr. Macey stated that yes he did. Mr. Paris asked Mrs. Bintliff how many times at our meetings have you gone on attack of me as far as the nepotism ordinance and how much money he is spending. He asked why during a work session meeting she is passing notes to Mr. Chinnici. Mrs. Bintliff stated the note was in regards to Tenby Chase Drive. She stated that Forge Road has grass growing out of it and maybe that should be looked at. She said that she did not have anything to do with the disgusting flyers and for him to accuse her is a disgrace. Mrs. Bintliff stated that she has known Mr. Paris for eight years and it has not been pleasant. He was an assistant coach on her husband's **softball** team. At this time, the audience interrupted. Mr. Chinnici

stated that she has the right to speak and asked the public to calm down or he would end the meeting. Mr. Chinnici asked Mrs. Bintliff if she would submit her statement to the clerk to be entered in to the record and shorten her speech since there was a lot of public here. Mrs. Bintliff stated that she had requests from parents that he not coach their children because he was loud and verbally abusive. She stated he was not allowed to coach in the Delran AA for several years because of that. She stated that Mr. Paris threw a softball at a child because he was mad. Audience interrupted again. Mr. Chinnici stated that if there is one more outburst from the audience he will adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Bintliff continued to say that Mr. Paris demanded that a child get into his car to give her a ride home and he harassed her and asked her what the Bintliff's were up to. At this time, Mr. Guest stated that it does not accomplish anything to get into a **personal attack shouting match**. She ended by saying that she does not believe that Mr. Paris should be on Council. She stated that she will submit the letter tomorrow.

Diane Zierler, 128 Jacqueline Avenue and Connie Snowden, 137 Jacqueline Avenue, thanked the Mayor and Council and especially Mr. Paris for their help in getting their road paved. Mrs. Snowden also thanked the residents of Jacqueline Avenue for their support. Mrs. Zierler asked when the project will begin. Mr. Chinnici stated that the project will begin in the spring. Mrs. Zieler stated that she knows Council gives up their time and volunteers a lot of time and that everyone has different opinions of what needs to be done but believes they need to respect other people's opinion. She was upset by the flyers she received in the mail and that the person must be afraid. Mr. Macey stated that by law if it was from one political party to another they would have to put the name and address of the organization. She also stated that she remembers Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. saying that we do not need a nepotism ordinance. Mr. Macey stated that the nepotism ordinance will be on the next work session.

Cyndi Rovinsky, 21 Ridgeview Road, stated that she submitted a request to be on the Planning Board and did not even receive a phone call. That was a big disappointment to her. She believes there needs to be a nepotism law. There should be no discussion it is natural. It is upsetting for her to see a tug of war instead of a team. Mr. Hermansky stated since day one everyone has agreed to a nepotism ordinance but have disagreed with sections of it. Mr. Macey stated that there is a perception that a game is being played and he was on vacation during the last meeting or it would have passed. Mr. Paris stated that they did review it and they made changes and his concern is that Mr. Macey now wants to change it. Ms. Rovinsky stated her frustration over not being considered by the Council for a position on the Planning Board.

Lisa Parillo, 204 James Court, stated that she was appalled that she received this flyer. She wanted to know how we are going to hold the people doing this responsible. Mr. Macey stated that unfortunately this happens when you are in the public eye. It is not fair but it is part of the job.

Mr. Chinnici stated that we all agree that the flyer are the most disgusting thing we ever seen and asked if we could move on.

Lisa Parillo stated that is the reason she came. Mr. Chinnici stated that we can all agree and he would like to move on to things that are more important.

Ms. Rovinsky stated that everyone deserves to be heard.

Mr. Favor, 59 Haines Mill Road, discussed his issues with Mr. McCurley. He had a shed put on his property and was told by his brother-in-law that he did not need a permit. Mr. McCurley came out to a neighbor and sited him for building a deck without a permit. Wit out knocking on his door he put a red sticker on his door saying that his shed was in violation. He has done everything he could to bring it up to code. He stated that he does not get any information from anyone. He submitted plans for a deck, he had to come back and make changes to the plans. After he did everything, he was told he needed a variance because he was on a non confirming lot. He stated that he should have been told that in the beginning. He is frustrated by the way he was treated. Mr. Chinnici asked Mr. Hatcher to talk to Mr. McCurley. His biggest issue is making him jump through hoops then he was told it was non-confirming. He was told that he needs to apply for a variance.

