



**Township of Delaware
Regular Meeting
March 13, 2023 at 7:30 pm**

The Regular Meeting of the Delaware Township Committee was held on March 13, 2023, at the Delaware Township Municipal Building, 570 Rosemont Ringoes Rd, Sergeantsville, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Herman at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Herman read the following statement: Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by a notice mailed to the Hunterdon Democrat, Trenton Times, and Star Ledger, posted on the Township Website, on the Municipal Building Bulletin Board, and filed with the Township Clerk as required by law.

Roll Call:

Township Committee	Present	Absent
Chad Bower	X	
Susan Lockwood	X	
Joseph Vocke	X	
James Waltman	X	
Charles Herman, Mayor	X	

Mayor Herman led everyone in a salute to the flag.

Mayor Herman opened the meeting to Public Comments.

- Kathy Katz comments on the April 1st deadline for the ANJEC Grant. Also discusses the plan to use the grant funds for information flyers.
- Chad Bower comments on QCC submission of the Trap Rock 2024 Application. On March 27th there was a review with the Engineer. They are sending the water report to the Planning Board next.
- Susan Lockwood comments that the Farmland Plan has been submitted to the Planning Board as well.

Seeing no further comments, Mayor Herman closed the Public Portion.

Mayor Herman asked for Township Committee Liaison reports.
DPW provided a report for the month, Mayor Herman reviewed.

Meeting Minute Approval

Regular Meeting February 21, 2023

Motion to Approve: Seconded by: All in favor

Township Committee	Motion	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Chad Bower					X	
Susan Lockwood			X			
Joseph Vocke		X	X			
James Waltman	X		X			



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Charles Herman, Mayor			X			
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PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 2023-03

Calendar Year 2023 Ordinance to Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.4)

Mayor Herman asked for a motion to Adopt Ordinance 2023-03.

Township Committee	Motion	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Chad Bower		X	X			
Susan Lockwood			X			
Joseph Vocke			X			
James Waltman	X		X			
Charles Herman, Mayor			X			

INTRODUCTION ON ORDINANCE 2023-04

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR LAMBERT ROAD PROJECT (PHASES I AND II) IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF DELAWARE, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$480,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$480,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF.

Mayor Herman asked for a motion to Adopt Ordinance 2023-04.

Township Committee	Motion	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Chad Bower			X			
Susan Lockwood			X			
Joseph Vocke		X	X			
James Waltman	X		X			
Charles Herman, Mayor			X			

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Delaware has determined that to increase efficiency, the Consent Agenda shall be adopted with one resolution; and

WHEREAS, the following resolutions require no discussion and have been previously reviewed by each Governing Body member:

- Resolution 23-88: Authorizing Budget Transfers
- Resolution 23-89: Authorizing Tax Sale Certificate Redemption B 54 L 6 Q 0970
- Resolution 23-90: Authorizing Submission of ANJEC Grant



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Resolution 23-91: Authorizing Issuance of Special Event Permit – Kermesse Sport

Resolution 23-88

WHEREAS, various 2022 bills have been presented for payment this year, which bills represent obligations of the prior fiscal year and were not covered by order number and/or recorded at the time of transfer between the 2022 budget in the last two months of 2022; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 provides that all unexpected balances carried forward after the close of the fiscal year are available, until lapsed at the closed of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allow transfers to be made from unexpected balances to those which are expected to be insufficient during the first three months of the succeeding year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Delaware Township, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, (2/3 of the majority of the full membership concurring herein) that the transfers in the amount of \$800.00 be made between the 2022 Budget Appropriation Reserves as follows:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
BOA Legal (2022)	\$800.00	
Planning Board Legal (2022)		\$800.00

Resolution 23-89

WHEREAS, the Delaware Township Tax Collector held a tax sale on August 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, at said sale Tax Sale Certificate #2021-006 for property known as Block 54 Lot 6, Q0970– 899 Sergeantsville Rd. Owner: Sandy Ridge Properties LLC was sold to Culmac Investors Inc., and

WHEREAS, property owner has requested to redeem TSC #2021-006; and

WHEREAS, payment has been received by the Tax Collector for redemption of TSC #2021-006 in the amount of \$ 378.05.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Delaware, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue redemption monies of \$378.05 in addition to premium monies in the amount of \$100.00 to:

Culmac Investors Inc, Box 251, Monmouth Beach, NJ 07750;



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be provided to the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer.

