

April 5, 2021

Note: This meeting was held by teleconference for the public.

Minutes of the public meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen held on April 5, 2021.

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, April Burke, Jessica Dunne, Stacy Narvesen, Tremayne Reid, Trina Rios and Daniel Sigmon

Mayor Cilento asked for a moment of silence in memory of Middlesex County Deputy Commissioner Kenneth Armwood, who passed away suddenly.

On the motion of Mrs. Burke and seconded by Mrs. Rios it was moved to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of March 15, 2021.

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Narvesen, Reid, Rios and Sigmon

Proclamation in Observance of “Denim Day” and the Designation of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the observance of “Denim Day” are intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has mental and physical health implications for survivors and public health implications for every community member of Middlesex County; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment greatly impact our community, as statistics indicate that every 73 seconds, someone in the U.S.A is sexually assaulted, and every 9 minutes, the victim is a child; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic has increased isolation and strained support systems, impacting incidents of violence and abuse, and affecting survivors’ journeys to healing; and

WHEREAS, staff and volunteers of anti-violence and prevention programs in Middlesex County including the Middlesex County Center for Empowerment and Sexual Violence Prevention Coalition encourage every person to challenge the social norms that continue to perpetuate a culture of violence, help build safe online spaces, and speak out before and when witnessing acts of violence, however small; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Sex Crimes Officers Association and the Middlesex County Sex Crimes Liaison Officers in connection with the Middlesex County Prosecutor’s Office are dedicated to ensuring the effective investigation and prosecution of sex crimes in our community through interagency collaboration and training; and

WHEREAS, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in Middlesex County through: increased awareness; prevention education focused on increasing gender equity, healthy relationships, and bystander intervention; and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of April, Middlesex County strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about what sexual violence is; how to prevent it; how to help survivors connect with services; and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Jason F. Cilento, Mayor of the Borough of Dunellen, along with our Governing Body, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH** and that we join anti-sexual violence advocates and support service programs in the belief that all community members must be part of the solution to end sexual violence and encourage the observation of Denim Day on Wednesday, April 28, 2021.

DATED: April 5, 2021

Mayor's Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities
Appoint Shrona Wise-Schimpf to the Dunellen Arts and Culture Commission

The proposed amended Dunellen Downtown Redevelopment Plan, Ordinance 2021-10, had been introduced on March 15, 2021 and forwarded to the Dunellen Planning Board for review and comment. Gabriel Bailer of DMR Architects made a presentation to Council on the Planning Board comments and some revised language that might be included if the ordinance were to be re-introduced. His presentation can be found on the Redevelopment page of the Dunellen website (www.dunellen-nj.gov):

<https://www.dunellen-nj.gov/redevelopment/index.php>

The YouTube recording of the Council meeting, which includes this presentation, can be found at:

<https://youtu.be/61KjhKEiMQ8>

Ordinance 2021-10 was not reintroduced and was removed from the Agenda.

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

Ordinance 2021-11

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AMENDING BOROUGH CODE CHAPTER 89 TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF CONSTRUCTING FRACTIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS

WHEREAS, the Borough Code and the adopted redevelopment plan applicable to certain redevelopment areas in the Borough include development standards that

require redevelopers to set aside a certain percentage of market rate residential dwelling units as affordable housing for persons of low and moderate income and, in certain instances, the application of the set aside can result in a fraction of a unit of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is desirous of allowing redevelopers to satisfy the affordable housing set aside requirement by making a payment in lieu of constructing a fractional affordable housing unit pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:93-8.10(c); and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Dunellen deems that authorizing payments in lieu of constructing fractional affordable units will benefit the citizens of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Dunellen, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. §89-13.B(4) of Dunellen's code shall be rewritten as follows:
 - (4) Payments in-lieu of constructing affordable units.
 - (a) The standards for the collection of payments-in-lieu of constructing affordable units or standards for constructing affordable units off-site shall be in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:93-8. With the exception of fractional affordable units, Developers are prohibited from making a payment in lieu of constructing affordable units on-site or from constructing required affordable units off-site.
 - (b) Payments in-lieu constructing fractional affordable units. In the event that the inclusionary set-aside percentage (15% for rentals / 20% for-sale) of the total number of residential units does not result in a full integer, the fractional affordable unit shall be addressed as follows:
 - [1] The developer may round the fraction upward to construct a whole additional affordable unit at developer's sole cost; or
 - [2] The developer may round the fraction downward and construct the lesser whole number of affordable units and make a payment in-lieu of constructing the fractional additional unit ("fractional payment in-lieu"); or
 - [3] If the set-aside results in a fractional unit of more than 0.49 units, at the discretion of the Borough Council, the fractional unit shall be rounded up to a full unit and the developer shall construct the additional full unit. In that event, the Borough shall make a contribution to the developer from its Affordable Housing Trust Fund in an amount that equals the difference between the fractional unit resulting from the set-aside and the additional full unit, multiplied by the cost of construction of an affordable unit as set forth in Section 89-13.B(4)(c)[1]. If the set-aside results in a fractional unit equal to 0.49 units or less, the Borough Council, at its discretion, may make a contribution to the developer as set forth above, but only if accepting such contribution and assuming the obligation to construct the additional unit is acceptable to the developer. The Borough Council shall only exercise its

