

December 6, 2021

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 December 6, 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, Richard Pinder, Trina Rios, Daniel Sigmon and Harold VanDermark

Note: Municipal Attorney John E. Bruder attended this meeting by teleconference/telephone.

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

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Rios, Sigmon and VanDermark

Abstain: Pinder, due to his absence

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

12-06-2021: #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: Burke, Dunne, Pinder, Rios, Sigmon and VanDermark

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

12-06-2021: #2

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

The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Public Health Interlocal Service Contract between the Borough of Dunellen and the County of Middlesex. The terms and costs are as follows:

January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022	\$38,749.39
January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023	\$39,524.38

The 2023 term is subject to the availability of funds in that fiscal year.

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Pinder, Rios, Sigmon and VanDermark

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

RESOLUTION 12-06-2021: #3

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, NAMING A CONDITIONAL REDEVELOPER FOR THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 65, LOT 1 AND BLOCK 50, LOT 2 ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE BOROUGH AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONDITIONAL REDEVELOPER’S AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the “Redevelopment Law”), provides a process for municipalities to participate in the redevelopment and improvement of areas in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law, the Borough identified and designated various property within the downtown area, including the properties identified as Block 65, Lot 1, commonly known as 501-513 North Avenue, and Block 50, Lot 2, commonly known as Bound Brook Road, as set forth on the tax maps of the Borough as an “area in need of redevelopment” (collectively, the “Redevelopment Area”) and adopted a redevelopment plan for the Redevelopment Area entitled the “Amended and Restated Dunellen Downtown Redevelopment Plan Phase 1” as amended and supplemented, and as the same may be further amended and supplemented from time to time (the “Redevelopment Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined to act as the “redevelopment entity” for the Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Law authorizes the redevelopment entity to arrange or contract for the planning, construction, or undertaking of any development project or redevelopment work in an area designated as an "area in need of redevelopment" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-8; and

WHEREAS, Estates of North, LLC (the “Entity”) seeks to be designated as the “redeveloper” (as defined in the Redevelopment Law) of the Redevelopment Area, so as to redevelop the Redevelopment Area in accordance with the terms of the Redevelopment Plan and the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that in order to coordinate the redevelopment of the Property in the most timely and efficient manner, it is in the best interests of the Borough to designate the Entity as the conditional redeveloper (the "Conditional Redeveloper") of the Redevelopment Area, pending the negotiation and execution of, among other agreements, a redevelopment agreement (the "Redevelopment Agreement") with the Borough and satisfaction of other obligations of the Conditional Redeveloper; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to authorize the execution of a conditional redeveloper's agreement with the Entity (in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, the "Conditional Redeveloper's Agreement") for the purpose of creating a framework for the negotiation and execution of a Redevelopment Agreement and to memorialize related obligations of the Conditional Redeveloper and Borough set forth therein.

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The Entity is hereby designated as the Conditional Redeveloper of the Property pending the execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with the Borough and satisfaction of the obligations set forth in the Conditional Redeveloper's Agreement.

Section 3. The Mayor of the Borough is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Conditional Redeveloper's Agreement, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, with such changes, omissions or amendments as the Mayor deems appropriate in consultation with the Borough's redevelopment counsel, planner and other professionals.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Cilento explained that this is for the Triangle Garage property on Bound Brook Road and enables the developer to establish an escrow account and prepare a conceptual plan.

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Pinder, Rios, Sigmon and VanDermark

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

RESOLUTION 12-06-2021: #4

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, EXTENDING THE CONDITIONAL DESIGNATION OF MAS DEVELOPMENT GROUP AS REDEVELOPER FOR THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 70, LOTS 13 AND 13.01 ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE BOROUGH

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the “Redevelopment Law”), provides a process for municipalities to participate in the redevelopment and improvement of areas in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law, the Borough identified and designated various property within the downtown area, including the properties identified as Block 70, Lots 13 and 13.01, commonly known as the South Side Train Station Parking Lot and Borough Library, as set forth on the tax maps of the Borough as an “area in need of redevelopment” (together, the “Redevelopment Area”) and adopted a redevelopment plan for the Redevelopment Area entitled the “Amended and Restated Dunellen Downtown Redevelopment Plan Phase 1” as amended and supplemented, and as the same may be further amended and supplemented from time to time (the “Redevelopment Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined to act as the “redevelopment entity” for the Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Law authorizes the redevelopment entity to arrange or contract for the planning, construction or undertaking of any development project or redevelopment work in an area designated as an “area in need of redevelopment” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-8; and

