

**WORK SESSION  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**September 19, 2012  
DELRAN, NJ**

**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 23, 2011 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

**ROLL CALL:** Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Ms. Pomeranz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone were present.

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Mr. Paris, Mayor, Mr. Hatcher, Administrator, Mr. Coluzzi, Solicitor and Ms. Eggers, Municipal Clerk.

**PRESENTATION FROM DELRAN SOCCER CLUB**

Shawn McLoughlin, Vice President of the Delran Soccer Club, made a presentation to Council on behalf of the club asking that the Council support an initial feasibility study performed for upgrades to the Conrow Park Soccer Field. The Soccer Club has discussed improving Conrow Fields to be used for practices to help alleviate the wear and tear on the other fields. Currently the field is not in great condition and needs improvements. The Soccer Club is committed to providing the funds for the improvements.

Mr. Hatcher stated that we have two issues with the Conrow Field. First, there is a drainage ditch that backs up to the houses along the fields and we need to make sure that is not impacted. Second, the area is in a PSE&G right-of-way and we are gathering information on what we can do. We are hoping to have an answer in the next few days.

Joe Parento, Chairman of the RAC, mentioned that there is a field behind the Delran Intermediate School that is not being used. They may want to reach out to the school to see if they can utilize that field temporarily. The Soccer Club stated that they will look into using the school field.

Mr. Catrambone stated that the Township will look into the issues with PSE&G and discuss this further.

**TAX SALE PROPERTIES**

Mr. Hatcher reported that the Tax Sale took place last Thursday and all liens were sold except for two. Mr. Hatcher stated that he has outlined to Council the two properties that did not sell. One property may have some environmental issues and with the other property, we are trying to gather more information. Mr. Hatcher reported that the Tax Sale is a lot of work for the Tax Office and they did a great job.

## **POLICE SERVICE AWARDS**

Mr. Hatcher reported that the Mayor discussed with him that we honor several Officers for their life saving efforts in responding to the car fire on Route 130 and also one Officer that saved an individual while off duty who was in cardiac arrest. Mr. Hatcher asked if we also wanted to honor the two civilians that helped with the car fire.

Council agreed that they would like to honor all the individuals at the next public meeting. If we are unable to contact the two civilians in time, we will honor them next month.

## **BEST PRACTICES WORKSHEET**

Mr. Hatcher went over the work sheet with Council. He reported that there are a few issues that came up this year that we will need to try and incorporate into future contracts. Based on the worksheet answers we will receive all of our municipal aid. Mr. Hatcher reported that it is required that Council discuss this and we will adopt a Resolution at the next meeting. If anyone has any questions in the future, they can reach out to him.

## **2012 ROAD PROGRAM BID REPORT**

Mr. Hatcher reported that we accepted bids for the 2012 Road Program and the low bidder was Arawak Paving Inc. The bid received from Arawak, Paving, Inc. was \$594,700.00 and the Engineering estimate was \$680,000, this will allow us to complete all Swedes Run Drive and also Tenby Chase Drive from Parry to North Drive.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he would like to make sure that when Tenby Chase is completed it includes the crosswalks from the Don Deutsch to Vermes Fields.

Mr. Hatcher reported that the bids are currently being reviewed and we are hoping to award the contract at the public meeting.

## **SALT SPREADERS/PLOWS BID REPORT**

Mr. Hatcher stated that we received bids yesterday for the purchase of plows and spreaders. The low bidder was from H. A. DeHart & Sons. We are recommending that Council award the bid for the purchase of four, seven yard spreaders, one, four yard spreader and three power angle plows for a total price of \$69,290. We would like to adopt a resolution at the public meeting awarding the contract. Council agreed.

## **REPORTS**

**Ms. Eggers** – Ms. Eggers reported that the pre-registration deadline for NJ League of Municipalities Convention is October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Mr. Hatcher** – Mr. Hatcher reported that the Engineer is applying for a grant on behalf of the Township for lights on Fairview Street and they need direction on what type of lights Council would like installed. Council agreed that they would like to be consistent with the current lights.