discretion under this subsection if there are sufficient funds available in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. For development subject to an adopted redevelopment plan, the Borough Council shall exercise its discretion under this subsection at the time the redeveloper obtains Borough Council approval of its concept plan, and at that time the Borough shall reserve sufficient funds from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for that purpose. The Borough shall make the contribution payment upon application by the redeveloper after the recordation of the affordable housing deed restriction for the project.

[4] The fractional payment in-lieu amount shall be calculated as the fractional unit multiplied by the base payment in-lieu dollar amount established in Section 89-13.B(4)(d)[1] of the Borough Code.

[5] For example: If seven total units are developed at an inclusionary site, a 20% set-aside would require 1.4 affordable units. Per the requirements above:

[a] In accordance with Section 89-13.B(4)(b)[1], the developer may round up the 0.4 unit to one whole affordable unit so as to construct a total of two affordable housing units at developer's sole cost; or

[b] In accordance with Section 89-13.B(4)(b)[2], the developer may round the fraction downward so as to construct only one affordable unit and shall pay into the Borough's Affordable Housing Trust Fund a fractional in-lieu payment equal to the dollar amount established in Section 89-13.B(4)(d)[1] multiplied by 0.4 units; or

[c] In accordance with Section 89-13.B(4)(b)[3], the Borough Council may make a contribution if it is acceptable to the developer and the developer is willing to build the additional affordable unit, the developer shall round up the 0.4 unit to one whole affordable unit so as to construct a total of two affordable housing units, then the Borough shall make a contribution from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to the developer in an amount equal to the dollar amount established in Section 89-13.B(4)(c)[1] multiplied by 0.6 units;

[d] If eight total units are developed at an inclusionary site, a 20% set-aside would require 1.6 affordable units, in accordance with Section 89-13.B(4)(b)[3], if the Borough Council exercises its discretion to require the developer to build the additional affordable unit, the developer shall round up the 0.6 unit to one whole affordable unit so as to construct a total of two affordable housing units, then the Borough shall make a contribution from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to the developer in an amount equal to the dollar amount established in Section 89-13.B(4)(c)[1] multiplied by 0.4 units.

(c) Cost of construction of affordable housing unit. The amount of payments in lieu of constructing fractional affordable units on site shall be based on the cost of constructing new residential units pursuant to this section. The cost of constructing new residential units includes the sum of development hard costs, related soft costs and developer's fees pursuant to the cost containment provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:43-2.4(a)1 through 6 and land costs equal to 25 percent of the first quartile of new construction costs as reported to the Homeowner Warranty Program.

[1] The base dollar amount of the payment in-lieu of constructing an affordable unit at the time of adoption of this chapter shall be \$155,000, or any amount established by the Courts, COAH, or other relevant jurisdiction.

[a] This base amount shall have an annual increase of 2% based upon the date of the adoption of this ordinance and adjusted every five (5) years by the Borough to reflect the most current and accurate market conditions or better cover the cost to the Borough to subsidize affordable housing construction. The payment shall be imposed as a condition of development approval by the Planning Board.

[b] The payment in-lieu amount paid by any developer shall be deposited by the Borough into its duly established affordable housing trust fund and may be spent in accordance with the Borough's approved spending plan, applicable COAH regulations, court orders, and other applicable statutes and legislation.

(d) The developer shall make the fractional payment in-lieu prior to the issuance of first temporary or final certificate of occupancy for the inclusionary development.

2. §89-4.B(2) of Dunellen's code shall be rewritten as follows:

Any development within an area in need of redevelopment or rehabilitation, where a redevelopment agreement that includes specific requirements related to the provision of affordable housing has been executed by the Borough and the designated redeveloper, shall be exempt from development fees, except for the payment of fractional payments in-lieu pursuant to Section 89-13.B(4) herein.

3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed as to such inconsistency.

4. If any article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase, or sentence is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, said article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence shall be deemed separable.