WHEREAS, Mas Development Group (the “Entity”) seeks to be designated as the “redeveloper” (as defined in the Redevelopment Law) of the Redevelopment Area, so as to redevelop the Redevelopment Area in accordance with the terms of the Redevelopment Plan and the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that in order to coordinate the redevelopment of the Property in the most timely and efficient manner, it is in the best interests of the Borough to designate the Entity as the conditional redeveloper (the “Conditional Redeveloper”) of the Redevelopment Area, pending the negotiation and execution of, among other agreements, a redevelopment agreement (the “Redevelopment Agreement”) with the Borough and satisfaction of other obligations of the Conditional Redeveloper; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2021, the Borough adopted Resolution 03-01-2021: #5A, authorizing the Borough to enter into a conditional redeveloper’s agreement with the Entity for the purpose of creating a framework for the negotiation and execution of a Redevelopment Agreement and to memorialize related obligations of the Conditional Redeveloper and Borough set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2021 (the “Effective Date”), the Entity and the Borough entered into the Conditional Redeveloper’s Agreement (attached hereto as Exhibit A, the “Conditional Redeveloper’s Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.01(d) of the Conditional Redeveloper's Agreement, the Conditional Redeveloper had 120 days from the Effective Date to complete certain due diligence activities within the Redevelopment Area (or July 8, 2021) (the "Due Diligence Period"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.01(a) of the Conditional Redeveloper's Agreement, the Conditional Redeveloper had 120 days from the end of the Due Diligence Period to undertake and complete the activities set forth therein (or November 5, 2021); and

WHEREAS, the Conditional Redeveloper has been diligently performing the activities set forth in the Conditional Redeveloper's Agreement and the Parties continue to work to satisfy the conditions set forth in the Conditional Redeveloper's Agreement throughout period from the Effective Date through to the date hereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Conditional Redeveloper's Agreement, the Parties may mutually agree to extend the term of the Conditional Redeveloper's Agreement and the Conditional Redeveloper's designation as the conditional redeveloper; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and Conditional Redeveloper wish to extend the term of the Conditional Redeveloper's Agreement and the designation of the Conditional Redeveloper for an additional 180 days from the end of the original term of the Conditional Redeveloper's Agreement.

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The term of the Conditional Redeveloper's Agreement and the Conditional Redeveloper's designation as "conditional redeveloper" of the Redevelopment Area are each hereby extended for a period of 180 days from the end of the original term of the Conditional Redeveloper's Agreement, subject to all other terms and conditions of the Conditional Redeveloper's Agreement. All other terms and conditions of the Conditional Redeveloper's Agreement shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Section 3. The Mayor of the Borough is hereby authorized and directed to enter into any written undertaking with the Conditional Redeveloper necessary to evidence the extension of term authorized hereby as the Mayor deems appropriate in consultation with the Borough's redevelopment counsel, Borough counsel and other Borough professionals.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Pinder, Rios, Sigmon and VanDermark

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

12-06-2021: #5

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse 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.

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 funding to 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 a strategic plan for the Dunellen Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2023 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$5,914
Cash Match	\$1,478.50
In-Kind	\$4,435.50

2. The Dunellen Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Dr. Dunne asked about the DEDR funding. Mrs. Albertson, from the audience, explained that it is monies from the County and the in-kind can be donated programs.