June Dorworth, 1 Echo Avenue, asked if the minutes are available on the website. Council stated yes. She stated that we all need to be ashamed of ourselves for the way we are acting. She stated that everyone has a right to speak and Council needs to find out who is behind this and take care of it.

Tom Morrow, 94 Pancoast Blvd., stated that we need to get this ordinance passed. He is not proud of Council but he is proud of his neighborhood. They are fighting a development of six houses. They started with about five neighbors now it has grown to forty-five. He stated that residents need to be heard and fight for what is right.

Pauline Gebhardt, 154 Fenwick Court, stated that she is aware of the application, but they are not asking for permission as much as submitting plans. She asked if Council has an ordinance against opening roads that have been recently paved. Mr. Guest stated that Council has put moratoriums on roads and they would have to come before Council in order to waive that requirement. Mrs. Gebhardt asked if the Planning Board would make a decision on the application before that. Mr. Guest stated that the Planning Board would make their determination on the application submitted.

Art Pfau, 111 Hartford Road, stated that he was told that the trees on his property did not fall into the site triangle. He asked where it stands now. Mr. Hatcher stated that they were going to discuss this at a work session. Mr. Paris asked Mr. Pfau if he would allow the township to trim the trees. Mr. Pfau stated that the

trees were there when he moved in and when the development went in they decided to leave those trees. He stated that he gave a proposal to Mr. Hatcher to have the trees removed and new ones planted. Mr. Hermansky asked why he would want to have the big trees removed and smaller ones put in when he could just trim them. Mr. Pfau stated that if the tree is trimmed it will die. Council will discuss this at a work session.

Dave Moitozo, 46 Ashley Drive, stated that several weeks ago he sent a letter about the grass at Hartford Corners. He recommended to Council that new construction along Route 130 be required to put in irrigation systems. Mr. Paris stated that he passed this issue onto Mr. Guest. Mr. Guest stated that there are numerous issues. One is the type of water that would be used. Mr. Moitozo stated that there are several businesses in town that have them. Mr. Guest stated that there is nothing that stops the planning board from suggesting sprinkler systems. Mr. Moitozo asked if there was an ordinance for maintaining grass. Mr. Guest stated that it is for shrubs and we could look into adding grass.

John Friel, 7 Woodrush Court, stated that there is a political game going on between Council. He stated that he did hear Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. state that we did not need the nepotism ordinance. In regards to the 27% increase, one person does not have control you all have control. The reason the budget is so bad is because Council is spending too much money. Mr. Friel stated that Council spent three million bucks on a new Fire House and the kitchen was cut in order to save money. Council stated that was done by the Fire District. Mr. Macey stated that the public approved it through a bond referendum. Mr. Friel stated that he believes the firefighters need two things rest and nutrition. He feels that they may be coming back to ask for more money for what they did not put in. Mr. Macey stated that if that happens, the public will have a vote. He stated that we should have been looked into when they asked for the money. Mr. Hermansky stated that when the Fire District went out for a referendum everything was approved. After that, someone appealed the plans. It took over a year and then costs had increased. Mr. Friel stated they will ask for money to redo the old fire house. Mr. Hermansky stated that the old firehouse was sold as part of the plan. Mr. Friel asked if he could discuss something he read about the schools. Mr. Macey stated that this Council does not oversee the Fire District or the School Board. Mr. Friel asked if what they passed to downgrade their insurance to a PPO, will that money they are saving pay for the raises we are getting. Mr. Macey stated that he should ask the school board.

Charlie Carroll, 92 Pancoast Blvd., stated that the developer on Pancoast Blvd. wants to dig up the sidewalks to install pipes for the new development. He stated that he is responsible for the sidewalks and what if he does not want it dug up. Mr. Hermansky stated that if the developer digs up the sidewalk he needs to replace it. Mr. Guest stated that the sidewalks are a public right-a-way. Mr. Chinnici asked if the developer would need an easement. Mr. Guest stated if the sidewalk is in the right-a-way of the roadway then they would not need an

easement. Mr. Carroll asked if anyone has looked into the storm sewers to see if they can handle the additional drainage. Mr. Guest stated that would fall to the Planning Board Engineer.