5. This ordinance shall take effect upon final publication as provided by law.

Mr. Bailer informed the Council that with this ordinance, if a developer provides an affordable housing unit that is not a whole integer, there is a mechanism for a payment in lieu.

Mr. Bruder noted that this ordinance is designed to reflect our required affordable units under the Fair Share Housing Settlement. The Borough wants to capture the units. How do you capture a 1.6? If below .5, the builder can say he is not going to build, but he must pay a fee. If above .5, they will build but the Borough must pay from the Affordable Housing Trust.

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Narvesen, Reid, Rios and Sigmon

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

ORDINANCE 2021-07

BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN

The following ordinance was Introduced for first reading at a meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Dunellen, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on March 15, 2021. It is now being further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of said governing body being held in the Municipal Building, 355 North Avenue, Dunellen, New Jersey, in said County, on April 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance have been available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who have requested the same.

Dunellen Municipal Code, Chapter 186-3, Littering and Dumping Prohibited:

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- A. Throw, drop, discard, scatter or otherwise place litter of any nature upon any public or private property or along any road, street or right-of-way, unless same is disposed properly in a litter receptacle or waste disposal bin.
- B. Place or dump any quantities of household or commercial garbage or solid waste generated on private property in a private litter receptacle or waste disposal bin without the written consent of the owner of the receptacle or bin.
- C. Place or dump any quantities of materials designated for recycling in a litter receptacle or waste disposal bin unless the receptacle or bin is identified as a collection container for recyclables.
- D. No person or business shall dispose of any household or business trash, garbage, rubbish, paper or trade waste in any public litter receptacle placed upon the streets of the borough for use by the public to prevent littering of streets and sidewalks.

F. No person shall throw, discharge or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any fountain, pool, lake, stream or other body of water in or adjacent to any tributary stream, storm sewer, or drain flowing into such water, any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in pollution of such waters.

Mrs. Narvesen asked who would enforce this ordinance? Mayor Cilento responded it would be Code Enforcement. Mr. Bruder added that the Police could also enforce.

At this point, Mayor Cilento opened the meeting for public comment on the ordinance. No one from the public spoke. This portion was closed.

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Narvesen, Reid, Rios and Sigmon

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

ORDINANCE 2021-08

BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN

The following ordinance was Introduced for first reading at a meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Dunellen, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on March 15, 2021. It is now being further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of said governing body being held in the Municipal Building, 355 North Avenue, Dunellen, New Jersey, in said County, on April 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance have been available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who have requested the same.

The following Dunellen Code Chapter is amended as follows:

Dunellen Municipal Code, Chapter 256-1, Time limit for removal of snow or covering of ice.

§ 256-1 Time limit for removal of snow or covering of ice.

A. The owner or occupant of lands abutting or bordering upon sidewalks, public streets or public places in the Borough is hereby required to remove all snow and ice from the sidewalks abutting said property within 24 hours after the snow ceases.

B. In the case of ice which may be so frozen as to make removal impractical, the owner or occupant of lands abutting or bordering upon sidewalks, public streets or public places in the Borough is hereby required to thoroughly cover such ice on the sidewalks abutting said property with sand, salt or cinders within 24 hours after the same shall fall or be formed thereon.

C. Owners of corner properties are additionally required to remove snow and ice so as to provide pedestrian, stroller and wheelchair access from their sidewalk to the streets forming the corner.

D. The owner, tenant or occupant of any lands abutting upon the public streets of the Borough are additionally required to remove all snow and ice from abutting sidewalks and which is on or around fire hydrants, and the owner or tenant or occupant of property containing handicapped parking spaces shall remove all snow and ice from the handicapped parking spaces within 24 hours after the inclement weather has ended.

At this point, Mayor Cilento opened the meeting for public comment on the ordinance. No one from the public spoke. This portion was closed.

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Narvesen, Reid, Rios and Sigmon

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

ORDINANCE 2021-09

The following ordinance was Introduced for first reading on March 15, 2021, and a second reading and public hearing is being held at 7:00 p.m. in the Dunellen Borough Municipal Building, 355 North Avenue, Dunellen, New Jersey on the 5th day of April, 2021, and 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.

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

CALENDAR YEAR 2021 **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 1.0% 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 2021 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 \$143,436.48 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 2021 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 \$200,811.07, and that the CY 2021 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.

Mayor Cilento noted that this is just a precautionary measure; if there is an emergency, this permits the Borough to raise necessary funds.

Mr. Olsen spoke about the two CAPS, revenue and appropriations. This ordinance is an "insurance policy" that allows us to exceed a CAP that has been established.

At this point, Mayor Cilento opened the meeting for public comment on the ordinance. No one from the public spoke. This portion was closed.