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Pinder, Rios, Sigmon and VanDermark

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

12-06-2021: #5-A

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Dunellen is a small municipality in the North-east corner of Middlesex County; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Dunellen borders two adjacent counties: Somerset County and Union County; and

WHEREAS, the Dunellen Fire Department has mutual aide understandings with many nearby municipalities and emergency services departments, in all three counties; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Dunellen, and those residents in nearby communities with which we have mutual aid understandings, that communications equipment be modern, up-to-date and interoperable so that it can be used to connect with all partner agencies; and

WHEREAS, the current radio communication system employed by the Dunellen Fire Department has inherent weaknesses that hamper operations at the local and county level; and

WHEREAS, the Dunellen Fire Department is applying for an Assistance to Firefighters grant for a Motorola P25 compliant band system upgrade; and

WHEREAS, the Motorola P25 compliant system will allow the Fire Department's radios to operate on all bands on any of the systems of its mutual aid by providing such new equipment as all band radios for each apparatus riding position, new all band mobile radios for each apparatus, a new all band base radio system for the Communications Center, new repeaters for local operations and new pagers to dispatch firefighters when needed for emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen, that the Dunellen Governing Body heartily endorses the Dunellen Fire Department's application for an Assistance to Firefighters grant to obtain a new radio system.

Mr. VanDermark expressed some concerns regarding the Fire Department's discussions with other agencies for the use of loaner trucks and the system of approvals for such. Mayor Cilento commented that these are two separate issues. The present resolution is for a Council endorsement of the application for equipment. Mrs. Burke noted that during the Hurricane Ida debriefing the problem of intercommunications was raised. Mayor Cilento responded that this grant for radios would serve to alleviate that.

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Pinder, Rios, Sigmon and VanDermark

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

12-06-21: #6

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

Whereas, there appears to be a surplus in the following 2021 Operating Accounts over and above the demands to be necessary, and

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides for the transfer of unexpended balances in those appropriations having an excess over the amount required to those deemed to be insufficient.

Now, therefore be it resolved that the following “Transfer of Appropriations” be made:

From:

Account	Title	Salaries & Wages	Other Expenses
25-240-000-101	Police	25,000	
25-240-001-103	Police – OT	4,500	
25-240-002-101	Crossing Guards	5,000	
	Subtotal	\$34,500	
	Total	<u>\$34,500</u>	

Whereas, there appears to be insufficient funds in the following 2021 Operating Accounts over and above the demands to be necessary; viz:

Account	Title	Salaries & Wages	Other Expenses
25-252-000-299	Emergency Management		\$500
28-370-000-101	Recreation	\$5,000	
42-305-000	Intergovernment/Middlesex Recycling		25,000
43-490-101	Municipal Court		1,000
43-495-000	Public Defender	3,000	
	Subtotal	\$8,000	\$26,500
	Total	<u>\$34,500</u>	

12-06-2021: #7

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

The Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Dunellen hereby appoint Creighton S. McDonald as a Probationary Firefighter, and Mikhail Anikin as a Junior Firefighter in the Dunellen Fire Department, effective 6 December 2021.

12-06-2021: #8

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

Whereas, application was made in accordance with the State Regulations for a license to be issued, and

Whereas, after proper investigation it was deemed that all requirements of the State Regulations have been met.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Governing Body authorize the issuance of a Raffle License to the Dunellen PTO for a Basket raffle.

Further be it resolved that this license will be issued pending final approval by New Jersey State Legalized Games of Chance Commission.

12-06-2021: #9

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

Whereas, application was made in accordance with the State Regulations for a license to be issued, and

Whereas, after proper investigation it was deemed that all requirements of the State Regulations have been met.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Governing Body authorize the issuance of a Raffle License to the Dunellen PTO for a 50/50 Cash Raffle.

Further be it resolved that this license will be issued pending final approval by New Jersey State Legalized Games of Chance Commission.

12-06-2021: #10

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
20-38	78	45.02	Gonzalo Ruiz 261 So Washington Ave	\$ 673.86	\$ 10.02	\$1,600.00	\$ 2283.88

TOTAL REFUNDED \$ 2.283.88

12-06-2021: #11

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 FRO PRO CAP 8

TSC	Block	Lot	Owner/Address	Principal	Interest	Premium	Total
20-26	49	36.02 C0009	Dilello-Lima, Santa 675 Bound Brook Rd -C0009	\$1057.89	\$35.08	\$1400.00	\$2492.97

TOTAL REFUNDED \$2492.97

12-06-2021: #12

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 FRO PRO CAP 8

TSC	Block	Lot	Owner/Address	Principal	Interest	Premium	Total
20-33	72	6	Luis Chavez 323 Orange Street	\$871.74	\$35.08	\$1100.00	\$2006.82