Judy Carroll, 92 Pancoast Blvd., asked if the storm sewer can support the overflow from the development. She believes that the retention basin will not be able to support this. Mr. Guest stated that she needs to ask the planning board engineer.

Bob Biluck, 24 Suburban Blvd., requested to put temporary lights at Vernice and Summerhill fields for the Athletic Association. Mr. Biluck stated that he has been on the board of the Athletic Association for many years and they have never banned Mr. Paris from coaching with the Athletic Association.

Cyndi Rovinsky, stated that the residents have a right to take pre-construction video before the project starts on Pancoast Blvd. She stated that the maintenance of the basin will fall back on the Township Council. Mr. Guest stated that because this is an open issue before the Planning Board he has asked Council to be careful in what they say. She urged the residents to go to the Burlington County Planning Board to discuss the issues of traffic going onto a county road.

Kelly Cacio, 888 Waterford Drive, stated that the jughandles on Haines Mill Road need to have the trees trimmed back.

Mr. Favor, 59 Haines Mill Road, stated that during snow the public works department shovels the pavements where the tunnels are. The stretch of road between the tunnel and Briar Road does not get plowed or shoveled. Mr. Hatcher stated that we could add this to a work session.

Gloria Stephens, 67 Janeway Avenue, asked if there is a weight restriction on her street. Council stated that they had first reading on an ordinance tonight and adoption will be at the next public meeting. The ordinance will go into effect 20 days after the advertisement of adoption.

Jim Bintliff, 186 Forge Road, asked what salaries and promotions have been given to unqualified family members. Mr. Paris stated that ordinance will not allow this to happen. Mr. Bintliff asked if any unqualified family members have been hired in Delran. Mr. Paris stated that he does not know if they are qualified or not he believes this town needs this ordinance. Mr. Bintliff stated that he has heard from other Councilmen that the anti-nepotism ordinance is not the issue just trying to agree on one. Mr. Macey stated that is correct. Mr. Bintliff stated that he has heard other Councilmen offer to work with Mr. Paris to adjust the ordinance and he has said no. Mr. Paris stated that they did revise the ordinance and they came to an agreement. There were two members that still were not happy with the ordinance. One wants the guts of the ordinance removed and the

other did not want the ordinance. They had three people to agree to the ordinance. The first time he heard about changes was at the last work session when Mr. Macey stated he was revising the ordinance. Mr. Ogozalek wanted the Board of Freeholders ordinance which Mr. Paris stated he would support. Mr. Bintliff asked what measure of tax relief he could expect when the ordinance gets passed. Mr. Paris stated that the Mayor submits the budget which includes salaries. As far as Mr. Paris is concerned, if there is any type of family relationship it can be controlled by officials. Mrs. Bintliff asked if he could elaborate on that issue. Mr. Paris stated that they can adjust the salaries as much as they want and they could give \$10,000 bonuses every year which he has heard of in the past and if he has to, he will provide that evidence. Mrs. Bintliff asked if all of council gets a say. Mr. Paris stated that they do have to agree and before he was on Council, he heard of heads of departments getting increases which he has talked to Mr. Hatcher about. Mr. Macey stated that there have been times when they have given increases outside the standard three or four percent to people of value. Mr. Bintliff asked the Mayor if he told Mr. Paris that the reason he was removed from the RAC was because Mr. Paris was directing the nepotism ordinance towards him. Mayor Stellwag stated that that was what he said but it was not true. Mr. Paris stated that he was at a funeral and Mayor Stellwag said to him that it was because he was directing the nepotism ordinance towards his family. Mayor Stellwag stated that the nepotism ordinance would not affect any of his family members. Mr. Bintliff stated that if you are on the school board be careful because Mr. Paris stated he is coming after the school board next.

Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paris to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted,

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Municipal Clerk