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Narvesen, Reid, Rios and Sigmon

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

04-05-2021: #1

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

Introducing CY 2021 Budget for the Borough of Dunellen.

Scott Olsen, Dunellen Chief Financial Officer, made a Budget Presentation to Council that can be seen in its entirety on the YouTube video recording of this Council meeting:

<https://youtu.be/61KjhKEiMQ8>

Mayor Cilento noted that this Budget also reflects some infrastructure improvements such as six roads getting paved, the Fire House embankment being repaired, sewer lines being videoed, and park improvements.

Dr. Dunne thanked Scott, Mrs. Narvesen, Mrs. Rios and Dr. Robins for their contribution to putting this Budget together, and to the department heads who were responsive to the Finance Committee's requests. She also asked that the Finance Committee be consulted before any capital expenses be made.

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Narvesen, Reid, Rios and Sigmon

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

04-05-2021: #2

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

Introducing CY 2021 Sewer Utility Budget for the Borough of Dunellen.

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Narvesen, Reid, Rios and Sigmon

Link to the web page for the full CY2021 Municipal Budget and Sewer Utility Budget and a Budget Presentation Chief Financial Officer Scott Olsen made to the Council on April 5, 2021:

<http://www.dunellen-nj.gov/departments/finance/documents.php>

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

04-05-2021: #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: Burke, Dunne, Narvesen, Reid, Rios and Sigmon

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

04-05-2021: #4

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN AUTHORIZING A CLOSEOUT AND FINAL PAYMENT TO FIELD TURF USA, Inc., FOR THE "COLUMBIA PARK SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD IMPROVEMENTS"

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Dunellen entered into a Contract with Field Turf USA, Inc., for a project entitled "Columbia Park Synthetic Turf Field Improvements" Dunellen Avenue, Phase II," under Resolution 08-05-2019: #4 in the amount of \$1,966,961.00; and,

WHEREAS, the project has been satisfactorily completed at the contract price of \$1,966,961.00; and

WHEREAS, CME Associates, Engineers for this project, has recommended a final payment to the contractor in the amount of \$241,898.12.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 5th day of April 2021, the Council of the Borough of Dunellen does hereby accept the recommendation of the Borough's engineers, CME Associates, and authorizes the payment of \$241,898.12 to closeout this project.

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Council of the Borough of Dunellen, County of Middlesex, at its meeting held on April 5, 2021.

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Narvesen, Reid, Rios and Sigmon

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

04-05-2021: #5

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 \$4,572.00.

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Narvesen, Reid, Rios and Sigmon

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

04-05-2021: #6

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 field, lawn, and landscaping of Columbia Park for 2021, at a cost not to exceed \$6,115.00. The contract is awarded per New Jersey State Contract, through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, Co-op # 65MCECCPS, contract # ESCNJ 20/21-49. The Dunellen School District will contribute one-half of the cost of this contract.

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Narvesen, Reid, Rios and Sigmon

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

04-05-2021: #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 field, lawn, and landscaping of McCoy Park for 2021, at a cost not to exceed \$2,225.00. The contract is awarded per New Jersey State Contract, through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, Co-op # 65MCECCPS, contract # ESCNJ 20/21-49.

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Narvesen, Reid, Rios and Sigmon

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

04-05-2021: #8

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

Richard E. Gruters is hired as a part-time clerk in the Dunellen Municipal Court Administration Office at a salary of \$15.00 per hour, for approximately 15 hours per week, but with an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00, effective April 1, 2021. This is a position without benefits.

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Narvesen, Reid, Rios and Sigmon

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

04-05-2021: #9

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

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to the need for sewer main repair on Grove Street; and

WHEREAS, this sewer repair, if left unattended, would have affected the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Dunellen; and

WHEREAS, the nature of this emergency rendered it impossible to adhere to the normal requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that in accordance with NJSA 40A:4-48, an Emergency Appropriation be made to Sewer Repair for repair of the broken sewer main on Grove Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Stilo Paving and Excavating be awarded a contract to repair the broken sewer main, at a cost not to exceed \$74,865.25.

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Narvesen, Reid, Rios and Sigmon

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

04-05-2021: #10

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

Mayor Jason F. Cilento is authorized to sign the Agreement with Middlesex County for the administration of funds from the 2020 Community Development Block Grant allocated to the Borough of Dunellen.

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Narvesen, Reid, Rios and Sigmon

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

04-05-2021: #11

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 2020 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 hereby 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 \$3,250.00; 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.

