

February 3, 2020

Minutes of the public meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen held on February 3, 2020.

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, Trina Rios, Daniel Sigmon and Stacy Narvesen

Absent: Kenneth Bayer and Jessica Dunne

At this point, Mayor Cilento called for a moment of silence in memory of Robert Madden, a Dunellen Department of Public Works employee who passed away after a long illness.

Mayor Cilento informed the Council and public that Mr. Bayer had just become a grandfather for the fourth time and was with his family.

On the motion of Mrs. Narvesen and seconded by Mrs. Burke it was moved to accept the Minutes of January 13, 2020:

Yes: Burke, Narvesen, Rios and Sigmon

At this point, a Proclamation in Honor of the Catholic Daughters of America was read:

PROCLAMATION

Honoring Court Regina Coeli #940 of the Catholic Daughters of America

WHEREAS, the Catholic Daughters of America is the oldest and largest organization of Catholic women; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic Daughters of America was formed over 100 years ago and today numbers 66,000 dues-paying members in 1,150 courts, or local chapters, in 45 states and in Puerto Rico, Mexico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Kenya and Peru; and

WHEREAS, Court Regina Coeli #940 of the Catholic Daughters of America was founded on February 25, 1925; and

WHEREAS, at the time of its founding in 1925, Court Regina Coeli #940 initiated 38 women into the Catholic Daughters of America and the first Regent was Theresa Goeway; and

WHEREAS, the current officers of Court Regina Coeli #940 are Regent, Donna Fojtlin; Vice Regent, Beth Willoughby; Recording Secretary, Anne Haley; Treasurer, Madeline Janssen; Financial Secretary, Eileen Capozzi; and District Deputy, Ann Hill; and

WHEREAS, Court Regina Coeli #940 has always helped everyone in need including local families, churches and National Charities such as Habitat for Humanity, and by providing disaster funds; and

WHEREAS, Court Regina Coeli #940 sponsors orphans and gentlemen who are studying for the priesthood; and

WHEREAS, Regina Court Coeli #940 distributes annually two scholarships to members' children or grandchildren with funds gathered through local fundraising; and

WHEREAS, Regina Court Coeli #940 donates to Life Choices by collecting items through an annual baby shower; and

WHEREAS, Regina Court Coeli #940's members are active in the Borough of Dunellen and throughout the State of New Jersey. Furthermore, the current State Regent, Audrey Spenard, is a member of the Court and other members are teachers, secretaries, librarians, dentists and many other professions and vocations; and

WHEREAS, Regina Court Coeli #940 strives "To Be Helping Hands Where There is Pain, Poverty, Sorrow or Sickness."

NOW THEREFORE I, Mayor Jason F. Cilento, along with the Borough Council, extend congratulations to Regina Court Coeli #940 and honor their commitment to assisting the poor and needy in our community and throughout the world.

DATED: February 3, 2020

JASON F. CILENTO, MAYOR

Mayor's Appointments to Commissions and Authorities

Accept the resignation of Sheyla Ojeda from the Dunellen Arts & Culture Commission

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

ORDINANCE 2020-01

The following DUNELLEN ORDINANCE was Introduced for first reading on January 13, 2020. It is now being presented for Public Hearing and Adoption on February 3, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Dunellen Borough Municipal Building, 355 North Avenue, Dunellen, New Jersey. Copies of this ordinance have been posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board, and have been available at the Office of the Borough Clerk for any interested members of the public.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 45 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN ENTITLED "OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES"

**Chapter 45
OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
ARTICLE VI
DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK**

Section 45-24. Position Created.

There is hereby established the office of Deputy Municipal Clerk for the Borough of Dunellen.

Section 45-25. Term of Appointment.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk shall be appointed for a term of one year commencing January 1 and terminating December 31 in each year or the unexpired portion thereof.

Section 45-26. Powers and Duties of the Deputy Municipal Clerk.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk shall perform the duties and functions as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133(e) and such other duties as may be assigned by the Municipal Clerk. During the absence or disability of the Municipal Clerk, the Deputy Municipal Clerk shall have all the powers of the Municipal Clerk and shall perform the functions and duties of such office.

Section 45-27. Compensation.

The compensation to be paid to the Deputy Municipal Clerk shall be as the Governing Body from time to time provide for in the annual salary Ordinance and implementing Resolution.

Section 45-28. Severability.

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word contained in this ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 45-29. Repealer.

