

January 18, 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 January 18, 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

Mayor's Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities
Appoint Cristol-Iris Lantz to the Mayor's Mural Steering Committee

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

01-18-2023: #1

AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Dunellen desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$100,000 to carry out a project to upgrade playground and recreation equipment and build a pickleball court.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, 1) that the Borough of Dunellen does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and, 2) recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Borough of Dunellen and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor Jason F. Cilento is authorized to sign the application, the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

Dr. Dunne noted an approximately \$100,000 difference between the construction cost of \$350,000 and the grant amount of \$100,000.

Mayor Cilento replied that the project will cost in total about \$350,000 and we will need to capitalize the remaining funds.

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:

01-18-2023: #2

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

Whereas, there exists a need for improvements to Kline Place; and

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

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

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with CME Associates, 3141 Bordentown Road, Parlin, New Jersey 08859, for the following services:

a. Design Phase Services	\$88,000.00
b. Permit Phase Services	\$3,000.00
c. NJDOT Grant Coordination	\$3,500.00
2. The cost of said services is not to exceed \$94,500.00.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service under the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law because the services rendered are professional services of a recognized profession whose practice is regulated by law.
4. A copy of this resolution shall be published in the *Courier News* as required by law within ten days of its passage.

Mayor Cilento noted that we received a grant for this improvement, but this award enables us to begin the engineering work before we have adopted the bond funding for the entire project.

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:

[It was noted that there was a transcription error in the resolution presented so that was amended from the floor with a new motion and second]:

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

01-18-2023: #3

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

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen hereby approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement regarding a new contract with the Local 255, Local Service Workers, Dunellen Department of Public Works. Said contract will run from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027.

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

Public Portion:

No one from the public spoke.

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

01-18-2023: #4

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

The Dunellen Borough Council Meeting of January 18, 2023 is adjourned.

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