

February 6, 2023

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 February 6, 2023.

Mayor Jason F. Cilento called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Municipal Clerk Lauren Staats read the Sunshine Statement and called the Roll.

Present: Jason Cilento, Trina Rios, Teresa Albertson, Jessica Dunne, Joseph Paltjon, Daniel Cole Sigmon and Harold VanDermark

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On the motion of Mr. Sigmon and seconded by Mrs. Rios it was moved to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of January 9, 2023.

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

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On the motion of Mr. Sigmon and seconded by Mrs. Albertson it was moved to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of January 18, 2023.

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

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At this point, there was a Proclamation in Honor of Black History Month, read by Homer Mosley, Jr.:

**PROCLAMATION**  
**Recognizing Black History Month**

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month grew out of the establishment, in 1926, of Negro History Week by Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 theme for Black History Month focuses on Black Resistance, which explores how African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression through institutions and affiliations that have lobbied, litigated, legislated, protested and achieved success in furthering the life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness of all people; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Dunellen recognizes the contributions of African Americans to our Borough, County, State and Country and reinforces our commitment to be a community of opportunity and hope for every citizen; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Dunellen celebrates its rich cultural and ethnic diversity – respecting each of our neighbors, friends, family-members and business-owners based on the content of their character; and

WHEREAS, our community is better because of the diversity of our population.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Jason F. Cilento, and the Borough Council of Dunellen recognize and honor the national celebration of Black History Month during the month of February 2023 and encourage residents to celebrate during the month of February.

Signed on the 6th day of February 2023

Jason F. Cilento, Mayor  
Borough of Dunellen, NJ

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At this point, there was a Proclamation in Honor of Arbor Day, read by Dr. Dunne:

#### **Celebrate Arbor Day**

**WHEREAS, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and**

**WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day , was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and**

**WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and**

**WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and**

**WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and**

**WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and**

**WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jason F. Cilento, Mayor of the Borough of Dunellen, do hereby proclaim Friday , April 28, 2023 as Arbor Day.**

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Mayor's Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities

Appoint Norma Alvarez-Martin, Kelly Seader, Nina Cron and Jonathan Guirguis to the Maurer House Restoration Committee

Appoint Barbara Johnson to the Dunellen Parks and Recreation Commission

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At this point, Homer Mosley, Jr., introduced key members of the CERT Team. He spoke briefly:

- William "Bill" Carlson may be attending the Council meeting virtually. He is my OEM Deputy and Dunellen's CERT Coordinator.
- Chris Mueller, who is OEM Planning Chief completing FEMA forms for events and emergency incidents. Chris is also Dunellen SAR (Search and Rescue) Coordinator, whose responsibility is to notify the County when a search exceeds a certain time period and more resources are sought to aid in the search.
- Autumn Barbato, who manages OEM and CERT Digital Presence via various social media platforms. Autumn also assists and coordinates OEM and CERT community engagement initiatives.
- Georgette (Gigi) Mosley, provides general staff support, researches other municipalities' OEM and CERT initiatives to be benchmarked against, and is acting as a liaison with Dunellen's houses of worship.
- Joe Cummings, who is an assistant to Bill Carlson in the CERT Program. He also maintains OEM and CERT training records as CERT endeavors to become a Type 2 CERT team which will allow it to render mutual aid in other Municipalities experiencing disasters.

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

**ORDINANCE 2023-01**

**BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN**

The following Ordinance is being 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 February 6, 2023. It will be presented for Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption at a meeting of said governing body to be held in Municipal Building, 355 North Avenue, Dunellen, New Jersey, in said County, on February 21, 2023 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 will be available at no cost and

during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who have requested same.

Dunellen Municipal Code, Chapter 269, Traffic, is amended to add the following:  
Chapter 269-33, Idling of Vehicles.

- A. No person shall cause, suffer, allow or permit the motor of a diesel-powered or gasoline-powered vehicle to be in operation for more than three consecutive minutes if the vehicle is not in motion, except that, where the ambient temperature is 25° F. or less, then the permitted period for idling shall be five consecutive minutes.
  
- B. The provisions of Subsection A shall not apply to:
  - 1. Buses discharging or picking up passengers.
  - 2. Vehicles stopped in a line of traffic.
  - 3. Municipal Vehicles in performance of their prescribed functions
  - 4. Electric motor vehicles.
  - 5. Emergency vehicles in performance of their prescribed function.  
(Vehicles whose primary and/or secondary power source is utilized, in whole or in part, for necessary and definitively prescribed mechanical operation other than propulsion.)
  
- C. Trucks idling in any portion of a non-residential use which lies within 300 feet of either a residential zone or a lot developed for residential use which is not separated from the residential zone or lot developed for residential use by a noise abatement wall which has been approved by the municipality's engineer, shall comply with the following restrictions in those portions of any such property which lie within 300 feet of the residential zone or use.
  - 1. The idling of truck engines for more than three consecutive minutes when the vehicle is not in motion shall be prohibited except for the following:
    - a. A motor vehicle may idle for 15 consecutive minutes when the vehicle engine has been stopped for three or more hours and where the ambient temperature is 25° F. or less;
    - b. A motor vehicle may idle for 5 consecutive minutes in any one hour period while actively engaged in the process of connection, detachment or exchange of trailers.
  
