April 1, 2019

Minutes of the public meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen held on April 1, 2019.

Mayor Robert J. Seader called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Municipal Clerk William Robins read the Sunshine Statement and called the Roll.

Present: Robert Seader, Kenneth Bayer, April Burke, Jason Cilento, Jessica Dunne, Stacy Narvesen, and Joseph Petracca

On the motion of Mr. Cilento and seconded by Dr. Dunne it was moved to accept the Minutes of March 18, 2019:

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Cilento, Dunne, Narvesen and Petracca

At this point, the following Proclamation was read:

**Proclamation**

**Supporting the 2019 U-Drive. U-Text. U-Pay. Distracted Driving Crackdown April 1 - 21, 2019**

**Whereas**, distracted driving is a serious, life-threatening practice that is preventable; and

**Whereas**, distracted driving can result in injuries and deaths to all road users (motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists); and

**Whereas**, distracted driving occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the task of driving to focus on another activity instead; and

**Whereas**, in 2015 alone distracted driving-related crashes resulted in 3,477 deaths and 391,000 injuries on our nation’s roads; and

**Whereas**, in New Jersey distracted driving was listed as a contributing circumstance in more than 750,000 crashes between 2011-2015; and

**Whereas**, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide Distracted Driving 2019 Crackdown from April 1 - 21, 2019 to raise awareness and decrease driver distraction through a combination of enforcement and education; and
Whereas, the national slogan for the campaign is *UDrive. UText. UPay*; and

Whereas, a reduction in distracted driving in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Governing Body of the Borough of Dunellen, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, declares its support for the *Distracted Driving 2019 Crackdown* both locally and nationally from April 1 - 21, 2019 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

On the motion of Mr. Petracca and seconded by Mr. Cilento it was moved to accept the following:

**ORDINANCE 2019-04**

The following ordinance is being Introduced for first reading on April 1, 2019, and a second reading and public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Dunellen Borough Municipal Building, 355 North Avenue, Dunellen, New Jersey on the 15th day of April, 2019, and copies of this Ordinance shall be posted on the public bulletin board prior to the date for second reading and final passage and copies of this Ordinance shall be available at the Office of the Borough Clerk for any interested members of the public.

**BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN**
**COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2019**
**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**
**(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Dunellen, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2019 budget by up to 3.5 % over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council hereby determines that a 1.0 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to $55,019.77 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary.
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized herein above that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Dunellen, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2019 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Dunellen shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40 A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to $192,569.20 and that the CY 2019 municipal budget for the Borough of Dunellen be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years: and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Cilento, Dunne, Narvesen and Petracca

On the motion of Mr. Petracca and seconded by Mr. Cilento it was moved to accept the following:

04-01-2019: #1

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Introducing CY 2019 Budget for the Borough of Dunellen.

NOTE: the Municipal Budget and the Sewer Utility Budget are on the web site: http://www.dunellen-nj.gov/departments/finance/documents

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Cilento, Dunne, Narvesen and Petracca
On the motion of Mr. Petracca and seconded by Mr. Bayer it was moved to accept the following:

04-01-2019: #2

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Introducing CY 2019 Sewer Utility Budget for the Borough of Dunellen.

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Cilento, Dunne, Narvesen and Petracca

On the motion of Mr. Petracca and seconded by Mrs. Burke it was moved to accept the following:

04-01-2019: #3

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

The bills, as per the attached list, are hereby authorized for payment.

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Cilento, Dunne, Narvesen and Petracca

On the motion of Mrs. Burke and seconded by Mr. Bayer it was moved to accept the following:

04-01-2019: #4

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Borough of Dunellen has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local government Services, and the Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2019 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Dunellen that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:
1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
   a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
   b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
   c. Cash deficit of preceding year
   d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
   e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
   f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.

2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).

3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.

4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
   a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
   b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
   c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.

5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Cilento, Dunne, Narvesen and Petracca

On the motion of Mr. Bayer and seconded by Mr. Cilento it was moved to accept the following:

04-01-2019: #5

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Whereas, a request was made by Sheri Muha to hold a block party on Sunday, May 26, 2019, (rain date May 27, 2019), on the 300 block of Third Street, from 11:00 AM to 8:00 p.m.