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Narvesen, Reid, Rios and Sigmon

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

04-05-2021: #12

RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY RELAXING EXISTING ORDINANCES AND PROCEDURES ASSOCIATED WITH REVIEW AND APPROVAL FOR RESTAURANTS, FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND RETAIL BUSINESSES AND ALLOWING FOR OUTDOOR DINING AND OUTDOOR DISPLAY TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES UNDER CURRENT STATE GUIDANCE AND SOCIAL DISTANCING IN CONNECTION TO COVID-19

WHEREAS, in light of Executive Orders issued by Governor Philip Murphy and the protocols established to restrict the spread of COVID-19, certain practices and procedures have been instituted that set forth the "social distancing" protocols and best practices imposed by Federal, State, and Local authorities and agencies, advising that businesses and other public and private entities limit crowd size, and allow people to avoid physical contact and maintain personal distance, and

WHEREAS, Dunellen is home to a majority of generational, Mom & Pop and independently run businesses who have been greatly impacted by COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, each of these businesses is an integral part of Dunellen's local economy and social fabric of our great borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Dunellen recognizes the policies regarding restaurants and retail merchants established by the State of New Jersey through law, regulation and executive order rightfully prioritize public health; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Dunellen supports and strongly adheres to the recommendations and guidance issued by the State, Federal and County governments, as well as the recommendations of the CDC and health care professionals to continue proactive measures such as social distancing to curtail the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Dunellen supports temporary, practical measures that enable restaurants and retail merchants to augment their indoor capabilities as a means to boost customer activity; and

WHEREAS, in preparation of reopening Dunellen to fuller productivity by its businesses and enhancement of personal physical and mental health by its residents, it is proposed that the following steps be taken:

NOW, THEREFORE, Mayor Jason F. Cilento and the Council of the Borough of Dunellen in the County of Middlesex in the State of New Jersey, do hereby order and direct:

1. Encouragement of outdoor dining for restaurants by waiving the annual outdoor dining permit fee. If businesses have already paid for their permit, they will be credited for the 2022 permit fee. In addition, the Borough of Dunellen will encourage restaurants to use parts of their parking lots as spaces for expanded outdoor dining, as well as available public spaces by arrangement with the Borough.
 - a. Although the permit fees will be waived, the Borough of Dunellen must still be informed of all sidewalk and parking lot outdoor dining. The Outdoor Dining or Sidewalk Cafes Application must be completed submitted to the Borough Clerks Office for record: 355 North Ave, Dunellen, NJ 08812
2. Encouragement of sidewalk retail sales for businesses downtown so long as they do not obstruct pedestrian traffic or violate safe distancing protocols.
 - a. Businesses which conduct sidewalk retail sales in front of their establishment shall make use of The Outdoor Dining or Sidewalk Cafes Application for the borough's record purposes only, without fee payment, and submit it to the Borough Clerks Office: 355 North Ave, Dunellen, NJ 08812
3. The Borough of Dunellen will encourage businesses with type "32" and "33" liquor licenses to request Division of Alcohol and Beverage Control permits to extend their premises to the restaurants' parking lot/side walk dining spaces, so long as beverages are served in plastic cups and/or BYOB is encouraged.
4. The Borough of Dunellen mandates that businesses comply with all CDC and State guidelines to ensure the safety of customers and employees. The Borough will create handouts and online documents with up-to-date information for businesses on the most recent protocols.
5. The Dunellen Downtown Management Organization (DDMO), our agency charged with promoting our downtown businesses, has been developing profile-raising activities to highlight various business categories and the Mayor and Borough Council encourages them to continue these programs to promote economic growth in Dunellen.
6. The Mayor and an appointed ad hoc committee of volunteers will develop a proposed Pop up Park of approximately 30' x 60' community space located in the Dunellen Borough Hall/Police Station parking lot at the south western section along Prospect Avenue for the months of June through September 2021. The purpose of this community space is for people to gather and connect with others safely outdoors and in which local businesses/organizations and the general public can utilize outdoor space to socialize, especially during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic. The space will be surrounded by barricades on the north, east and south sides to control circulation. The park will be furnished with flower planter boxes and/or tree planters, which will help delineate and soften the space's edges. There will be seating and tables and with the possibility of overhead solar string lights. Six Borough employee parking spaces will be relocated directly in front of existing parking. In addition, the parking spaces within the Pop up Park may be painted green to lessen the heat of the blacktop pavement.