  - 2. At least two signs shall be posted on each lot on which a non-residential use meeting the criteria in subsection C is located. Said signs shall indicate the following: "The idling of engines for more than three minutes in a rear or side yard is prohibited and subject to a fine not to exceed \$2,000."
    - a. The sizes, lettering and locations of the required signs shall be determined by the Municipal Code Enforcer as applicable of the Borough's Sign Ordinance (Ordinance 2022-01) for applications within their respective jurisdiction.

- b. The owner of any property meeting the criteria in subsection C shall be responsible for the proper placement and maintenance of said signs. Any owner failing to properly place or maintain signs in accordance with this section shall be subject to a fine of \$200 per sign, per violation.

D. Unless as otherwise set forth herein, any individual or entity who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine of \$250 for a first offense, \$500 for a second offense, and a fine of up to \$2000 for a third or subsequent offense.

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

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

**2023-04**

**NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY**

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, is being 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 February 6, 2023. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Borough Council Chambers, in the Borough on February 21, 2023 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 members 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 A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$4,500,000 FOR SECTION 3(b) OF BOND ORDINANCE #2022-06 PROVIDING FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE BOROUGH FIRE STATION IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,275,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Purpose: The renovation of the Borough fire station, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto, as described in Section 3(b) of Bond Ordinance #2022-06, finally adopted February 22, 2022

Supplemental Appropriation: \$4,500,000  
Supplemental Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$4,275,000  
Grant Appropriated: N/A  
Supplemental Section 20 Costs: \$900,000  
Useful Life: 20 years

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

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

**ORDINANCE 2023-02**

**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 January 9, 2023. It is now being presented for Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption at a meeting of said governing body being held in Municipal Building, 355 North Avenue, Dunellen, New Jersey, in said County, on February 6, 2023 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 the members of the general public who have requested same.

Dunellen Municipal Code, Chapter 269, Traffic, is amended to add the following:

Chapter 269-13, Parking Prohibitions.

B. Parking prohibited during certain hours on certain streets. No person shall park or stand a vehicle between the hours specified any day (except Sundays and public holidays) upon any of the streets described, except where other parking regulations have been provided for:

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Sides</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Pulaski Street, off Center Street	Both	When school is in session	7:30 am to 3:30 pm
High Street, from Drop-off horseshoe exit South to Center Street	Faber side	When school is in session	7:30 am to 8:30 am, 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Dr. Robins explained how this parking restriction would limit parking on High Street adjacent to Faber School in an effort to control traffic flow up High Street to Center Street.

Norma Alvarez-Martin and other members of the public commented that this would create hardships for vehicles making drop-offs and not be well-received by parents. Council discussed options. Sgt. DelBuono suggested that instead of the ordinance, that cones be placed in the restricted sections of High Street as an experiment. He could place them later tonight. To listen to the full conversation on this ordinance, go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7EbG3GfOhhI&t=46s>

Minutes 15:00-47:30.

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

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

**ORDINANCE 2023-03**

**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 January 9, 2023. It is now being presented for Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption at a meeting of said governing body being held in Municipal Building, 355 North Avenue, Dunellen, New Jersey, in said County, on February 6, 2023 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 the members of the general public who have requested same.

Dunellen Municipal Code, Chapter 26, Fire Department, is amended as follows:

**§ 26-1. Composition.**

The Fire Department of the Borough of Dunellen shall consist of the officers and members of the Defender Fire Company No. 1, Dunellen Fire Department.

**§ 26-2. Election of officers.**

The Chief, Deputy Chief, two Captains and two Lieutenants shall be elected annually by such of the active firefighters of the Fire Department of Dunellen as shall be of the full age of 18 years, and they shall hold their offices for one year and until their successors shall be qualified, provided that such election shall be confirmed by the Mayor and Council. Eligibility and elections shall be governed by the by-laws of the Dunellen Defender Fire Company No. 1.

**§ 26-3. Election procedure.**

The election provided for in the preceding section shall be by ballot and shall be held on the last Wednesday in November in each year. The election shall be held in the Dunellen Firehouse between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. At the close of the polls the tellers shall make out a statement of the result, showing the names of the persons voted for and the offices for which they were candidates. This statement shall be presented to the Mayor and Council, and the Dunellen Borough Council will by resolution at its Annual Reorganization Meeting held on January 1<sup>st</sup> to declare elected the persons having the plurality of the votes cast for the offices for which they were balloted. Upon the adoption of such resolution, the persons named therein shall be deemed appointed to their respective offices, effective January 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 am, for the term of one year or until their successors shall be duly elected or appointed, as prescribed in this chapter. In the case of a member elected to fulfill an unexpired term, upon resolution from the Mayor and Council, the member shall assume the position immediately for the balance of the term, or until their successor shall be duly elected or appointed, as prescribed in this chapter.