Now therefore be it resolved that permission is hereby granted to Sheri Muha to hold a block party, and
Be it further resolved that by virtue of this resolution, the Police Department will be notified of the street closing and the Public Works Department will supply the necessary road barricades.

Sheri Muha  
328 Third Street  
Dunellen, NJ  08812

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Cilento, Dunne, Narvesen and Petracca

On the motion of Mr. Cilento and seconded by Dr. Dunne it was moved to accept the following:

04-01-2019: #6

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Whereas, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, C.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs, and

Whereas, it is the intent and spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue to expand existing programs, and

Whereas, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, and

Whereas, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality, and

Whereas, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2018 Recycling tonnage Grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and indicate the assent of the Borough of Dunellen to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations.

Whereas, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Dunellen that the Borough of Dunellen herby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Bashar Assadi to ensure that the application is properly filed, at a cost not to exceed $3,000.00; and

Be it further resolved, that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.
On the motion of Mr. Bayer and seconded by Mrs. Narvesen it was moved to accept the following:

**04-01-2019: #7**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, NEW JERSEY, THAT:**

Natural Green of Bridgewater, NJ, is awarded a contract for the renovation of the baseball fields in Columbia Park for 2019, at a cost not to exceed $12,850.00. The contract is awarded per New Jersey State Contract, through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, Co-Op # 65MCESCCPS, contract # ESCNJ 17/83-43. The Dunellen School District will contribute one-half of the cost of this contract. This contract is to be charged to Account # 9-01-26-310-000-299.

On the motion of Mr. Bayer and seconded by Mr. Petracca it was moved to accept the following:

**04-01-2019: #8**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, NEW JERSEY, THAT:**

CME Associates is awarded a contract to undertake engineering services associated with the requirements of the Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit renewal, at a cost not to exceed $4,036.00.

On the motion of Mr. Petracca and seconded by Mr. Cilento it was moved to accept the following:

**04-01-2019: #9**

Line (RVL) trains currently terminate in Newark Penn Station and riders destined for midtown Manhattan and Penn Station must transfer platforms and trains; and,

**WHEREAS,** RVL is one of the busiest and fastest growing lines of NJ Transit with more than 23,000 weekday passengers and no midtown direct, one-seat ride in and out of NY; and,

**WHEREAS,** RVL did get some off-peak hour one-seat service in 2014 and 2015 that provided relief and on average a 30-minute reduction in commuting time each way; and,

**WHEREAS,** the off-peak one-seat service on RVL, Atlantic City and Princeton
Lines were suspended in 2018 because of Positive Train Control installation; and,

WHEREAS, while Atlantic City and Princeton trains will be restored on May 24, 2019, there is no confirmation that service will be restored on the RVL; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Dunellen and the Raritan Valley Line Mayors Alliance of 32 Mayors in Union, Somerset, Hunterdon and Middlesex Counties, organized in 2018 by Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr, Westfield Mayor Shelley Brindle and Bound Brook Mayor Robert Fazen, are committed advocates for equitable service for RVL; and,

WHEREAS, 23,000 commuters and approximately 400,000 residents in towns served by the RVL deserve to know when the suspended off-peak morning and evening direct trains into New York will be back on schedule; and,

WHEREAS, midtown direct train service, known as "one-seat ride" has a positive impact on Dunellen, quality of life for our residents, home values and business growth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Borough Council of the Borough of Dunellen urge Governor Phil Murphy, DOT Commissioner Gutierrez and our State Legislators to support the immediate restoration of the off-peak hour "one seat ride" to NY Penn Station.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Murphy, Fanwood's Legislative Delegation and NJ Transit.