All other ordinances of the Borough, or parts thereof, which are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 45-30. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

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, Narvesen, Rios and Sigmon

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

ORDINANCE 2020-02

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, 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 January 13, 2020. It is now being further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body being held at the Borough Council Chambers, in the Borough on February 3, 2020 at 7 o'clock p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full bond ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$640,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$608,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Purposes:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation & Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds & Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
a) The acquisition of vehicles and equipment, including, but not limited to, a sport utility vehicle, lights and a crime reporting system and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$51,000	\$48,450	5 years
b) Various improvements, including, but not limited to, repairs to the Old Dispatch Office, including furniture, carpets, painting and file cabinets, and the acquisition of furniture for the Police Department, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$8,000	\$7,600	5 years

c) The acquisition of equipment, including, but not limited to, traffic speed signs, tasers and an alcotest machine and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$46,000	\$43,700	10 years
d) The acquisition of vehicles, including, but not limited to, a roll-off truck and dump truck and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$220,000	\$209,000	5 years
e) The acquisition of equipment, including, but not limited to, a line striper, ballfield groomer and lawnmowers and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$47,000	\$44,650	15 years
f) The acquisition of equipment, including, but not limited to, an electronic sign and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$12,000	\$11,400	10 years
g) Various improvements, including, but not limited to, repairs to the roof at the Fire Department and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$16,000	\$15,200	15 years
h) The acquisition of information technology			

equipment, including, but not limited to, computers, peripherals and software and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$102,000	\$96,900	5 years
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i) Various improvements, including, but not limited to, the acquisition of an electronic sign in Washington Park and striping of parking spaces and crosswalks near Washington Park, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$22,000	\$20,900	10 years
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j) The acquisition of equipment, including, but not limited to, a shed for storage of documents and bleachers and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$18,000	\$17,100	15 years
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k) Various improvements, including, but not limited to, improvements to the roof and gutters at the library and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$44,000	\$41,800	15 years
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l) Various improvements, including, but not limited to, paving of the firehouse			
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parking lot and replacement of a retaining wall and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	<u>\$54,000</u>	<u>\$51,300</u>	10 years
 TOTAL:	 <u>\$640,000</u>	 <u>\$608,000</u>	

Appropriation: \$640,000

Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$608,000

Grants Appropriated: N/A

Section 20 Costs: \$30,000

Useful Life: 8 years

At this point, Mayor Cilento opened the meeting for public comment on the ordinance. On behalf of Council President Bayer, he asked: will the grooming machine for the new turf field be a shared expense with the School District? Mr. Robins responded that there is a provision in the draft Shared Services Agreement with the District under discussion for sharing the expenses on machinery.

Homer Mosley, 113 Pearl Place, asked the purpose of the bond? Mayor Cilento responded that its purpose is to cover capital improvement projects such as new equipment, vehicles, and computers, as well as repairs to the curb/retaining wall at the Fire House and some paving of their driveway. Mrs. Burke asked the timeline: 20 days from publication of the adopted ordinance, we will be able to make expenditures. Mrs. Burke asked what happens if the monies in the bond are not spent? Mr. Olsen responded that they remain available until cancelled, which may be years. The monies can be used only for the purpose designated in the bond.

Tremayne Reid, 721 Walnut Street, asked for an itemized copy of the bond. Mr. Robins will send him one tomorrow morning.

This portion was closed.

Yes: Burke, Narvesen, Rios and Sigmon

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

ORDINANCE 2020-03

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, 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 January 13, 2020. It is now being further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body being held at the Borough Council Chambers, in the Borough on February 3, 2020 at 7 o'clock p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full bond ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SOUTH MADISON AVENUE IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$800,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$363,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Purpose: Improvements to South Madison Avenue, including, but not limited to, asphalt pavement milling, concrete milling, concrete base repairs, removal and replacement of curbs, construction of ADA curb ramps, casting adjustments to grade, traffic stripes and markings and the construction of hot mix asphalt surface and leveler course, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and further including all permit, design and other costs and expenditures incidental thereto

Appropriation: \$800,000

Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$363,000

Grant Appropriated: A grant in the amount of \$583,316 from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation

Section 20 Costs: \$120,000

Useful Life: 10 years

At this point, Mayor Cilento opened the meeting for public comment on the ordinance.

Tremayne Reid, 721 Walnut Street, raised the concern of traffic on South Madison Avenue and asked if there was consideration of speed bumps or other traffic calming devices as part of the road improvement? Mayor Cilento responded that he is not in favor of speed bumps, a position he has shared with Mr. Reid in the past. In part, he fears that if speed bumps are placed in one location, there will be requests to have them placed in other locations. Mayor Cilento also expressed a concern that placing speed bumps on one street would have the effect of diverting traffic to other streets. He is in favor of traffic calming measures and is actively pursuing alternatives. For example, he has spoken with our engineers, CME Associates, regarding their consideration of other traffic calming devices such as electronic speedometers and striping. We have also spoken to our

engineers about cutting back a tree on the corner of Walnut Street and South Madison Avenue in order to remove a line-of-sight obstacle.