#### **§ 26-4. Control of Department.**

A. The Chief shall, in all cases of fire, have sole control over all members of the Fire Department and of all apparatus belonging thereto. Any person belonging to the said Department who shall refuse to obey all lawful orders of the Chief shall be expelled. In case of the Chief's absence, the Deputy Chief shall act as Chief and shall have all the power and authority of the Chief. In the absence of the Chief and the Deputy Chief, the Captains present shall designate one of their number to be in charge, and in their absence, the Lieutenants shall follow the same procedure. If no officers are present, the driver of the first apparatus at the scene shall be in charge until relieved by an officer.

B. It shall be the duty of the Chief to examine, at least once each month, the fire apparatus and the building in use for the protection of the same and to report the condition thereof to the Mayor and Council at its regular monthly meetings in July and December, unless for some special reason he shall deem it advisable to make his reports more often, and in which case a report may be made at a regular or special meeting of the Council. He shall also report, at least twice each year, such other information as he may think proper.

C. He shall, under the direction of the Fire Committee of the Council, superintend in person and direct such necessary repairs to the fire apparatus which may be ordered to be repaired by the Mayor and Council. He shall, in all cases of fire threatening danger to or destruction of property, take prompt and efficient measures and use the means of the Department to extinguish the same and shall, at such times and on the occasion of the alarm of fire, have sole and absolute control and command over all fire apparatus and all members of the Fire Department and over all other fire apparatus and persons aiding and assisting the Department in cases of actual fire.

#### **§ 26-5. Attendance at fires.**

The Chief, Deputy Chief and line officers should attend all fires within the Borough limits. They are hereby empowered and required to take charge of any building or buildings which may be on fire, to admit only so many of such persons not firefighters to said building or buildings as they may think necessary for the extinguishing of the fire and the preservation of all goods and to give orders for and superintend the removal of all goods and the preservation of all endangered property.

#### **§ 26-6. Fire Police.**

The Defender Fire Company may appoint of their members certain persons, not exceeding six, including officers, to form the Fire Police of the Borough. When on duty the whole force shall be under the control of the Chief and his Deputy, or in their absence, of the person in command of the Department.

#### **§ 26-7. Reports of violations.**

It shall be the duty of the Middlesex County Fire Marshall's Office to enforce the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code as well as any applicable Borough Ordinance within the Borough of Dunellen and to report information to the Mayor and Council as required.

#### **§ 26-8. Complaints relating to Fire Department.**



All complaints relating to the Fire Department shall be made to the Mayor and Council, in writing, and the complainant shall state briefly the grounds of his complaint and the rules and regulations which he claims have been violated.

**§ 26-9. Hearings.**

Whenever any such complaint shall be made, it shall be the duty of the Mayor to appoint a time when the Council Fire Committee shall hear the complaint, and said Committee shall make such rules and regulations for the hearing thereof as, in its discretion, shall best promote the ends of justice. Its determination of the question may be appealed to the Mayor and Council, whose decision shall be final.

**§ 26-10. Use of apparatus outside of Borough.**

The Fire Company shall not at any time take the fire apparatus in its charge beyond the corporate limits for any purpose whatever, except that of attending a fire or a mutual-aid call, without the express permission of the Chief or the Acting Chief, the Fire Committee or the Mayor.

**§ 26-11. Defender Fire Company membership.**

The Fire Company, known as "Defender Fire Company No. 1," shall not consist of more than 90 members to attend to the fire apparatus. Said Company shall, on the last Wednesday of November in each year, elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, one Sergeant at Arms, one historian and such other officers as may be necessary. Election shall be by ballot in accordance with the constitution and bylaws. No new regular members shall be admitted to the Fire Department who are not medically cleared to perform the duties of a firefighter.

**§ 26-12. Bylaws.**

For activities other than official duties, the Fire Company may make bylaws for its own regulation, which are not inconsistent with this chapter.

**§ 26-13. Annual lists of active firefighters.**

It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Fire Company to file with the Municipal Clerk, on or before May 8 in each year, a complete list of the active firefighters of the Company who shall be in good standing.

**§ 26-14. Expulsion of members; hearing.**

Any person who may be expelled from the Fire Company may appeal therefrom to the Mayor and Council, who shall set a hearing of such appeal, giving notice thereof to the Secretary of the Fire Company and, at the time appointed, shall proceed to hear and determine the matter in a summary way, and the determination shall be final.

**§ 26-15. Approval of members.**

The names of all persons hereafter proposed or elected as regular members of the Fire Department shall be brought before the Mayor and Council for its approval.

**§ 26-16. Amendments.**

This chapter may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Mayor and Council.

Dr. Robins stated that this ordinance is a modernization and update of the existing Fire Department Chapter in our Code Book.

Dr. Dunne noted the inconsistency of "firefighter/firemen."

On the motion of Dr. Dunne and seconded by Mr. Vandermark it was moved to change all references to Firemen to "Firefighter."