The following standards are hereby created in connection with outdoor restaurant seating:

- a. Outdoor restaurant seating areas can be located upon public sidewalks where adequate provision is made for the pedestrian public, on relatively level grass areas, and in parking lots where an adequate number of parking stalls remain in the opinion of the Borough Zoning Officer. Preference should be given to creating outdoor restaurant seating on sidewalks and upon grass areas;
- b. Temporary lighting will be required if the outdoor restaurant seating area is proposed to be utilized after dusk;
- c. Businesses must adhere to the Borough of Dunellen's Sound Ordinance;
- d. Serving stations and a host podium may be located within an outdoor restaurant seating area provided CDC guidelines are being followed;
- e. Guidance on the maximum number of individuals permitted at a table or requirements of distance between tables, as well as distance between individuals waiting to be seated will be formulated by the guidance of the Governor and State of New Jersey permitting restaurants and retail merchants to reopen;
- f. The Borough of Dunellen's Zoning Officer will have discretion to create additional standards for properties conducting outdoor dining and sidewalk retail sales.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen that it hereby reserves the right to amend, terminate, or repeal this resolution and/or any approvals granted herein at any point in time, if it determines that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the Borough, and accordingly no property rights are granted to any person(s) or entities by virtue of this resolution and/or approval hereunder and any person(s) or entities electing to pursue temporary relief in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby given notice that the expenditure of any funds, or the incurrence of any costs, in reliance upon this Resolution and any approval hereunder shall be at their sole and exclusive risk and expense. All persons and/or entities are hereby given notice that the risk of loss for any expenditure and/or costs incurred shall be their sole and exclusive responsibility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen by this passage of this Resolution, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen requests that the Director of the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control exercise the authority ~~13~~ conferred upon the Director by the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:2-5.5 and N.J.A.C. 13:2- 9.1 to immediately implement procedures whereby liquor licensees may obtain permits providing for the extension of licensed premises to the outdoor table areas that are approved pursuant to the

provisions of this Resolution for so long as such municipal approval is valid without the necessity of having to file a formal place-to-place (expansion of licensed premises) application with the Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen, upon adoption of this Resolution, the Borough Clerk shall forward copies, electronically or otherwise, to the New Jersey Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Dunellen that, except as provided for above pertaining to the promulgations of rules and regulations and the acceptance and approval of application, immediately upon Governor Philip Murphy's rescission or relaxation of the restrictions upon the residents of the State of New Jersey and the operation of essential and non-essential businesses throughout the State of New Jersey, all Borough officials, employees and agents shall take all necessary actions to effectuate the orders within the Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen that in the event the Borough Administrator, Zoning Officer, Construction Office and/or Police Department determines that a business establishment or person is in violation of the conditions of anything in relation to this resolution, the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to immediately revoke the approval received in relation to this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen that should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, or not approved by the State of New Jersey, the remaining portions of this Resolution shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect, and to that end the provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared to be severable.

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Narvesen, Reid, Rios and Sigmon

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

04-05-2021: #12-A

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE CENTRAL JERSEY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND'S 2020 SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Dunellen is a member of the Central Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (CENTRAL JIF); and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the CENTRAL JIF to achieve the best and most practical degree of freedom from accidents and / or injuries; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JIF endeavors to ensure that all of their members' employees, volunteers and public are provided with a safe and healthy environment, free from any recognized hazards; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JIF endeavors to ensure that all of their members are in compliance with applicable safety and health requirements; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JIF's Safety Committee is made up of representatives of the Fund's Municipalities, along with the professionals employed by the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the new Program will assist all the Central JIF members in becoming or maintaining compliance with all Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH) Requirements; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JIF has adopted the new 2021 SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM which should succeed in providing a safe, healthful and pleasant environment.

NOW; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Central Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM be adopted by the Borough of Dunellen.

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Narvesen, Reid, Rios and Sigmon

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

04-05-2021: #12-B

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, RECOGNIZING NJ LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK, APRIL 18th-24th, 2021, AND ENCOURAGING ALL CITIZENS TO SUPPORT THE CELEBRATION AND CORRESPONDING ACTIVITIES

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

WHEREAS, local government is the government closest to most citizens, and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents; and

WHEREAS, local government provides services and programs that enhance the quality of life for residents, making their municipality their home; and

WHEREAS, local government is administered for and by its citizens, and is dependent upon public commitment to and understanding of its many responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, local government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along the understanding of public services and their benefits; and

WHEREAS, NJ Local Government Week offers an important opportunity for elected officials and local government staff to spread the word to all citizens of New Jersey that they can shape and influence this branch of government; and

WHEREAS, the NJ State League of Municipalities and its member municipalities have joined together to teach citizens about municipal government through a variety of activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Jason F. Cilento and the Council of the Borough of Dunellen recognize and celebrate NJ Local Government Week between April 18th and April 24th, 2021 and will promote the services and programs that enhance the quality of life for all Borough residents using the Borough of Dunellen, NJ Facebook page.