12-06-2021: #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 CME Associates, from the Dunellen Planning Board Escrow Account(s) listed below, for legal work towards the following application(s):

BRUDNER APARTMENTS – Dunellen Prism

<u>Inv.</u>	<u>P.O. Number</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
289883	PB241	Site Observation	\$134.25
292767	PE78	Site Observation	<u>4,593.25</u>
			\$4,727.50

100 SOUTH WASHINGTON AVE BL 85 L1.02 & 2– KHovnanian

<u>Inv.</u>	<u>P.O. Number</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
289882	PB242	Site Observation	\$1,297.00
292223	PB242	Site Observation	<u>732.50</u>
			\$2,029.50

BRUDNER REDEVELOPMENT - FORCE MAIN

<u>Inv.</u>	<u>P.O. Number</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
292766	PE77	Construction Observation	\$5,766.50

440 NORTH AVENUE (CHELSEA BUILDERS)

<u>Inv.</u>	<u>P.O. Number</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
292764	PB246	Resolution Compliance Review	\$134.25

150 NORTH AVENUE (COMMUNIPAW)

<u>Inv.</u>	<u>P.O. Number</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
288572	PE76	Resolution Compliance Review	\$402.75
289872	PE76	Resolution Compliance Review	<u>671.25</u>
			\$1,074.00

12-06-2021: #14

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):

150 NORTH AVENUE (COMMUNIPAW)

<u>Inv.</u>	<u>P.O. Number</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2811	PB245	Review, Research & Document Prep	\$1,435.00

12-06-2021: #15

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):

150 NORTH AVENUE (COMMUNIPAW)

<u>Inv.</u>	<u>P.O. Number</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
65092	PB244	Professional Services	1,518.00
63472	PB244	Professional Services	322.14
66297	PB244	Professional Services	585.00
			<u>\$2,425.14</u>

440 NORTH AVENUE – Chelsea Builders

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

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Pinder, Rios, Sigmon and VanDermark

Mayor Cilento asked for a Moment of Silence in memory of Kyle Madden, the son of Middlesex Borough Mayor John Madden.

Reports:

Mr. VanDermark: 1) the Dunellen Downtown Management Organization recently completed the placement of trees on corners.

Mrs. Rios: 1) Dunellen Arts and Culture Commission and its volunteers including DHS art students and Faber students and DDMO members painted the window fronts of about 20 businesses and the train station waiting room; 2) DACC has been supporting Dunellen Outing Community Committee with its first major activity: Christmas caroling. Those interested in singing can meet up at Columbia Park gazebo on December 18 at 6:30 pm. Please bring a flashlight and dress festive! 3) If you were interested in having a few songs sung at your house party or bringing some holiday cheer to a resident, you can sign up at tinyurl.com/2021 Dunellen caroling; 4) The Carol Fund will continue to collect donations until December 16. All donations may be dropped off at one of the three schools or by reaching out to us by email Carolfund@gmail.com and you know someone or if you are in need please email us all information is kept confidential; 5) the Fire Department is having their annual Christmas tree sell.

All proceeds will go back to rebuilding the Fire House; 6) the Library Children's Story Time will be in person and virtual on our Facebook and YouTube channel. Teen programs are back in full swing with dungeons and dragons December 13 at 3:30. Also, we will be hosting a special holiday themed traditional Filipino parade, which is a bamboo and paper star with lights. As always, we have an abundance of "make and take craft" kits available for pick up. Our crochet club and book club are gearing up for hat season; 7) On December 20 and 22nd, social workers from Elijah's Promise will be at the Library as part of a special outreach program designed to aid individuals with the application process of SNAP\EBT. please check the Library's website for more information. Thank you.

Mrs. Burke: 1) asked about the status of computer upgrades. Dr. Robins responded that he spoke with Maestro today. They now have the servers, laptops, and desktops and are configuring them for Dunellen. We are awaiting the delivery of monitors. He is working with SHI (hardware vendor) on the Microsoft licenses; 2) thanked the PBA for the Polar Express; thanked the Police Department for working with the School District on alternate routes to schools during road work; 3) the Police Department is working to solicit on-call community members to work with their Domestic Violence Response Team. The requirements include a background check and several hours of training. If you have any questions, you can reach out to Lt. Beenders; 4) she noted that there are currently three police vehicles out of service while they are being worked on. Our newly purchased car is being outfitted. This means that we have multiple cars not in service and this puts a strain on other vehicles.