Resolution 23-90

WHEREAS, the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) recently announced a municipal grant program, entitled 2023 Open Space Stewardship Projects; and

WHEREAS, the eligible uses for the grant monies include funding for environmental commission projects related to conservation easement inventory, monitoring, outreach, and education; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Delaware Environmental Commission is responsible for inventorying, conducting inspections and education on conservation easements; and

WHEREAS, the financial assistance offered by the ANJEC grant will enable the Township to offset some of the costs associated with inventory, monitoring, outreach, and education of conservation easements; and

THEREFORE, the Township Committee of Delaware Township has determined that the Township of Delaware should apply for the aforementioned Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Delaware, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, formally authorize the submission of an application for the aforementioned ANJEC Grant for an amount not to exceed \$1,500; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Environmental Commission's Grant Subcommittee and the Township CFO/Administrator are authorized to submit such paperwork as required on the Township's behalf for this grant program.

Resolution 23-91

WHEREAS, Kermesse Sport has applied for a Special Event Permits for a recreational bike ride throughout Hunterdon County on Sunday, March 26, 2023 from 10:15am – 1:30pm; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has supplied all documentation required under Township Code Chapter 314, including the requisite Certificate of Insurance, and has further pledged to comply with all applicable rules and regulations pertaining to the conduct of said Special Event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Delaware, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the Special Event Permit be issued to Kermesse Sport for a recreational bike ride throughout Delaware Township on Sunday, March 26, 2023 from 10:15am – 1:30pm.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Delaware, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that each of the above listed Resolutions be approved and adopted by the



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Township Committee with the same legal effect as though each was read in its entirety at the March 13, 2023 meeting and adopted by separate vote.

Township Committee	Motion	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Chad Bower					X	
Susan Lockwood	X		X			
Joseph Vocke		X	X			
James Waltman					X	
Charles Herman, Mayor			X			

Resolution 23-92

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Delaware finds and declares that certain municipal obligations have come due and are now payable; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Delaware finds and declares that certain municipal obligations have come due and are now payable; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee further finds and declares that said obligations have been itemized on the annexed schedules, which are hereby attached and deemed part of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Delaware, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey does hereby authorize payment of said municipal obligations, in accordance with the recommendations of the Chief Financial Officer and the Treasurer in the amount of **\$2,353,920.55**.

Township Committee	Motion	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Chad Bower	X		X			
Susan Lockwood			X			
Joseph Vocke		X	X			
James Waltman			X			
Charles Herman, Mayor			X			

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Old Business

Mayor Herman stated the USPS has named the new location for the Post Office to be Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company. Will follow up on the opportunity for Town Hall to obtain a mailbox.

Discussion continued regarding Daniel's Law, specifically regarding residents stating name and address when speaking in the public section of meetings.

New Business

Mayor Herman tabled appointments until further notice.

Joseph Tauriello discusses the small window for appeal process with Stormwater Regulations.

Diane McDaniel comments that most towns have been forced into complying – some towns may be awarded up to \$75,000 for being forced to comply. Also advised a meeting was held with the Department of Public Works to start to move forward with changes.

Township Committee Comments

Charles Herman comments on the resignation of Mr. Anastasio.

Charles Herman also makes mention of the Covered Bridge repair coming this Spring.

Mayor Herman makes mention of a motion picture being filmed in Delaware Township.

Public Comment

Mayor Herman opened the meeting to Public Comments.

Kathy Kats (Resident) makes mention of her happiness regarding the new park planner. Advises that the Environmental Commission has submitted a plan for flood control in the parks, along with ideas for pollination gardens and other native habitat improvements.

Jess Stahl (Resident) poses a question regarding the appointments in the Recreation Commission.

Peter McCrohan (Resident of Worman Road) raises concern regarding multiple trees down on Worman Road. He has reached out for guidance from the local utility companies with no plan on rectifying the situation. Mr. McCrohan is advised by the Township Committee to provide a list of trees/locations to Susan Lockwood (DPW Liaison) for further assessment & discussion.

At this time the Township Deputy Clerk Taylor Gribbin covering meeting was asked to leave for Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm made by Joseph Vocke. Second by Chad Bower. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Gribbin
Township Deputy Clerk

Approved: