

April 18, 2022

Note: This meeting was in a hybrid format, with limited seating in the Council Chambers supplemented by teleconference for the public who could not attend.

Minutes of the public meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen held on April 18, 2022.

Mayor Jason F. Cilento 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: Jason Cilento, Teresa Albertson, Joseph Paltjon, Trina Rios, Daniel Sigmon and Harold VanDermark

Absent: Jessica Dunne

In the absence of John E. Bruder, Fredrick Rubenstein, Esq., served as legal counsel for this meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Sigmon and seconded by Mrs. Rios it was moved to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of April 4, 2022.

Yes: Albertson, Paltjon, Rios, Sigmon and VanDermark

At this point, the following Proclamation on the Occasion of the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Samuel Clemens.

On the Occasion of Your
Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Samuel Clemens

WHEREAS, Samuel Clemens was born in Plainfield, NJ, and raised in Dunellen and Green Brook before moving with his family to Pennsylvania in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Sam's family returned to Dunellen in 2019 and he is currently a Senior at Dunellen High School; and

WHEREAS, during his High School career, Sam was a member of the Spanish Club, Pop Culture Club, Drama Club, a member of the National Honor Society, and a member of the Chorus and Madrigals; and

WHEREAS, Sam loves theatre and has participated in a number of dramatic productions outside of school. He is devoted to all things related to Pac Man, an enthusiasm rivaled only by his deep interest in math, a field he will pursue when attending Stockton University in Fall 2022; and

WHEREAS, Sam has worked many hard years to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. He is a member of Troop 102 in Lake Ariel, PA and has been a scout since first being a Tiger Cub; and

WHEREAS, Sam has earned 47 merit badges, 13 of which were Eagle Badges. He has donated over 88 service hours with his troop plus countless hour on his Eagle Scout Project. Sam has held many leadership roles including Assistant SPL, Patrol Leader and Troop Instructor. With his troop, he participated in multiple First Aid meets and Klondike Derbies; and

WHEREAS, Sam's Eagle Project was for Lacawac Sanctuary in Wayne County, PA, where he built Boat Racks and re-routed a hiking trail for them.

NOW THEREFORE I, Jason F. Cilento, Mayor of the Borough of Dunellen, extend sincere best wishes to Samuel Clemens on his achievement.

Mayor's Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities
 Appoint Cathleen Harada to the Dunellen Arts and Culture Commission
 Appoint Crisol-Iris Lantz to the Mayor's Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Task Force

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

Ordinance 2022-12

The following ordinance was Introduced for first reading on April 4, 2022, and a second reading and public hearing is now being held at 7:00 p.m. in the Dunellen Borough Municipal Building, 355 North Avenue, Dunellen, New Jersey on the 18th day of April, 2022. Copies of this Ordinance have been posted on the public bulletin board prior to the date for second reading and final passage and copies of this Ordinance have been available at the Office of the Borough Clerk for any interested members of the public.

**CALENDAR YEAR 2022
MODEL 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 up 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 next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Dunellen, in the County of Middlesex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2022 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 2.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$148,734.98 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Mayor and Borough Council hereby determines 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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Dunellen, in the County of Middlesex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2022 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Dunellen shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$208,228.97 and that the CY 2022 municipal budget for the Borough of Dunellen, be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any 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.

At this point, Mayor Cilento opened the meeting to the public. No one from the public spoke.

Yes: Albertson, Paltjon, Rios, Sigmon and VanDermark

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

04-18-2022: #1

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: Albertson, Paltjon, Rios, Sigmon and VanDermark

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

04-18-2022: #2

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

WHEREAS, there is a need to repair storm sewers on Mountainview Terrace and on First Street; and

The following quotes were received:

CRJ Contracting Corp., Somerville, NJ \$23,920.00

Stilo Paving and Excavating, South Plainfield, NJ \$26,650.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract be awarded to CRJ Contracting Corp. for the repair of Storm Sewers on Mountainview Terrace and on First Street, at a cost not to exceed \$23,920.00. This contract is to be funded from monies received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Yes: Albertson, Paltjon, Rios, Sigmon and VanDermark

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

04-18-2022: #3

DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey. In coordination with GCADA, the New Jersey Department of Human Services/Division on Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) has awarded a Youth Leadership Grant to the GCADA Municipal Alliance Program.

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of Dunellen, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for DMHAS Youth Leadership funding through the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Middlesex;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Dunellen, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of an application for DMHAS Grant funding for the Dunellen Municipal Alliance for Year One Grant Term 7/1/22 – 3/14/23 in the amount of:
DMHAS Grant Funding \$5000
2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Yes: Paltjon, Rios, Sigmon and VanDermark
Abstain: Albertson

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

04-18-2022: #4

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

James F. Nolan, Esq., is hired as an independent mediator on behalf of the Borough of Dunellen, at a rate of \$250.00 per hour, for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Yes: Albertson, Rios, Sigmon and VanDermark
No: Paltjon

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

04-18-2022: #5

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

Whereas, in accordance with provisions of NJSA 40A:11 any expenditure of public funds in excess of \$17,500 requires the advertisement for proposals for delivery of said services or goods, and

Whereas, a need has been determined for improvements to Lincoln Avenue; and

Whereas, the following bids were solicited and opened on Thursday, March 24, 2022:

Topline Construction Corporation	
22 Fifth Street, Somerville, NJ 08876	\$1,218,450.76

KM Construction
14 Cordier Street, Irvington NJ \$1,305,382.40

Black Rock Enterprises, LLC
1316 Englishtown Road, Old Bridge, NJ 08857 \$1,560,010.90

Whereas, it is the recommendation of the Borough Engineer that the bid of Top Line Construction be accepted and a contract be awarded, and

Whereas, funds for said contract have been certified as available from the Chief Financial Officer. This award is subject to New Jersey Department of Transportation approval, as well as the approval of the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the necessary agreement with Top Line Construction for improvements to Lincoln Avenue at a cost not to exceed \$1,218,450.76.

Yes: Albertson, Paltjon, Rios, Sigmon and VanDermark

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

04-18-2022: #6

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

The following persons are hired for employment as coaches in the Recreation Department's Spring Tennis program. Employment will be between April 23, 2022 and May 15, 2022. Their wages will be taken from the program fees.

All wages are per hour, except where noted, and there are no benefits.

Kelly Seader	Coach	\$20.00 per hour
Kate Ruskuski	Coach	\$20.00 per hour
Kate Egan	Coach	\$20.00 per hour

Yes: Albertson, Paltjon, Rios, Sigmon and VanDermark

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

04-18-2022: #6-A

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

Whereas, there exists a need for professional engineering services regarding the planning, bid, and construction phase of the repairs to the Municipal Building Roof.

Whereas, the Local Public Contracts Law (NJSA 40A:11-1 et. seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of the contract for Professional Services without competitive bidding must be publicly advertised.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Dunellen as follows:

1. The cost of said services is not to exceed \$37,600.00.
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Remington & Vernick Engineers, 9 Allen Street, Toms River, NJ 08753, for design phase services, bid phase and construction administration and inspection.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service under the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law because the services rendered are professional services of a recognized profession whose practice is regulated by law.
4. A copy of this resolution shall be published in the *Courier News* as required by law within ten days of its passage.

Yes: Albertson, Paltjon, Rios, Sigmon and VanDermark

CONSENT AGENDA

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

04-18-2022: #7

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

Resolution 03-21-2022: #37 is amended as follows:

A contract is awarded to Absolute Fire Protection Co., Inc., for E-ONE eMAX PUMPER, at a cost not to exceed \$655,930.00. This item is purchased on the Sourcewell E-One #022818-EOI contract.

04-18-2022: #8

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

Resolution 03-21-2022: #39 is amended as follows:

A contract is awarded to Motorola Solutions, Inc., c/o Wireless Communications and Electronics, for the purchase of consolettes and accessory equipment, at a cost not to exceed \$37,513.50.

04-18-2022: #9

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

The Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue checks to DMR Architects, from the Dunellen Planning Board Escrow Account(s) listed below, for architectural work towards the following application(s):

370-372 NORTH AVENUE – LILY YIP

<u>Inv.</u>	<u>P.O. Number</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
20210882	PB265	Architectural Review	\$247.50
20211089	PB265	Architectural Review	<u>247.50</u>
			\$495.00

501 NORTH AVENUE (NORTH AVENUE PORTFOLIOS)

<u>Inv.</u>	<u>P.O. Number</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
20220444	PE125	Architectural Review	\$453.75

04-18-2022: #10

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

Be it resolved by the governing body of the Borough of Dunellen, New Jersey, that:

The Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue checks to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, from the Dunellen Planning Board Escrow Account(s) listed below, for legal work towards the following application(s):

TRAIN STATION REDEVELOPMENT (MAS DEVELOPMENT GROUP)

<u>Inv.</u>	<u>P.O. Number</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
188743	PE119	Professional Services	\$1,350.00
189423	PE124	Professional Services	<u>675.00</u>
			\$2,025.00

501 NORTH AVENUE PORTFOLIOS

<u>Inv.</u>	<u>P.O. Number</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
189425	PE123	Professional Services	\$2,737.50

04-18-2022: #11

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

The Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue checks to CME Associates, from the Dunellen Planning Board Escrow Account(s) listed below, for legal work towards the following application(s):

440 NORTH AVENUE (CHELSEA BUILDERS)

<u>Inv.</u>	<u>P.O. Number</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
277322	PB267	Resolution Compliance Review	\$4,377.00

390 NORTH AVE (MOOREHOUSE 390)

<u>Inv.</u>	<u>P.O. Number</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
300480	PB264	Resolution Compliance Review	\$92.00
301194	PB270	Resolution Compliance Review	<u>1,807.75</u>
			\$1,899.75

745 BOUND BROOK ROAD (SRV)

<u>Inv.</u>	<u>P.O. Number</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
300481	PE116	Engineering	\$138.00

BRUDNER REDEVELOPMENT (FORCE MAIN)

<u>Inv.</u>	<u>P.O. Number</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
300482	PE117	Engineering	\$4,533.25
301195	PE120	Engineering	<u>2,766.50</u>
			7,299.75

100 SOUTH WASHINGTON AVENUE (PRISM ASSOCIATES)

<u>Inv.</u>	<u>P.O. Number</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
300483	PE118	Engineering	\$414.00
301196	PE121	Engineering	<u>184.00</u>
			\$598.00

04-18-2022: #12

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

The Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue checks to NW Financial Group, LLC, from the Dunellen Planning Board Escrow Account(s) listed below, for financial work towards the following application(s):

501 NORTH AVENUE – 501 NORTH AVENUE PORTFOLIOS

<u>Inv.</u>	<u>P.O. Number</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
28919	PE122	Professional Services	\$2,427.00

04-18-2022: #13

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

The Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue checks to King Moench Hirniak & Mehta LLP, from the Dunellen Planning Board Escrow Account(s) listed below, for legal work towards the following application(s):

370-372 NORTH AVENUE – LILY YIP

<u>Inv.</u>	<u>P.O. Number</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
92132	PB266	Professional Services	\$928.00
92179	PB266	Professional Services	128.00
92375	PB266	Professional Services	<u>624.00</u>
			\$1,680.00

440 NORTH AVENUE – CHELSEA BUILDERS

<u>Inv.</u>	<u>P.O. Number</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
92274	PB269	Professional Services	\$1,600.00

04-18-2022: #14

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

Be it resolved by the governing body of the Borough of Dunellen, New Jersey, that:

The Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue checks to Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP, from the Dunellen Planning Board Escrow Account(s) listed below, for legal work towards the following application(s):

440 NORTH AVENUE (CHELSEA BUILDERS)

<u>Inv.</u>	<u>P.O. Number</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
65093	PB268	Professional Services	\$600.00
75892	PB268	Professional Services	<u>45.00</u>
			\$645.00

Yes: Albertson, Paltjon, Rios, Sigmon and VanDermark

REPORTS

Mrs. Albertson: 1) Green Brook Flood Commission--I attended the meeting on April 6th. There is an updated schedule to expedite the project. This is due to the \$496 million dollars recently allotted for disaster relief. The schedule change moves up the timeline for area IJK which includes Dunellen, Greenbrook and Plainfield. Some residents have been sent Right of Entry letters (ROE). This allows someone to come in and survey your property to prepare for working on the flood control project. If you received one of these letters, please do not ignore it. This is the first step in the project, and they cannot move on until they have all the needed information; 2) Fire Department--Memorial Service and Blessing of the Trucks on Sunday, May 15th, Washington Memorial Park, 10 am. Mass to follow at St. John's; 3) Diversity and Inclusion--Meeting on April 21st. We will be finalizing plans for events in June and July.

Mrs. Rios: 1) Friends of the Dunellen Public Library--hosted their first open air market of the year. It was a huge success, and we look forward to many more this summer. The open-air market will be every first and third Sunday of the month and is located at Washington Park; 2) Dunellen Public Library--the Library is participating in a program to provide iPads to patrons to be used for Telehealth and/or Job seeking activities. These devices were made available through a grant from the NJ State Library, facilitated by a partnership with the East Brunswick Public Library. For more information call the Dunellen Public Library at 732-968-4585. There is a lot to do at the Library this week so please check our schedule online or follow us on social media for updates on programs and events. In addition to our regular events, we are planning:

On Tuesday, April 19th the Library will host gaming day from 11am-4pm for teens and tweens.

Musical Story Time for children 3 & under on Thursdays at 10:30am at the Library. An

Earth Day Celebration, an all-ages family event on Friday April 29th at 1:30pm, an outdoor event weather permitting. In the event of poor weather, we will move indoors; 3) Municipal

Alliance--is back in the schools with the stop underage drinking students also known as SUDS kids. Presenting to third grade last week. Very proud of them. They did great and kept the

kids engaged; 4) Dunellen Downtown Management Organization--will be hanging up planters around town to help spruce up the appearance of our main streets. Also, please do not forget that

this coming Saturday April 23rd will be our second annual Spring into Wellness event at

Washington Park. We will have a variety of demonstrations from local businesses. We will also

have a few food vendors as well as local organizations promoting their events; 5) Dunellen PTO--Tricky Tray will be on Saturday, May 14. This is their biggest fundraiser! They are happy to take

any donations of new items big or small. Tricky Tray will be a hybrid event this year - you can either attend in person or drop your tickets off and watch the raffle from home. Saturday, June 4 at

4pm at Washington Park will be the PTO Talent show--open to all including Council members and Saturday, June 11 we are having a fundraiser at the Patriots Ballpark. Tickets are \$13 and

can be purchased via the link on the PTO website/Facebook page. The Mayor will be throwing the opening ball; 6) Dunellen Arts and Culture--the Dunellen Arts and Culture Commission is

planning their Summer Art Camp, which will be offered at a reduced rate this year thanks to a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural Heritage Trust. Camp will run in weekly sessions from

June 29th through July 29th, Monday through Friday from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Registration information will be available to the public shortly. This June, DACC plans to work with volunteers,

local children and students to bring murals to Gavornik Park, on the walls of the shed located on the Northern side of the park. The Music in the Park, a free concert series, will return on Thursday

evenings throughout the spring and summer starting on June 24th in Washington Park at 7pm

7) Mural Proposal--a two-part mural to be completed by children and volunteers. One image will be featured on the side of the shed at Gavornik Park which faces the signs, the other side will face

the park. A call for artists will go out to the community, children teens and families will be encouraged to participate.

Two days - three days:

Day 1: background prep: Members of the community (or school art club) will be invited to paint the background design: a simple sky with a tree. Volunteers from the Arts Commission will oversee and facilitate this step.

Day 2: children will be invited to put handprints on the mural for the leaves and the grass, and the colors of the butterfly wings.

Day 3: cleanup: Some final touches and details will be added.

This may happen over the course of one weekend, or be spread out over the course of two weeks,

depending on the availability pop volunteers and the weather.

A quote will be added to one or both of the murals. The Arts Commission is in the process of choosing a quote. One could not be decided upon at the time of the meeting. Supplies will be donated, and procured by Margaret Lockwood, who has already established contact with retail stores who will donate the paint. Council was polled and all members gave their consent to DACC's Mural proposal.

Mr. VanDermark: 1) Parks & Recreation Report--Easter Egg Hunt took place on April 10th. The Hunt is the start of our 2022 Recreation events, and we had an excellent turnout. The Recreation Department estimated around 225 children in the Hunt. The Recreation Department would like to thank the support of the Mayor and Council, thanks to the Recreation Commission and the High School volunteers who helped staff and put out over 2,000 eggs. Also, a shout out to the Dunellen Fire Department for escorting the Easter Bunny, and also thank you to the CERT team for their involvement in the event. Reminder that the Recreation Baseball & Softball Event will be this coming Saturday April 23rd. The Parade will start at 10am at Washington Memorial Park and walk to McCoy Park for the Opening Day Ceremony. All of our Recreation spring programs will be starting this coming week: Track, Tennis, Baseball, Softball, and Soccer. We have 185 children register for the spring sports. Senior Movie Mondays: Are Back! The Recreation Department is very excited that the Dunellen Theater is back up and running. The Recreation Department is thankful to Craig Killian and Richie Zupko for opening this program back up especially on a day that Zupkos is technically closed. The Senior Movie package is \$5.00 for the movie, 2 slices of pizza, small soda, and popcorn. Upcoming movies for our seniors: April 25, May 23rd, June 20th, July 18th, and August 22nd. Movie start time is at 10am and pizza is served at 11am.

Mr. Sigmon: 1) Department of Public Works crews have been maintaining daily cleaning of the downtown and all our Borough Properties & Parks. Additionally, they have:

- Continued the street sweep schedule.
- Finished inspecting and cleaning all the catch basins in the town.
- Branch pick-up throughout the Borough, curbside branch pick-up will continue throughout the month of April. Reminder that residents can always bring branches or leaf bags to the DPW recycling yard all year round.
- Assisted PSE&G on two tree removals on Second Street.
- Picked up stump grindings throughout the town, from trees that were removed last fall.
- Baseball and softball field maintenance in the parks.
- Removed multiple trees from the Green Brook Brook. This is a part of Mayor Cilento's "Green Brook Brook Clean-up" with other Mayors along the Green Brook Brook. Mayor Cilento will have more on this project.
- The crew will be filling potholes this upcoming week.
- Equipment and Vehicle Repairs: Chief's Car, Police Cars: #502, #503, #504, and #507. Serviced one mower, removed a salter from truck #40, and repaired the pothole machine.

Mr. Paltjon: 1) Buildings and Grounds: Borough Hall Roof was awarded tonight to RVE. We should have 3 quotes on the floor replacement of the Police Department Locker Room floor replacement this week; 2) PARSA: has continued video recording our sewers throughout the Borough. PARSA's main focus is checking our upcoming streets that will be paved. Mayor Cilento has discussed with PARSA about a sewer relining program. This program is to be proactive on relining our vulnerable sewer mains. Mayor Cilento will have more information about this program.