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Cilento, Dunne, Narvesen and Petracca

The following resolutions were presented under a consent format with a single motion and second followed by a vote:

On the motion of Mr. Cilento and seconded by Mr. Bayer it was moved to accept the following:

04-01-2019: #10

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor granted total exemption of property taxes as of February 11, 2019 for the following properties, due to a 100% disabled veteran, and

WHEREAS, the homeowner paid 1st Quarter 2019 property taxes and is due a pro rata refund.

NOW, THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT;

That the proper Borough officers be and they are hereby authorized to cancel 2019 property taxes as of February 11, 2019 and directed to issue a check(s) as follows:

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Check payable and Mail to:
Bubenick, Richard Anthony
375 Fairview Ave
Dunellen NJ  08812

Cancel 2019 Preliminary taxes $3,608.58

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, NJ, THAT:

WHEREAS, it has been determined by information obtained from the Assessor’s office that the following properties are a single-family residence, and

WHEREAS, these properties were billed as a two-family residence.

NOW, THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN;

That the proper Borough officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to cancel 1 unit.

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<td>Kurzius, William &amp; Lauren</td>
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<td>Carr, David &amp; Gloria</td>
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<td>62</td>
<td>16.01</td>
<td>Toth, Robert &amp; Denise</td>
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No Refund Required | $1400.00

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, NJ, THAT:

WHEREAS, it has been determined that there are credits from prior years on tax accounts; and

WHEREAS, it cannot be determined after investigating who the credits belong to; and

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the Auditor’s attention who also concluded that there is no way to determine who should receive the funds.

NOW, THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN;
That the proper Borough officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to write off the credits to municipal revenue not anticipated (MRNA).

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Subtotal                           8,595.07

No Refund Required

04-01-2019: #14

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

The Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue the following proceeds for tax sale redemption(s):

Payable to Trystone Capital Assets
P O Box 1030
Brick, NJ 08723

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TOTAL REFUNDED $1,738.73

04-01-2019: #15

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, NJ, THAT:

WHEREAS, it has been determined by information obtained from the assessor’s office that the following sewer unit is to be cancelled due to subdivision

NOW, THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN;
That the proper Borough officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to cancel 2017 sewer units.

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04-01-2019: #16

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

The Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund the following tax overpayment(s):

Block  49    Lot 36.02   Q C0001
Assessed to: Boronkas, Juliette
address 675 Bound Brook Rd., Unit 1
Amount $1,000.00

Total refund: $1,000.00

Payable to:
Boronkas, Juliette
675 Bound Brook Road, Unit 1
Dunellen, NJ 08812

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Cilento, Dunne, Narvesen and Petracca

Reports:

Mr. Petracca: no report, except that the Budget has now been Introduced.
Mrs. Burke: 1) the Fire Department will be holding their Memorial on Sunday, April 28th, First Presbyterian Church, 9:30 am; 2) Fire Company has rescheduled their Bag Bingo to May 10th; 3) Street Fair is June 23rd.
Mr. Bayer: no report.
Dr. Dunne: 1) She and Jason met to discuss the new web site. Bill has forwarded the suggestions to REVIZE; 2) She, Jason and Bill will be meeting to discuss the new web site design; 3) last week she and Jason went to a meeting of the Raritan Valley Rail Commission that was discussing the Gateway Tunnel and the one-seat-ride. The infrastructure is in desperate need of repair. She noted that a new Gateway Tunnel might not solve the one-seat-ride problem; 4) she was contacted by the County regarding a “Set the Table” event regarding their new Master Plan. The County is looking for residents to host gatherings in their homes. There is a $50 stipend to provide the food. Here is a link: http://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/destination2040/Pages/Set-the-Table.aspx
Mr. Cilento: 1) on March 25th, he and Stacy met with David Gregor, Middlesex County Traffic Safety Coordinator about a slow down in our town initiative and they will work with the Police Department on initiating that program. It has three prongs: education, enforcement and enhancement; 2) April 5th is the PBA beer and wine fund raiser at the Knights of Columbus; 3) he met with Jeremy and Janine at the Fire House regarding the Central Jersey Stream Team clean up that is scheduled for May 4th; 4) on March 28th the Dunellen Arts and Culture Commission did their first screening of a documentary called Destressed; 5) on April 12th there will be an arts work shop to help promote the Summer Arts Camp; 6) on March 20th he went with Julie Grof to the Train Station as part of the Transit Hub Study and conducted surveys with commuters; 7) the Bloustein School will be presenting their findings on April 15th; 8) please submit items for the next Dunellen Report.