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

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

**02-06-2023: #1**

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

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

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

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

**02-06-2023: #2**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN AND 120 – 126 NORTH AVENUE URBAN RENEWAL, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Dunellen, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "**Borough**") (the "**Borough Council**"), pursuant to the provisions of the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (the "**Redevelopment Law**"), and based upon the report and recommendation of the Dunellen Planning Board designated, among others, certain property identified on the official Tax Maps of the Borough as Block 1, Lots 19, 20 and 21 as an "area in need of redevelopment" (collectively, the "**Project Site**"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council duly adopted a redevelopment plan for the Project Site, along with other properties, entitled, "Dunellen Downtown Redevelopment Plan Phase 1", dated May 16, 2016 and most recently amended February, 2022, entitled "Amended and Restated Dunellen

Downtown Redevelopment Plan Phase 1”, (as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time, the “**Redevelopment Plan**”); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2021, the Borough Council adopted Resolution #5-B, naming the “North Avenue Portfolios LLC” as Conditional Redeveloper of the Project Site and authorizing the execution of a conditional redeveloper’s agreement with respect thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, 120 – 126 North Avenue Urban Renewal, LLC (the “**Redeveloper**”) is a duly-formed corporation, an affiliate of North Avenue Portfolios, and was formed for the single purpose of initiating and conducting projects for the redevelopment of the Project Site pursuant to the Redevelopment Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to effectuate the Redevelopment Plan and the redevelopment of the Project Site, on August 1, 2022, the Borough adopted Resolution No. 08-01-2022: #2, designating the Redeveloper as “redeveloper” of the Project Site and authorizing the execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with the Redeveloper (the “**Redevelopment Agreement**”) for the construction of a one three-story building, containing a total of 33 residential units, consisting of 17 (seventeen) one-bedroom units, 14 (fourteen) two-bedroom units, and 2 (two) three-bedroom units, and including 5 (five) units affordable to very low-, low- and moderate-income households; a ground floor commercial space of 2,192 square feet; 35 (thirty-five) surface parking spaces for use by the residents and visitors to the commercial space and including 8 (eight) electric vehicle charging station as well as related, onsite amenities and site improvements on the Project Site (the “**Project**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Redeveloper and the Borough executed the Redevelopment Agreement on September 7, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough and the Redeveloper desire to revise the Concept Plan attached to the Redevelopment Agreement as Exhibit A, and the Project Schedule attached to the Redevelopment Agreement as Exhibit B, and to otherwise update the terms of the Redevelopment Agreement in accordance with same (the “**First Amendment**”); and

**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 Mayor of the Borough is hereby authorized and directed to execute the First Amendment, 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, planning consultant, and other professionals, and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the signature of the Mayor and to affix the seal of the Borough to the First Amendment, if applicable. Upon execution and attestation of same, the Mayor is hereby authorized to deliver the First Amendment to the other party thereto.

**Section 3.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Cilento noted that changes were in making it one driveway instead of two (per NJ DOT) and an update in the project timetable.

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

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

**02-06-2023: #3**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE CENTRAL JERSEY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND'S 2023 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 2023 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: Albertson, Dunne, Paltjon, Rios, Sigmon and VanDermark

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

**02-06-2023: #4**

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

Rapid Recovery Services, LLC., is awarded a contract for cleanup work at the Dunellen Fire House, at a cost not to exceed \$36,901.73, charged to C-04-22-006-000-602.

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

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

**02-06-2023: #5**

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

Fords Lawnmower, Piscataway, NJ, is awarded a contract to provide a Toro MFGS 26.5HP Kohler with Low Flo lawnmower to the Dunellen Department of Public Works, at a cost not to exceed \$13,043.64. Funds for this award are from Account C-04-22-028-000-604.

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

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

**02-06-2023: #6**

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

Remington & Vernick, Engineers, is awarded a contract for the provision of a Heavy Vehicle Circulation and Restrictions Study, at a cost not to exceed \$22,000.00. Funds for this award are from Account C-04-22-028-000-604.

Mayor Cilento noted that a study needs to be done for presentation to NJ DOT in order to place parameters on truck traffic in town and the trucks' ability to go on residential roadways. They weight and other restrictions could be enforced

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

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

**02-06-2023: #7**

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

Robert Poltarak is hereby hired as a Substitute School Crossing Guard, effective January 31, 2023, at an hourly salary of \$14.13. This is a position without benefits.

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

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

**02-06-2023: #8**

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

WHEREAS, there is a need for electrical improvements and repairs to the Maurer House, 500 Mountainview Terrace; and

The following quotes were received:

Anthony S. Shallo, Jr., Electrical Contractors, Lebanon, NJ	\$17,600.00
John Haas Construction, LLC, Green Brook, NJ	\$21,610.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract be awarded to Anthony S. Shallo, Jr., Electrical Contractors for repairs and improvements to the Maurer House, for an amount not to exceed \$17,600.00, charged to T-03-56-286-857-000.