Homer Mosley, 113 Pearl Place, asked about rumble strips, as opposed to speed bumps? Mr. Bruder responded that in the past this suggestion was put forward and it was noted that at night the sound/noise of vehicles going over the strips is very loud, and neighbors complained.

Janna Best, 401 Madison Avenue, also objected to the use of speed bumps. As Deputy Chief of the Dunellen Rescue Squad, she is concerned on the effect of speed bumps on emergency responders. Such devices may slow down the vehicles and affect passengers with traumatic injuries.

Mrs. Burke asked what it would take to put in a four-way stop sign at Walnut and South Madison? Mayor Cilento responded that our Dunellen Police Traffic Officer would become involved and there would be a study by our engineers to be sure that such a sign is in conformance with State law.

Tremayne Reid, 721 Walnut Street, asked to be a part of any traffic committee. Mayor Cilento responded that he could make that request to him after the committee was established. Mr. Bruder stated that if Mr. Reid's inquiry had to do with the process of changing traffic signs, then that involved an engineer study for a fee, a report, then Council approval, and the timeline would vary depending on the issue under discussion.

This portion was closed.

Yes: Burke, Narvesen, Rios and Sigmon

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

02-03-2020: #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, Narvesen, Rios and Sigmon

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

02-03-2020: #2

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

The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to sign the subgrant Agreement with the County of Middlesex regarding the Program Year 2019 Community Development Block Grant Funds.

Mr. Robins informed the Council that this agreement was for the monies received from the 2019 CDBG grant.

Yes: Burke, Narvesen, Rios and Sigmon

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

02-03-2020: #3

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

The following persons are hired as part-time seasonal employees of the Recreation Department for the 2020 Basketball Season:

Kerry Johnson	Director/Coach	\$18.00 per hour
Kelly Seader	Director/Coach	\$18.00 per hour
Isabel Parcels	Assistant	\$11.00 per hour
Elizabeth Renavitz	Assistant	\$11.00 per hour

Approx. 10 -- 15 hours per week, January 2020 through February 2020

Mrs. Burke praised Coach Johnson for her leadership and professionalism with the students.

[Note: as originally presented, this resolution had an Assistant salary of \$10.00. Mr. Robins asked for an amendment from the floor to rectify this mistake and Mrs. Burke made such a motion, seconded by Mrs. Narvesen, to change the Assistants' salary to \$11.00 per hour.]

Yes: Burke, Narvesen, Rios and Sigmon

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

02-03-2020: #4

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

Dunellen Resolution 01-13-2020: #12-A is amended as follows:

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that P&A Construction, Inc., be awarded a contract to repair the broken sewer main, at a cost not to exceed \$23,740.39.

Yes: Burke, Narvesen, Rios and Sigmon

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

02-03-2020: #5

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

Lauren Staats, RMC, is appointed Dunellen Deputy Municipal Clerk, effective February 3, 2020.

Yes: Burke, Narvesen, Rios and Sigmon

At this point, Mayor Cilento administered the Oath of Office to Lauren Staats.

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

02-03-2020: #6

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

WHEREAS, Galway Properties, LLC. did provide performance guarantees for developments on Block 59.01, Lots 20, 21 and 22, in the amounts of:

10% Cash Portion	\$5,180.34
90% Bond Portion	\$46,623.06

Total Performance Guarantees: \$51,803.40

WHEREAS, all improvements have been completed, and it is the recommendation of CME Associates, the Borough's engineer, that the performance guarantees be released, subject to the

Whereas, there appears to be insufficient funds in the following CY 2019 Operating Reserve Accounts over and above the demands to be necessary; viz:

To:

Account	Title	S&W	Other Expenses
20-110-299	Mayor & Council		\$200
20-145-101	Tax Collection	\$400	
20-155-299	Legal Services		700
21-180-220	Planning Board		450
22-195-101	Construction Code	800	
25-240-299	Police		1,500
25-240-103	Police – OT (02)	1,100	
26-290-101	Road Repairs	1,900	
31-460-299	Gasoline		5,600
31-461-299	Electric & Gas		6,500
36-472-299	Social Security		4,900
42-305-299	Municipal Court		1,800
	Subtotal	4,200	21,650
	Total		<u>\$25,850</u>

02-03-2020: #8

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution 09-12-2005: #14, the Mayor and Municipal Clerk were authorized to enter in to an agreement with Verizon for telecommunications regarding the laptop computers in police motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this service for 9 laptop computers is \$50.01 each per month, for a total early amount of \$5,402.00; and

WHEREAS, it is advisable and necessary to extend that time period until December 31, 2020, with the cost of this service for 6 laptop computers being \$40.00 each month, and for a term from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, for an amount not to exceed \$2,880.00 plus \$100.00 over usage for a total of \$2,980.00 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen, that the agreement entered in to by Resolution 09-12-2005: #14 be extended to December 31, 2020 at an amount not to exceed \$2,980.00.