Dr. Dunne: 1) there was a Finance Committee meeting last week and she spoke with Chief Smith today regarding the vehicle situation; 2) the Finance Committee is reaching out to department heads regarding capital needs; 3) she asked about extending the forgiveness of Construction Office permit fees. She asked the Council for their thoughts. The consensus was that it should be extended until March 31, 2022, with Scott Luthman using his professional judgment; 4) the next Parking Authority meeting will be Wednesday at 6:00 pm; 5) last week she and Mr. Pinder attended the Green Brook Flood Control Commission meeting. They are planning for a February/March public meeting. Letters may have been distributed to residents requesting right of entry. Ray Murray will send the list to Dr. Robins; 6) the Diversity and Inclusion Committee are developing a Survey which is under review; 7) noted that many municipalities are developing their policies and procedures regarding cannabis, and this is something for us to keep an eye on.

Mr. Sigmon: 1) the 39th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony was last night and there was a large audience. The Recreation Department is grateful to all the people who made this night happen, including April Burke and Girl Scout troops 65248 and unit 62 for decorating the tree, the Imperial Brass Band, Isabel Pombrio for her singing, Mike Luthman, Ken Baudendistel, the Dunellen-Green Brook Rotary Club, and our emergency agencies including the CERT Team, and Alex Miller as MC; 2) the Holiday House Decorating Contest is from December 16—21, and you must register by December 14th; 3) asked if we could waive the charge for Gold Star families for the Hometown Heroes program? Mr. Miller will bring the suggestion to the Recreation Commission.

Mr. Pinder: 1) the Board of Education meeting will be on December 16th at 7:00 pm and on YouTube; 2) DPW report:

DPW crew has been maintaining daily cleaning of the downtown and all our Borough Properties & Parks.

Along with the following:

- Took down our Hometown Heroes Banners and put up the wreaths throughout the downtown area.
- Put up the Christmas Trees @ Washington Memorial Park and Columbia Park and installed all the holiday decorations @ Washington Memorial Park.
- Leaf Bag pick-up throughout the town and leaf clean up in the parks. ** Reminder leaf bag pick up goes through December**
- After Christmas we will be picking up Christmas trees; please remember to remove all lights and ornaments and do not have the tree in a tree bag.

Winter is here: Snow Reminder about Parking Restrictions During Snow Emergencies

In order to permit snowplows to operate freely and unimpeded for the purpose of keeping the Borough streets and highways open for essential and emergency functions, during the period of time commencing one hour after snow has been continuously falling and ending 12 hours after snow ceases to fall, no person shall park, stop, stand or leave abandoned a vehicle on any streets within the Borough of Dunellen.

Alternate off-street parking during snow emergencies is available at:

- * American Legion Post 119, 137 New Market Road
- * McCoy Park, North Washington Avenue
- * Columbia Park, Orange Street

Mayor Cilento:

He will be meeting with Councilmembers regarding 2022 Committees.

Covid-19 Update:

Since my last report on 11/15/2021, we have been made aware of fifty-eight more new cases added to Dunellen’s cumulative total of 1,037 since March 2020. This averages 2.7 cases per day. Dunellen’s cumulative death total is fifteen.

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

Vaccine Statistics as of 11/30/2021 (from Middlesex County on 12/6/2021):

Adult Population: Course Initiated: 8%
 Adult Population Course Completed: 73%
 Adults Population with at least 1 dose: 81%

In numbers these statistics are: adults with at least one dose totals 5,106; adults with dose 1 of a 2 dose course totals 4,706; adult population with Dose 2 totals 4,180; adult population with Janssen totals 400; the overall totals administered for adults is 9,286. There have been 629 booster

(3rd dose) shots administered in Dunellen which equals 22% of the 2,840 eligible population. Taking into the consideration of vaccines administered to Dunellen's overall population ages 5+ we have 65% of residents with the course completed and 9% of the 5+ population that have begun the course.

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

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.