Mrs. Burke asked what the Borough is doing in honor of NJ Local Government Week? Mayor Cilento responded that he is working with Julie Grof on some ideas.

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Narvesen, Reid, Rios and Sigmon

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

04-05-2021: #13

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 US Bank Cust Pro Cap 8

TSC	Block	Lot	Owner/Address	Principal	Interest	Premium	Total
19-10	57.02	28	Alestia, Antonio & Giovanna 740 Center Street	1201.23	53.01	1400.00	2,654.24

TOTAL REFUNDED \$2,654.24

04-05-2021: #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 US BANK CUST FOR PROCAP 8

TSC	Block	Lot	Owner/Address	Principal	Interest	Premium	Total
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19-14	64	42	NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC 718 WALNUT STREET	1201.23	53.01	1,400.00	2,654.24
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TOTAL REFUNDED \$2,654.24

04-05-2021: #15

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 US BANK CUST FOR PRO CAP 8

TSC	Block	Lot	Owner/Address	Principal	Interest	Premium	Total
20-05	11	8	ANDEAN DUNELLEN LLC 126 THIRD ST	9890.71	360.72	21,100.00	31,351.43

TOTAL REFUNDED \$31,351.43

04-05-2021: #16

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: FIG CUST FIGNJ19LLC & SEC PTY

TSC	Block	Lot	Owner/Address	Principal	Interest	Premium	Total
20-41	84	10	Myers, Gregory & Maryanne	863.07	8.48	2100.00	2,971.55

TOTAL REFUNDED \$ 2,971.55

04-05-2021: #17

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

Boy Scout Troop 29 is approved to hold a town wide garage sale on June 5, 2021 (rain date June 12, 2021), from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. All fees for this event are waived.

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Narvesen, Reid, Rios and Sigmon

Reports:

Mrs. Rios: 1) The Friends of the Dunellen Library will be having their first open air market on April 18th in the Dunellen Library Parking Lot; 2) still time to buy the Dunellen PTO Tricky Tray tickets for the May 15th raffle; 3) the Dunellen Downtown Management Organization's Spring into Fitness will be Saturday, April 17, Washington Memorial Park; 4) the Dunellen Library Trustee meeting will be on April 15th; 5) there will be a Pop-Up Food Drive on April 10th at the Living Hope Church on Whittier Avenue. Donations will be accepted on the 9th, 3:00 – 5:00 pm; 6) Dunellen Arts and Culture's Yarn Bomb is in the process of being put up and more as they come in; 7) Living Hope Church will be having their first flea market on April 10th from 10 to 3:00 pm.

Mrs. Burke: 1) thanked Coordinator Mosley of the OEM for his meeting last Thursday for elected officials on their roles; 2) congratulated Mr. Mosley for the completion of the Emergency Operations Plan which has now been approved by the State; 3) praised the Dunellen Police Department which had a successful month of March with 17 total arrests, 6 DWI arrests, and 362 summonses.

Mr. Reid: no report.

Dr. Dunne: 1) Greenbrook Flood Control Commission will be meeting this Wednesday at 7:30 pm; 2) please submit your application to join the Diversity and Inclusion Committee; 3) remember that while vaccination rates are going up, infection rates are not going down, so please maintain social distancing and wearing a mask; 4) finally, wants to add to what Mayor Cilento said at the beginning of the meeting about Commissioner Armwood. He spent much of his adult life in public service. The first time she met him, she told him two things about herself and in all subsequent meetings when they saw each other again, he remembered them both. He was that kind of person to everyone he met. She quoted him on why he got into public service and why he encouraged others to do so: "If you don't make this world what you want it to be, someone else will make it what they want it to be."

Mr. Sigmon: 1) Saturday, April 3rd was an "Eggcellent Day" for the Easter Day celebration; 2) he thanked Mayor Cilento, the Recreation Commission, the Fire Department, the Dunellen Police Department, and other volunteers for inviting the Easter Bunny to town and helping with the event.

Mrs. Narvesen:

Department of Public Works Report

- Routinely cleaning up downtown and the Parks.
- Took care of a sewer issue on North Ave Ext.
- Branch cleanup in the streams and at the headwalls.
- Removed old concrete walkway across Front & North Washington, and replaced it with asphalt.
- Columbia Park and McCoy Park ball fields were regraded along with bases reset, next will be Gavornik Park ball field.
- Picked up bags and branches throughout the town

Note:

Branch pick-up is March, April, and September.

Leaf Bag Pick-up is April, May and then again in the Fall September through December.