This appropriation is to be charged to Account #9-01-25-240-000-202

02-03-2020: #9

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

Whereas, there exists a need to lease photocopier machines, one for the Dunellen Police Department and a second one for the Dunellen Municipal Clerk's Office; and

Whereas, a quote has been received from:

Wells Fargo:

- 1) Police -- \$87.50 per month, for a 60 month lease term (Account # 9-01-25-240-000-205)
 - 2) Clerk's Office -- \$117.50 per month, for a 60 month lease term (Account # 9-01-20-120-000-205)
- Total: \$205.00 per month

Whereas Wells Fargo has a New Jersey State Contract (#A53090 T2075) for the leasing of photocopier machines; and

The funds for this contract have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer, from April 2020 – March 2021, and continuation of the contract is subject to the availability of funds in future fiscal years.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen, that two photocopier machines be leased from Wells Fargo for an amount not to exceed \$205.00 for two machines per month for 60 months.

02-03-2020: #10

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

The Dunellen American Legion Post 119 is hereby granted permission to run a penny drive (canning) fund raiser on Saturday, May 2, 2020, Sunday, May 3, 2020, Saturday, May 9, 2020, Saturday, November 14, 2020, Sunday, November 15, 2020, and Saturday, November 21, 2020, on the corners of North Avenue and Washington Avenue, North Avenue and Madison Avenue, and Grove Street and Prospect Avenue, and outside business establishments (with retailers' permission) in downtown Dunellen, for the purpose of raising funds for the organization's supported charities.

The American Legion Post 119 has been notified that they must also apply to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for a permit to fund raise on state roads, and to the County of

Middlesex for a permit to fund raise on county roads, and that this Dunellen Borough Council approval is granted subject to the final approval of the NJDOT and the Middlesex County Department of Transportation.

02-03-2020: #11

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 the following checks to CME Associates from the “216-234 North Avenue LLC Escrow Account” for engineering work done for the Dunellen Planning Board:

<u>CME Associates</u>	<u>Amount</u>
0219431	\$1,214.00
Total:	<u>\$1,214.00</u>

02-03-2020: #12

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

The following establishments be issued an Clothing Bin permits by the Municipal Clerk as they have met the requirements and paid the proper fee:

Chamicka Melo, Helping Hands, 513 North Avenue
Bruce Binler, American Recycling, 745 Bound Brook Road
Jacqueline Mancuso, The Read Foundation, 647 Grove Street

Mrs. Burke asked about, and Mr. Robins explained, the requirements of the property owners regarding the Clothing Bin permits: signage, permission from property owner, cleanliness, penalties.

02-03-2020: #13

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 the following checks to Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP., from the Interim Cost Agreement Escrow Account for work done toward “**528 North Avenue LLC**” redevelopment, subject to the refunding of the Account:

<u>Windels Marx File Number</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
0305764-0000004	32097	\$3,240.00
	Total	<u>\$3,240.00</u>

Yes: Burke, Narvesen, Rios and Sigmon

Reports:

Mrs. Rios: 1) she attended the Friends of the Library Second Annual Antique Road Show. It was well attended with much inventory being appraised.

Mrs. Burke: 1) Chief Smith and Lt. Beenders will be sending out the monthly and yearly reports and looking at the 2019 report the numbers were incredibly impressive. There were over 4,300 motor vehicle stops last year, a 40% increase over 2018. Patrolmen Green and Lowder have passed on from their field test, as of February 1st, and their status is now active.

Dr. Dunne: she provided the Municipal Clerk with a report which he read to Council: Please accept my apologies for missing my second meeting in as many months. Unfortunately, I had to travel to the West Coast for work today for a meeting. It is a work obligation that I simply could not get out of. My reports: 1) DPW: I wish to extend my deepest sympathies to Bobby Madden's family, friends and his brothers at the DPW. He was a proud servant to Dunellen for the past 20 years and will be missed dearly by all who knew him; 2) we are working with the Social Media Committee and Borough administration to implement better ways to report potholes and other DPW issues. Please stay tuned; 3) thanks to the DPW for all their work filling potholes over the past few weeks. It's made a huge difference; 4) GBFCC meeting is this Wednesday -- Stacy will attend; 5) Social Media -- there is a lot of movement here, presented in Mr. Sigmon's report. I look forward to working with this committee that I helped kickstart two years ago.