Mr. Hatcher stated that he had a resident contact him regarding an issue with raccoons. The resident is asking Council to reimburse him for having the raccoons removed. This has not been a policy of the Township to handle any wildlife issues. Council agreed that they do not want to set precedence and therefore will not reimburse the resident for removal.

**Mr. Coluzzi** – Mr. Coluzzi asked that Council adopt another resolution for authorizing an executive session to discuss potential litigation on a COAH property.

### **TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN RESOLUTION 2012-111 CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. (Open Public Meeting Act) provides for the exclusion of the public from public meeting for certain reasons; and  
**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to close the conference meeting of September 19, 2012 for the following reason:

1. Potential Litigation – COAH Property

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the meeting is closed for the reasons above in accordance with the Open Public Meeting act.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-111. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pomeranz. All were in favor, motion approved.

**Mr. DeSanto** – Mr. DeSanto, Public Works Superintendent, reported that he received a letter by the High School asking for permission to use the pole barn for a homecoming float. Council agreed.

Mr. DeSanto reported that the doors have been installed at the Notre Dame bathroom and just need to be painted. Also, the fencing at Leon Avenue Field should be completed by the end of the week.

**Mrs. Kolodi** – Mrs. Kolodi reported that the street sign is missing from Kevin Road and Randle Court. Also, there is a street light out on Pine Valley.

Mrs. Kolodi reported that the residents are thrilled with the improvements to the intersection of Hartford and Conrow Road.

**Mr. Morrow** – Mr. Morrow asked if we could look into placing autistic children signs on Pancoast Blvd. Mr. Hatcher stated that he will look into this.

Mr. Morrow stated that we should look into the island at the light in the center of Fairview Blvd. He feels that we should look at removing the island all together.

Mr. Hatcher stated that he will have the Engineer take a look into this issue.

**Mr. Schwartz** – No report.

**Ms. Pomeranz** – Ms. Pomeranz stated that she had a resident contact her regarding the trees between Tenby Chase Swim Club and Waterford Drive that appear to be dying. The resident reached out to the State Forestry Department and they came out yesterday to take a look at the issue. They feel that the trees are dying due to stress and we need to remove the dead trees and trim the other ones. There is a forestry program that we can get involved in and we can discuss this further. Some of the grants that we could apply for once in the program are for storm water drainage. One requirement of the program is to create a Shade Tree Commission. Ms. Pomeranz stated that she is going to look into this further and will report back.

Ms. Pomeranz stated that she had a long conversation with a resident next to Faunce Park discussing some of the issues going on in the park. He recommended installing a sensor light that may help deter some of the activities going on at night in the park.

**Mr. Catrambone** – Mr. Catrambone stated that since he did not hear anything he assumes that Riverside Park did not flood during the recent storm. He thanked the Public Works Department for quick clearing of branches.

Mr. Catrambone reported that there was an issue brought up by a resident of the condos about being more proactive regarding recycling.

Mr. DeSanto stated that by law they are required to recycle. Currently they do not have space available to add dumpsters for recycling.

Mr. Paris stated that he will address this with the Summerhill Association.

**Mr. Paris** – Mr. Paris stated that he is having a meeting with the Association and the Athletic Association regarding the parking issues in Summerhill.

Mr. Paris stated that there is a speeding issue on Castleton Road. Currently the speed limit is 25 MPH on that road but the main road leading into the development is 15 MPH.

Chief Parente stated that once all the roads are turned over to the Township the speed limit will be 25 MPH on all roads.

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

Mr. Morrow made a motion to open the meeting to the public for comments, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi. All were in favor, motion approved.

Ron Taylor, Notre Dame Drive, stated that they also have one autistic child on their street and he asked if they will be installing signs it would be a great help on Notre Dame Drive.

Mal Anderson, Edgewater Park, stated that in regards to the traffic at Fairview Blvd. and Route 130 we may want to reach out to the Department of Transportation and ask them to extend the light.

Mr. Anderson stated that the lights are out on Bridgeboro Bridge.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the lights do not belong to the Township but they will look into this.

Mr. Anderson stated that he feels that there are no many street lights in town and we may want to look into eliminating some of them.