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

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

**02-06-2023: #9**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
AUTHORIZING PARTIAL RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE TO  
BRUDNER REDEVELOPMENT PARTNERS URBAN RENEWAL LLC**

**WHEREAS**, Brudner Redevelopment Partners Urban Renewal, LLC (“Redeveloper”) has requested the partial release of the Performance Guarantee posted with the Borough for Planning Board Application No. 18-001 regarding sewer improvements related to the redevelopment of Block 85, Lots 1.01, 1.02 and 2 (100 S. Washington Avenue), said Performance Guarantee

consisting of a Performance Surety Bond in the amount of \$2,847,636.00 and a 10% Cash portion in the amount of \$316,404.00, which were posted with the Borough of Dunellen on September 9, 2020 (the “Performance Guarantee”); and

**WHEREAS**, on September 19, 2022, the Borough Council adopted Resolution 9-19-2022: #8, authorizing the reduction of the Performance Guarantee to \$2,153,520; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 7, 2022, the Borough Council adopted Resolution 11-07-2022: #9 authorizing the reduction of the Performance Guarantee to \$2,153,520.00 (\$1,938,168.00 bond and \$215,352.00 cash); and

**WHEREAS**, on December 19, 2022, the Borough Council adopted Resolution 12-19-2022: #6, which amended Resolution 11-07-2022: #9 to authorize the reduction of the Performance Guarantee to \$1,515,812.00 (\$1,365,130.80 bond and \$151,681.20 cash); and

**WHEREAS**, on January 6, 2023, Redeveloper submitted a request for the further reduction of the Performance Guarantee; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant the memorandum from the Borough Engineer, CME Associates, dated January 17, 2023, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, the said Borough Engineer advised that it is appropriate at this time in accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53 that the Performance Guarantee be reduced to 30% of the originally calculated Performance Guarantee (i.e., \$949,212.00 - \$854,290.80 bond and \$94,921.20 cash).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Dunellen, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Performance Guarantee is hereby reduced to \$949,212.00 of which 10% (\$94,921.20) will be held as cash with the remainder (\$854,290.80) held as a performance bond until such time that the remaining improvements at the site have been completed.

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

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

**02-06-2023: #10**

**RESOLUTION 09-19-2022:#9 is amended as follows:**

**WHEREAS**, on September 19, 2022 the Borough Council (the “Borough Council”) of the Borough of Dunellen (the “Borough”) adopted Resolution 09-19-2022: #9 authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk of the Borough to execute and attest to a Qualified Community Services Agreement with Crossings at Dunellen Condominium Association, Inc., a New Jersey non-profit corporation, related to property designated as Block 85, Lot 1.02 on the official tax map of the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has been advised that the name of the condominium association is “Dunellen Condominium Association, Inc.” with an address c/o Integra Management Corp., 200 Valley Road, Suite 203, Mt Arlington, New Jersey 07856, and the Qualified Community Services Agreement has been revised to reflect same.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough Council of the Borough of Dunellen, acting as redevelopment entity for the Borough of Dunellen, hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Clerk of the Borough to execute and attest to the Qualified Community Services Agreement with Dunellen Condominium Association, Inc., revised as noted above, with any revisions that may be deemed necessary or desirable by the Borough Attorney, and along with other documents and/or agreements that may be necessary to implement the Qualified Community Services Agreement.

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

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

**02-06-2023: #11**

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

Stilo Paving and Excavation is awarded a contract for sewer lateral repair at 325 Orange Street, at a cost not to exceed \$19,320.00, charged to 3-07-55-512-000-244.

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

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

**02-06-2023: #12**

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

Whereas, NJSA 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the CY 2023 Dunellen Capital Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

Now therefore be it resolved that the attached amended CY 2023 Temporary Dunellen Capital Budget is hereby adopted.

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

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

**02-06-2023: #13**

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



Whereas, emergent conditions have arisen with respect to either funds being needed for salaries and wages and/or payments being due to various vendors, and

Whereas, adequate provisions were not made in the 2023 Temporary Budget, and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for creation of emergency temporary appropriations, and

Whereas, the total emergency temporary appropriations adopted in the year 2023 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 (Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 as amended) including this resolution total \$114,000 for the Current Fund and \$0 for the Sewer Utility,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Dunellen (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmingly concurring):

Then, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. The emergency temporary appropriations listed below will be provided for in the 2023 budget under the titles shown and for the amounts given be and the same are hereby made as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Salaries &amp; Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>
Administration and Executive	20-100-000		
Legal Advertising	20-100-003		
Telephone	20-100-004		
Financial Administration	20-130-000		
Assessment of Taxes	20-150-000		\$4,000
Collection of Taxes	20-145-000		
Legal Services	20-155-000		
Borough Clerk	20-120-000		
Engineering Services	20-165-000		
Municipal Planner	21-181-299		10,000
Public Buildings & Grounds	26-310-000		
Electric & Gas	31-461-000		
Planning Board	21-180-000		
Group Health Insurance	23-220-000		
Other Insurance	23-210-000		11,000
Mayor & Council	20-110-000		
Gasoline	31-460-299		
Water	31-445-000		
Postage	20-100-001		
Information Technology	20-140-000		
Fire	25-265-000		
Fire Hydrant Service	25-265-001		
Police	25-240-000		
Police - Overtime	25-240-001		
School Crossing Guards	25-240-002		