Mrs. Narvesen: 1) went to the Board of Education meetings and Municipal Alliance meetings where they are coming up with ideas for different town hall meetings; 2) noted that Mayor Seader had come to a Playground Committee meeting and discussed the brick fund raising idea; 3) she has been working with Mr. Bruder on a smoke-free ordinance to be distributed at the next meeting for review; 4) the Playground Committee cleanup is on April 28th from 1 – 4 in Columbia Park.

Mayor Seader: 1) the borough received a grant for $583,316 to pave South Madison Avenue; 2) noted potholes. Mr. Safar will be working on them tomorrow; 3) asked about Prospect Avenue. He noted that the road is bumpy and there is an area between Grove and Walnut that is overlapping and creates a valley and the road is coming apart; 4) Memorial Day Parade committee has been meeting and we always need additional marchers and we are looking for two sponsors to pay for banners; 5) the Board of Education has raised taxes approximately $253 per house, and that is after receiving additional state aid; 6) Little League Opening Day is April 13th and the Easter Egg Hunt is on April 14th in Columbia Park.

PUBLIC PORTION

Faith Thompson, 113 Jadach Drive: 1) Web Site: needs some updating on Council page; Meeting Minutes and Agenda should be in reverse chronology; 2) asked if we could have a police presence on Walnut and Grove during road work? Mr. Safar noted it was an emergency and then there was work done on a sewer line. She noted that because there was no one directing traffic she and others sat in traffic for 20-30 minutes. Also, tractor trailers were attempting to turn onto New Market Road. Mayor Seader asked Detective Dudley about the process in an emergency. Mr. Dudley responded that they make an announcement of road closures or detours on the Nixle and often make a request for an officer from Dunellen or an outside agency to come in.

Homer Mosely, 113 Pearl Place, stated that contractors hire local officers to protect the site and not do traffic patrol. Mr. Bruder noted that they can do both. Mr. Dudley said it was determined by the circumstances of the job and officers were there to protect the site and the workers.

Faith Thompson: 3) stated that it did not appear that the DPW had been there to work on the Faber softball field. Mayor Seader responded that the DPW has been there every day and he has spoken with Mr. DeLucia. The Athletic Director said he saw nothing wrong with the field and the Softball Coach said he had no issues with the field. Mr. Safar noted that his DPW took care of other field maintenance that the District people should have taken care of. Mayor Seader
stated that we drag the field every time there is a game and the DPW addresses each field in turn, beginning at Columbia Park in the early morning when it is quiet and then to McCoy and then to Faber after the students are in the building. We are willing to help out, but Faber needs an entire new field; 4) Recycling. Mayor Seader noted that it is a County program and they changed vendors and Solterra does a horrible job. The County is aware of the poor job performance. So, what is our recourse? To call the County or to go to the Freeholders’ Meeting. But there is no money to be made in recycling.

Tremayne Reed, 721 Walnut Street, asked if the borough can opt out? We might be obligated per the contract we have with the County; 2) asked about traffic calming devices? Recommended speed bumps to keep the speeds down on South Madison Avenue, or a four-way stop sign at South Madison and Walnut. Mayor Seader responded that an engineer traffic study could cost $6,000 and might not even recommend a four-way sign. And the County will not permit our putting in such a sign without the engineer’s recommendation. Furthermore, real estate agents have noted that the value of homes goes down if a speed bump is in front of your house; 3) pointed out that the shed in Gavornik Park in unattractive. He would volunteer to help paint the building.

On the motion of Mr. Petracca and seconded by Mrs. Burke it was moved to accept the following:

04-01-2019: #17

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

The Dunellen Borough Council Meeting of April 1, 2019 is adjourned.

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Cilento, Dunne, Narvesen and Petracca