Mr. Anderson reported that he is here tonight in support of some of his members of the Historical Society. They will be making a presentation.

Elaine McCabe, Faunce Street, Vice President of the Historical Society, asked if Council is aware of any reason why the old Fire House on Alden Avenue has not been sold.

Ron Taylor, Notre Dame Drive, stated that property was purchase by a church and then they were turned down by zoning because there was not enough acreage. The property has been up for sale. They also own the house adjacent to the property. He feels that the property would be great for the Historical Society or a Community Center.

Don McCabe, Faunce Street, asked Council if the Historical Society wanted to pursue the purchase would they be able to use Open Space funds.

Ms. Pomeranz reported that there is also a property on Creek Road that is for sale and it would not cost as much.

Mrs. McCabe stated that they will look into the property.

Mrs. McCabe asked if the Township has the old gate to the cemetery on Fairview Street.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the Township does not have the gate. He stated that we will check to see if we can get any information on where it may be.

Mr. DeSanto stated that he does have the old time capsule that the Historical Society can have if Council agrees.

Mrs. McCabe discussed with Council a project by the Historical Society to place signs at historical properties throughout Delran. They came here tonight to see how Council would feel about the project and they would also like to ask Council to contribute towards the funding of the project.

Mr. Anderson stated that the project could be completed in phases.

Mrs. McCabe stated that the larger signs would be approximately sixty dollars and the smaller signs would be about thirty dollars.

Mr. Anderson stated that each sign would have a number and they would have a book printed that correspondence with the number that provides detailed information on the historical property. They are hoping that the businesses would sponsor the books.

Mr. Catrambone asked if Council is in favor of this project. Council agreed.

Ms. Pomeranz asked how many historical properties have been identified.

Mrs. McCabe stated that currently there are about fifteen properties identified and they would like to put them in order.

Mr. Catrambone stated that Council is in favor of this project and asked that when they have the information that they report back to Council on their needs.

Mary Parento, 25 S. Bridgeboro Street, recommended that the Historical Society reach out to the Delran Business Association. She feels that this is the perfect project for them to give back to the community.

Mrs. Kolodi also stated that this seems like a great Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Schwartz asked if Council agrees to this when would we need the Historical Society to provide us with the cost to include in next years budget.

Mr. Hatcher stated that we would like the information by November.

Don McCabe, Faunce Street, stated that he appreciated the Public Works Department taking care of the trees along Faunce Street. He asked that we put mulch in the entrance to Faunce Street Park.

Mr. DeSanto stated that we have a problem with the water the flows down the entrance but we can give it a try.

Mr. McCabe stated that it will be a problem if residents start parking on the street instead of parking inside the park.

Mr. Morrow stated that the park is not designed to have vehicles park inside but he does agree that something needs to be done.

Mr. McCabe stated that a few months ago Mr. Hatcher was going to make a report on the outstanding bonds.

Mr. Hatcher stated he can pull the section of the audit that includes that information.

Mr. McCabe asked if we corrected the issue with the jetter truck.

Mr. Hatcher stated that it has been taken care of; the vehicle will now be parked in the garage.

Mr. McCabe stated that he is happy the work is being done in the Riverside Park area to correct the flooding issues.

Mr. Morrow made a motion to end the public portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pomeranz. All were in favor, motion approved.

Mr. Morrow made a motion to enter into closed session to discuss potential litigation with the Delran Junior Marksman and a COAH property. All were in favor, motion approved.

Mr. Morrow made a motion to end closed session and reopen the meeting to the public. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kolodi. All were in favor, motion approved.

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2012-112**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Delran that the Township hereby authorizes the Solicitor to move forward with an agreement between

the Township of Delran and the Delran Junior Marksman based on the conditions and recommendations discussed tonight in executive session.

Mr. Morrow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pomeranz to adopt Resolution 2012-112. All were in favor, motion approved.

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2012-113**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Delran that the Township hereby approves the recommendation made by the Township Solicitor in regards to 98 Wildflower Place as discussed in executive session.

Ms. Pomeranz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi adopt Resolution 2012-113. All were in favor, motion approved.

Ms. Pomeranz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Morrow. All were in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamey Eggers, Township Clerk