Emergency Management	20-252-000	
Road Repairs	26-290-000	
Tree Maintenance	26-290-002	
Transit Village	26-297-000	
Garbage & Trash	32-465-000	
Board of Health	27-330-000	
Recreation	28-370-000	
Senior Citizen Activities	28-370-001	1,000
Construction Code	22-195-000	
Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)	36-471-000	
Social Security	36-472-000	
Police and Firemen’s Retirement Syst (PFRS)	36-475-000	
Municipal Court	43-490-000	
Free Public Library	29-390-000	
Municipal Prosecutor	25-275-000	
Intergovernment/Dispatching	42-305-001	13,000
Intergovernment/Recycling	42-305-000	
Intergovernment/Middlesex Health Services	42-305-002	
Capital Improvement Fund	44-901-299	75,000
	Subtotal	\$114,000
	Grand Total Current Fund	<u>\$114,000</u>

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

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

**02-06-2023: #13-A**

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

Joseph Paltjon and Roger Dornbierer are appointed as Dunellen Borough liaisons to the Middlesex County Housing & Community Development Agency.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

**02-06-2023: #14**

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

The following establishments be issued an Amusement Games License by the Municipal Clerk as they have met the requirements and paid the proper fee:

American Legion  
Avellino's  
Eight-on-the-Break  
Maggie Murray's Pub House  
Columbian Club  
N Avenue Liquors  
Zupko's Tavern  
Veterans of Foreign Wars

**02-06-2023: #15**

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

Whereas, there exists a need to lease a photocopier machine for the Tax Collector's Office; and

Whereas, a quote has been received from:

Wells Fargo -- \$95.00 per month, for a 60 month lease term; and

Whereas Wells Fargo has a New Jersey Business Registration 42-1074725 for the leasing of photocopier machines; and

The funds for this contract have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer, and continuation of the contract is subject to the availability of funds in future fiscal years. The funds are certified from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen, that a photocopier machine be leased from Wells Fargo, for an amount not to exceed \$95.00 for 60 months.

Funds for this certification are from Account #3-01-20-145-000-205.

**02-06-2023: #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 PRO CAP 8 FBO FIRSTRUST BANK

TSC	Block	Lot	Owner/Address	Principal	Interest	Premium	Total
22-10	47	21	TORRES, MARCELINO 804 FRONT ST	\$448.23	\$ 00	\$2100.00	\$2,548.23

**TOTAL REFUNDED \$2,548.23**

**02-06-2023: #17**

**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 PRO CAP 8 FBO FIRSTRUST BANK

TSC	Block	Lot	Owner/Address	Principal	Interest	Premium	Total
22-11	49	4- C0001	Kevin Luc Noel & Simone Brown 619 North Ave	\$818.35	\$2.50	\$2,100.00	\$2,920.85

**TOTAL REFUNDED \$2,920.85**

**02-06-2023: #18**

**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 EVOLVE BANK & TRUST

TSC	Block	Lot	Owner/Address	Principal	Interest	Premium	Total
22-09	45	17	Eduardo & Keri Valdez 720 Dunellen Ave	\$831.13	\$.00	\$3,700.00	\$4531.13

**TOTAL REFUNDED \$4,531.13**

**02-06-2023: #19**

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

The following FAX Machines, Copy Machines and Printer are to be leased through Wells Fargo for a combined price of \$358.00 per month:

Clerk's Office, Account #3-01-20-120-000-205 (\$150.00 per month) (FAX Machine)  
Police Department, Account #3-01-25-240-000-205 (\$173.00 per month) (Printer)  
Construction Office, Account #3-01-22-195-000-205 (\$35.00 per month) (FAX Machine)

With a total amount of \$4,296.00 per year.

The term of this resolution is for the period April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

A continuation of the contract is subject to the availability of funds in future calendar years.

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

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Reports:

Mrs. Albertson: 1) Fire Department--Department members have been taking some trainings with Green Brook Fire Department. This keeps them up-to-date and prepared for unusual incidents; 2) Dunellen Senior Club--we have many interesting programs and activities planned for the upcoming months including music programs, health and wellness presentations, storytellers and an occasional day of Bingo. This Friday is Bring Your Own Sandwich Day. We will have lunch, desserts provided by some of our members and watch a movie in celebration of Valentine's Day. Meetings are at 10:30 am on Fridays at the Senior Center in Columbia Park; 3) Mayor's Cannabis Task Force--attended a presentation by Ronald P. Mondello, Esq., a Cannabis attorney and presenter at NJLM. It was very informative and gave us some good advice and ideas to help us complete our task. In the future we will be touring a distribution center and speaking to other towns to learn what they are doing, as well as reviewing their Ordinances. We look forward to having another Cannabis Townhall in the spring.

Mrs. Rios: 1) Dunellen Public Library will be celebrating "Love Your Library Month" with musicians and crafts on Wednesday, February 15 at 6 pm to 10 pm. All ages are invited; 2) Diversity and Inclusion Committee had its first meeting this past week discussing and planning exciting new programs and engaging activities for the community. Our goal is to embrace the diversity of our residents and learn more about their interests and traditions. This month we celebrate Black History Month; 3) Friends of the Dunellen Public Library will be selling chocolate covered strawberries at their fundraiser; 4) the open-air market dates have been set. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please reach out to us. Also, the Friends will be hosting a fun filled event with a Willy Wonka themed tea party. If you are interested in joining any of these committees, please visit our webpage. Thank you.