Mr. Sigmon: There was the initial meeting of the Social Media and Technology Committee where they discussed the history of the committee, where they stand and where they are going.

Mrs. Narvesen: 1) Board of Education met and their next meeting will be February 11th at the High School; 2) the Municipal Alliance will be having a Friendraiser Breakfast at the Arts Annex on February 14th and their next meeting is March 12th at 7:00 pm in the Library; 3) the next meeting of the Green Brook Flood Control Commission will be on February 5th at 7:30 pm in the Green Brook Municipal Building.

Mayor Cilento: 1) Football Field Turf was delivered this morning and is being installed; 2) Grove Street: CME is working on mitigating sewer line breaks along Grove Street and by the rail-line and on Railroad Avenue. We will plan to pave Grove Street from New Market Road up to Gertrude Terrace and do some curb and sidewalk repairs. This way we can begin to spend the DOT grant funds; 3) South Madison Avenue: advised CME to investigate inexpensive ways such as signage and striping to implement traffic calming measures on South Madison Avenue because we are going to be paving it. I met with CME at the Fire House to discuss re-curb and repaving the parking lot when doing South Madison Avenue. CME will provide quotes in the coming weeks.

The plans may necessitate taking a few feet of the parking lot/driveway for safety reasons; 4) Park Place: CME is going to study the street to ensure we are correct in our analysis in making it a one-way street. If all is good, John Bruder drafted an ordinance for introduction at February 18th meeting; 5) Raritan Valley Line: Governor Murphy signed a bill on January 13th requiring NJ Transit to conduct a feasibility study about the implementation of a peak hours one-seat ride on Raritan Valley Line. This is a step in the right direction for more equitable services for our commuters and residents; 6) Sewer Lines: I met with the Borough Administrator, CFO, the borough's auditor and CME about sewer line repair program – we are investigating the starting point – we believe we will have to work with PARSAs to video the lines and see where there are more severe problems and then develop a long-term plan to repair them on a schedule and when we repave roads; 7) DHS Art Student Practicum Project: I met with Larry Roibal and Council Member Trina Rios about the project – going to work on an historical mural paying tribute to Dunellen's history along the steps leading to the Recreation Office; 8) this Thursday I have a meeting with Freeholder Director Rios: We will be discussing the South Madison Avenue culvert project and the Pulaski Street Culvert project. Both are County projects and will help move the Bonygut Brook water downstream and so alleviate localized flooding. Other topics will include ADA compliant grants; bike lanes on county roads; Solterra; performing arts center; 9) at the next Council meeting, I will present the Mayor's Pedestrian Traffic and Safety Taskforce as an ad hoc annual committee and we will see if there is interest in it and it will consist of members of the Council, School District, hopefully the Police and public and they will advise on the appropriateness of the Complete Streets Model. I have been working with Councilperson Narvesen with Keep Middlesex Moving which will help us do studies on the corridor

PUBLIC PORTION

Tremayne Reid, 721 Walnut Street, asked for the start date for the South Madison Avenue project? Mayor Cilento responded this summer. Mr. Reid asked about curbing. Mayor Cilento responded that the curbing is only for the Fire House curbing/retaining wall at the brook. South Madison Avenue will not have a curbing component. Mr. Reid asked when in the day work might begin on these projects? 7:00 am per our Code Book. Mr. Robins noted that specific questions on timetable and work schedules will be determined during a pre-construction meeting that is held after the bid is awarded and that will involve Police, DPW, contractor and engineers. We are all aware of the proximity of John P. Faber School and the safety of children and pedestrian is always considered.

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

02-03-2020: #14

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

Whereas, the Open Public Meetings Act (NJSA 10:4-6) permits the closing of meetings to the public under certain circumstances; and

Whereas, there exists such a circumstance; and

Whereas, the Governing Body wishes to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters concerning pending litigation or contract negotiation; and

Whereas, minutes of the Executive Session will be kept and will be released when the matters under discussion during the Executive Session are no longer confidential.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Borough Council will enter into Executive Session.

Yes: Burke, Narvesen, Rios and Sigmon

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

02-03-2020: #15

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

The Dunellen Borough Council will return to Regular Session.

Yes: Burke, Narvesen, Rios and Sigmon

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

02-03-2020: #16

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

The Dunellen Borough Council Meeting of February 3, 2020 is adjourned.

Yes: Burke, Narvesen, Rios and Sigmon