Middlesex County 2021-2022 Flu Shots:

We are working with Middlesex County on an Influenza (flu) shot vaccine site in Dunellen at the Senior Center on Friday, December 10th between 10am and 11am for Dunellen and Middlesex County residents ages 6 months and older.

To receive your free flu shot through Middlesex County either in Dunellen or elsewhere:

1. Complete the form located at <http://middlesexcountynj.gov/dispenseassist>
2. Print the completed Dispense Assist voucher. Staff will be available to help residents with no access to print the voucher.
3. Arrive at your choice of location within the designated time with a photo ID and your dispense assist voucher printout

For additional information please call the Middlesex County Office of Health Services at 732-745-3100.

Town Hall on Redevelopment in Dunellen:

Please consider joining us on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 7pm as we host a Town Hall Meeting on *Understanding Redevelopment in Dunellen* where we will discuss various topics such as recent redevelopment plan updates, affordable housing, school aged children, PILOTs and provide a Q&A session. Guest speakers will include myself, Daniel Mariniello of NW Financial Group LLC, Charles B. Liebling, Esq., and Sandy L. Galacio of Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP, Matthew D. Jessup, Esq. of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, and Gabriel Bailer, PP, AICP of DMR Architects. This will be an in-person event at the Dunellen Senior Center with a live stream capability for those who cannot attend in-person.

2022 Volunteer Application:

The Borough of Dunellen's 2022 Volunteer Form is currently live and will be accepting applications up until Friday, December 10th. New volunteers are welcome to apply, and I will be reaching out to members of committees, commissions, and boards whose positions are up for reconsideration to discuss their interests in continuing to serve. All new and current members up for re-appointment are required to apply online or by hard copy that can be found at Borough Hall.

The volunteer application can be found here: https://www.dunellen-nj.gov/news_detail_T30_R26.php

Capital Improvements:

Paving for the Middlesex County Mill & Pave Project was completed on Friday, December 3rd. Line striping started on Saturday, December 4th and could be completed on Wednesday December 8th, weather permitting.

NJAW - the 2022 Water Main project is slated to start this winter (estimated to begin as soon as January). NJAW will be replacing water mains, installing new water services to homes, installing new hydrants, and paving the following streets:

- Madison Avenue and Washington Avenue (from First Street to Mountainview Terrace)
- Mountainview Terrace (from Lincoln Ave to the 200 block)
- Fourth Street (from Third Street to the 200 block)
- Third Street (from Sanford Avenue to Washington Avenue)
- North Ave Extension & Pulaski Street (from North Ave to Railroad embankment)
- All of Lincoln Avenue will have NJAW work completed, however, this road will be milled and paved with additional improvements due to the NJDOT grant funds awarded to Dunellen

Extension of time request for Lincoln Avenue is being processed by the NJDOT. This will allow for the completion of the water main improvements prior to paving the roadway.

Kline Place NJDOT project is anticipated for 2022; we are waiting on the plans from CME Engineers. With this project we will be adding storm drain catch basins to this street, sump pump tie into the storm drains, and Mill & Pave the Street.

PSE&G will also be upgrading gas mains in town; we are waiting on their street list, so this information will be forthcoming.

Contractor for the South Madison Avenue improvements is investigating the issues with the operation of the flashing signs at the Walnut Street intersection, as they appear to have not been working.

Dunellen Station Development:

Work associated with the Dunellen Station Redevelopment Project continues. The North Washington Pump Station improvements as well as the Prism and K Hovnanian site improvements are all underway. The roadways in the Prism portion of the development may be base paved this year, weather permitting.

Council Discussion

The Council discussed the Dunellen Citizen of the Year Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award. Various persons were nominated, and it was decided that Diana Starace would be honored as Citizen of the Year and former mayor John Gibney with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Public Comment

Terri Albertson, 412 New Market Road, in regard to a recent incident that happened to her next-door neighbor, expressed concern about the long time it took for a Rescue Squad ambulance or other agency ambulance to arrive. Dispatch contacted 6-8 agencies and it took over thirty minutes for an ambulance to come.

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

12-06-2021: #16

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

The Dunellen Borough Council Meeting of December 6, 2021 is adjourned.

Yes: Burke, Dunne, Pinder, Rios, Sigmon and VanDermark

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

<https://youtu.be/nDnqiekwk7w>