- Street Sweeping Schedule started today, we ask the residents to not park on the street when their section will be swept. Each section will most likely take more than a day due to winter debris on the streets. Note:

The Sweep Schedule can be found on the Borough website.

The Board of Education will have their full Budget presentation on April 27th.

Mayor Cilento:

Covid-19 Update:

Since my last report on 3/30/2021, we have been made aware of thirteen more new cases added to Dunellen's cumulative total of 753; averaging around 3 cases per day. Dunellen's cumulative death total remains at twelve.

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

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

To sign up for the COVID-19 vaccination: <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccine>

Today, 4/5/2021, Governor Murphy announced that as of April 19th, all New Jersey residents 16 and up will become eligible for the vaccination.

COVID-19 vaccinations administered as of 3/24/2021 in Dunellen are 1,670 of our population.

The state went live with its Vaccination Helpline. The number is (855) 568-0545. The State has also set up a call support line for individuals over 75 years of age that are still waiting to schedule or reschedule their COVID-19 vaccine appointment. That number is 1-856-249-7007. If you know someone who does not have access to the Internet or a computer, please assist them with signing up for the vaccine and/or making a phone call to the above contact information.

If you are in need of assistance due to a mental health crisis because of the impact of COVID-19, please text the crisis line by texting "NJ" to 741741, call the family helpline at 1-800-843-5437 or call the mental health line at 1-866-202-4357.

Our numbers are rising, and we must remain vigilant in our efforts to prevent further spread of COVID-19. Please remember to continue wearing of a mask and when it is your time to get a vaccine, please consider doing so.

Memorial Day Parade:

I am happy to announce that Dunellen will host its annual Memorial Day Parade in-person on Monday, May 31st starting at 10:00 am. The parade's starting point will be located at the American Legion Post 119 on New Market Road. The Dunellen Recreation Department is looking for organizations to walk in the parade and create their own parade floats. For more information, contact Alex Miller, Recreation Director, at amiller@dunellenborough.com. The Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 11:00 am at Washington Memorial Park.

Dunellen Station (Art Color) Development Update:

The force main has been installed from the vicinity of onsite pump station to the vicinity of South Washington Avenue. Work continues on the force main from North Washington Avenue pump station to PARSA interceptor in Green Brook. Once the Green Brook portion is installed, they will perform the installation from the site to the existing system on North Washington Avenue.

Capital Improvement Projects:

South Madison: The water main at Lehigh has been relocated. The gas main relocation is scheduled for this week. Once the gas main is relocated, Reivax will return to the site and complete the storm pipe to be followed by mill and pave.

Lincoln Avenue: Survey work was completed and base maps were prepared. Following the surveying our engineers will begin design standards and be able to put the road improvement project out to bid.

Firehouse Curb: Funding will be in place on 4/8/2021. We are scheduling the boring contractor to do the soil borings as soon as possible after that date.

Kline Place Project:

DPW will be working on Kline Place due to water concerns in that area. They will mill and pave a small section that will reroute some of the water from Kline Place to Jadach Drive where there is a catch basin. In addition, they will eliminate a low area on the corner of Kline Place and Pearl Place, as well as fix around the area of the catch basin at the end of Kline Place going into Columbia Park. This will be in coordination and in shared services with Middlesex Borough's DPW. We wish to thank them for their assistance and lending of their milling machine for the road work we plan to do in that area.

NJDOT Grants:

Speaking with our Borough Engineer CME Associates, they recommended that Kline Place be considered for the NJDOT CY2022 Municipal Aide grant to fund a roadway project that would assist in the storm water management in that area. In addition, it was reported back that the Borough did not receive FY2021 grant funds that were submitted for last year for the following categories: Bikeways, Safe Streets to Transit and Transit Village. Not being selected for the grants during the last cycle does not reflect the project being unworthy of funding but due to limited funding from the state. It was recommended that we resubmit for the same or similar projects as

the projects do meet the grant requirements. The Mayor and Borough Council agreed with this recommendation.

Recommends that Committees meet monthly.

He has been in communication with Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman about a grant for some of the Federal funding being disbursed: bike lanes, safety measures for pedestrians.

New Jersey DOT will be working up and down Route 28 to improve the ADA ramps. No date set for this.

Mrs. Rios, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sigmon and Mr. Miller have been discussing Community Day on May 1st at 11:00 am, planting flowers and painting in the parks.

Mr. Mosley, OEM, is trying to recruit new members as OEM deputies.

Public Comment:

No one from the public spoke.

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

04-05-2021: #18

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

The Dunellen Borough Council Meeting of April 5, 2021 is adjourned.

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Narvesen, Reid, Rios and Sigmon

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

<https://youtu.be/61KjhKEiMQ8>