Mayor Cilento:

Covid-19 Update:

Since my last report on 4/4/2022, we have been made aware of 15 more new cases added to Dunellen's cumulative total of 1,823 since March 2020; 2 of these new cases have been within the last 24 hours. Dunellen's cumulative death total is fifteen.

Dunellen and Middlesex County's cumulative totals can be found at www.discovermiddlesex.com/total-cumulative-cases/

COVID-19 Vaccination Statistics from New Jersey Dashboard (https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_dashboard.shtml):

At Least One Dose
Dunellen Borough
Middlesex County

All Ages:	81%
5 through 11:	33%
5 and over:	89%
12 through 17:	76%
12 and over:	96%
18 and over:	99%
30 and over:	95%
65 and over:	108%

Vaccine Courses Complete
Dunellen Borough
Middlesex County

All Ages:	71%
5 through 11:	28%
5 and over:	77%
12 through 17:	69%
12 and over:	84%
18 and over:	85%
30 and over:	84%
65 and over:	96%

New Jersey COVID-19 Information Hub at: www.covid19.nj.gov.

New Jersey American Water and PSE&G Improvements:

New Jersey American Water:

Washington Avenue: Monday, 4/18 through Friday, 4/22 (Mountain View Terrace to Front Street) - water crossing at each block. Washington Avenue will be open for through traffic North & South.

Madison Avenue: Monday, 4/18 through Wednesday, 4/20, water main tie-ins at the intersection of Madison and First Street and the intersection of Madison Avenue and Second Street.

For questions or concerns on the NJAW project, you may contact Mike Rinaldo, Construction Inspector at 908-205-3471. They can also be reached at our Customer Service Center:

1-800-272-1325 Hours: 7 a.m.–7 p.m., M-F For emergencies, we’re available 24/7.

PSE&G:

Front Street (700 & 800 block) continue service connections. As with any construction project, you may experience an increase in traffic, loud noise, and presence of heavy equipment and machinery. If anyone in the household has a serious medical condition that may be aggravated by an interruption in gas service, please contact us immediately at 1-800-436-7734 (PSEG).

Lincoln Avenue Road Improvement Project:

Lincoln Avenue was awarded this evening with estimated road improvements to occur in the summer.

Green Brook Tree Blockage Removal:

During the period of April 11th to April 14th, the Dunellen Department of Public Works and the Green Brook Department of Public Works, along with the Middlesex County Mosquito Commission and removed several large trees out of the Green Brook which were causing blockages. Thanks to the DPW and the County for working to clear these blockages, as well as Jeff and Jana Best who volunteered their time to help the crews.

Sewer main relining program:

We have been speaking with PARSA about being more proactive about sewer maintenance. This includes assessing the lines through videoing to identify stresses in our sewer mains/lines and what lines may qualify for relining, which proves to be cost-effective over replacing lines.

Complete Streets Technical Assistance Application – Complete and Green Streets for All Policy:

The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), Sustainable Jersey (SJ), and the Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers University (VTC) informed Dunellen that we have been selected to receive free direct technical assistance for a Complete and Green Streets for All Policy. The technical assistance is funded by the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority. More information to follow in the coming weeks for how the Mayor’s Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Task Force will be working with the community for input.

Sent a letter to Nicholas Scutari letting him know of some of our infrastructure and capital improvement needs. Also sent a letter on needed train station improvements to John Bramnick and other legislators.

Public Comment

Rich Freyer, Front Street: requested that the DPW Yard be open earlier in the morning.

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

04-18-2022: #15

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

The Dunellen Borough Council Meeting of April 18, 2022 is adjourned.

Yes: Albertson, Paltjon, Rios, Sigmon and VanDermark

The YouTube presentation of this Council meeting can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FFknJWBgPOw&t=4s>