Mr. VanDermark: 1) Buildings and Grounds--the ductless HVAC for the Police locker room, Construction Office and DPW we're ordered and the contractor expects the units to be in by the end of February. The Tax Office, Recreation Office and Mayor's Office will be painted in March/April, along with electrical upgrades outside Borough Hall. Myself and the Buildings and Grounds Committee will soon be meeting with Alex on the 2023 Capital improvements.

Dr. Dunne: 1) Recreation Spring sports have just opened up for Tennis, Baseball and Softball. Within the next few weeks, the Spring Track program will be open, along with an open soccer night program at Columbia Park. Adult Jogging Club starts March 19<sup>th</sup>. This is a new program, for joggers at all levels. We meet at Washington Memorial Park at 8 am, every other Sunday. The Adult Pickleball program has been an enormous success; at this time we have 71 people enrolled in the program. Winter pickleball nights are at the High School 7:30-9:00 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays through March 8th. We will take a few weeks off for High School sports and be back in April. More information to follow; 2) Senior Movie Monday, February 6th (earlier today) our seniors got to see *Ticket to Paradise*, upcoming movie dates: March 6th and April 3rd at 10 am at the Dunellen Theater. Tickets are \$5.00: you get a movie, pizza, soda, and popcorn; 3) Municipal Alliance will be hosting its Annual Fundraising Breakfast Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9 at the Dunellen Hotel. Please join us for a complimentary breakfast and to learn more about the Alliance, and most of all, to learn how you can partner with the Alliance to make an impact on the community. All proceeds from the breakfast will go to future programs in our school system, including such programs as the parenting education simulation dolls, "we're not buying it," the leadership academy event, SUDS hand out material and more. This month, the Alliance will host a professional leadership training for 40 of the high school students. This is made possible through a grant from the Department of Mental Health. In March, there will be a Wellness Fair sponsored by the Alliance – all students in LMS and DHS will attend; 4) Shade Tree Commission--as always, if you are interested in having a tree planted, please contact the DSTC. The next meeting will be March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Senior Center; 5) The Parking Authority will hold its next meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Parking Authority; 6) the idea for the community garden is back! We have a handful of volunteers who participated in a zoom meeting led by resident Sara Maher last week. If you're interested in joining the planning phase, please contact me; 7) Lastly, I would like to also acknowledge Black History Month and the theme of Black Resistance, by quoting the great John Lewis: "Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month, or a year, it is the struggle of a lifetime. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble."

Mr. Sigmon: 1) DPW crew has been cleaning the downtown daily and all our Borough Properties and Parks:

- Picked up Christmas Trees throughout the town in January.
- Removed the Christmas wreaths in downtown.
- Walked the streams and cleared out branches along the headwalls.
- Inspected and cleaned out 170 of 304 catch basins in town.
- Repaired a catch basin on First Street.

- Installed metal bars in front of culverts where water enters to protect them from large debris entering the culverts.
- Took elevations of possible catch basin locations on Maple Avenue

Serviced and repaired the following vehicles: the Street Sweeper, backhoe, enclosed trailer, and Police Car #509. Note: New roof was completed last week on the DPW Building.

Mr. Paltjon: 1) Dunellen Police Department--Chief Smith, Lt. Beenders, the Mayor, Councilwoman Terri and I sat in on interviews with potential candidates looking to fill the role of Probationary Police Officer. After listening to all potential candidates, which were all very good in their own right, we will discuss with the Department and Committee if any of these candidates were a fit and which would be best fitted to offer the position to; 2) Board of Education--the Board interviewed 3 strong candidates for the vacant Board seat and decided on the nomination of Mrs. Schoepp, who, based on her background and extensive knowledge, will be a great complement to the Board. Congratulations to Mrs. Schoepp. In the meeting, there was a Start Strong Presentation, which is a tool for teachers and schools to identify the level of support students need in English Language Arts, Math and Science based on the prior year NJSLs. The results were from the Fall of 2022. Superintendent Dr. Ross also presented a Mid-Year Update about the District Goals, Progress and Updates to these Goals and his Plan for the Future. Both reports can be found on the DunellenSchools.org website; 4) PARSAs--Alex and the rest of the DPW would like to thank PARSAs for their help with a really bad grease clog on Prospect Avenue on Saturday January 28. PARSAs has inspected the sewer main on the 200 Block of Orange Street and sees no issues. The street is on their current schedule to be paved this Spring; 5) Dunellen Rescue Squad--we would like to congratulate Camille Lorico, who earned her EMT last month. Congratulations Camille. The Rescue Squad is still looking for anyone that would be interested in becoming a Volunteer. Please check out their new website, DunellenRescue.org for all new updates and volunteer information.

Mayor Cilento:

#### Culvert Cleaning Project:

National Water Main Cleaning Company has completed the culvert cleaning project that was initiated late last year. It was a two-month project that focused on cleaning out silt and debris from eight of our culverts throughout town. These culverts were 60-80% clogged. This clean up initiative should help with water flow during severe rainstorms.

The following culverts were cleaned out for this project scope:

- Prospect Avenue Pipe (300' south of Skinner Plaza).
- Prospect Avenue & Grove Street.
- Grove Street Pipe towards Gertrude Terrace.
- New Market Road & Whittier Avenue Culvert.
- South Washington Ave Culvert (from Columbia Park, behind Pearl Place & Kline Place).
- Prospect Avenue Culvert (new #235 Prospect Avenue).

- High Street/Gavornik Park: This is the piping system from South Madison Avenue to Gavornik Park.
- South Avenue/ Hall Street Culverts.

We plan to present the results of this project at our Feb. 21 council meeting.

Middlesex County Pulaski Culvert Project: we were recently informed by CME Associates, Dunellen’s Municipal Engineers, that Middlesex County will be putting the project out to bid before spring. The project will be like the South Madison Avenue Culvert Project that took place two years ago.

Green Brook Trash Trap: we are expecting the trash trap to be installed in the spring/summer of 2023. This is a great partnership with NJDEP and Lower Raritan Watershed Project. This trap will catch most of the debris coming into the Dunellen waterways of the Green Brook. The trash trap cost is approximately \$66,000.00 which is from NJDEP grant funds. Dunellen will be the first in the state to receive these grant funds as part of the pilot program.

Park Improvements: this spring we will start making park upgrades to Washington Memorial Park. This will include upgrades to the Gazebo related to electrical work, lighting, painting the gazebo, and sound system, as well as electrical upgrades to the monuments along North Washington Avenue.

Safe Streets for All Grant Award: Dunellen has been awarded \$436,800.00 through the United States Department of Transportation to be used by the Borough of Dunellen to develop a comprehensive safety action plan for traffic and pedestrian safety throughout Dunellen. Upon completion of the plan, we can seek grant funding to begin implementing it. More to report as soon as information becomes available.

Master Plan Re-Examination Steering Committee: The Municipal Planner will be sending the report to the steering committee for review and comments. Following this step, they will make a presentation to the Mayor and Council on a TBD. Additionally, after the Mayor and Council presentation, the planners will make their presentation to the Dunellen Planning Board on a date TBD. Once the Planning Board adopts the plan by resolution, it will be filed with the County Planning Board and the State Office of Planning Advocacy.

Walks and Talks with the Mayor: will begin in March through December. We meet the first Saturday of the month at 9:30 am at Columbia Park.

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Department Heads reports:

Homer Mosley, Jr., OEM Report: OEM has used funds from the EMMA Grant to purchase (2) P22 radios that connect Dunellen directly to the Middlesex County Emergency Radio System. Also, in consultation with Dr. Robins, we are in the process of making other purchases to enhance Dunellen's Emergency Operations Center and make the team more efficient. Autumn Barbato gave a brief update on the CERT Team’s social media/digital presence. Their goal is to extend their reach regarding information sharing.



Mr. Mosley continued: “All of OEM's and CERT's successes could not have been achieved without the support of Mayor Cilento and the Council. Thank you.”

Mrs. Rios asked Dr. Dunne about the community garden and is somebody going to present that to us? Dr. Dunne replied that it is in the planning phases right now and the volunteers will come to the Council with a proposal.

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Public Portion:

Jackie Mueller, 240 Prospect Avenue: presented a question about the permitting process for fences. She was advised to consult the Construction Office for a record of the issued permits.

Chris Mueller, 240 Prospect Avenue: a follow up question: is the Construction Office responsibility or the residents to look into whether construction is done properly? There have been other fences built that affect neighbors. There are also lighting issues, truck traffic and backyard construction that affect neighbors. Mayor Cilento suggested coordinating a conversation to resolve these matters. He also asked for a FEMA flood map update. He was informed that the South Avenue culvert project is progressing and that should greatly assist in our advocacy for a new flood map.

Norma Martin, 459 Mountainview Terrace, 1) asked who enforces the ordinance regarding placing furniture on the curb? Code Enforcer. Mayor Cilento noted that the property owner has 10 days to remedy, but unfortunately due to New Jersey state mandates in response to COVID-19, the courts are backed up so cases are not being processed as swiftly as we would like. People are taking advantage of this; 2) the borough has a problem with people not picking up after their dogs. This is a bad situation, bad everywhere, including at the schools. It is a public health issue. Is there a realistic way to enforce this? It was noted that all parks have the bags available. Mayor Cilento will have the Parks and Recreation Department consult nearby municipalities to see what they are doing.

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

**02-06-2023: #20**

**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 concerning contractual matters; 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: Albertson, Dunne, Paltjon, Rios, Sigmon and VanDermark

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

**02-06-2023: #21**

**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: Albertson, Dunne, Paltjon, Rios, Sigmon and VanDermark

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

**02-06-2023: #22**

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

The Dunellen Borough Council Meeting of February 6, 2023 is adjourned.

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

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7EbG3GfOhhI>