

June 1, 2020

Note: This meeting was held by teleconference.

Minutes of the public meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen held on June 1, 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, Kenneth Bayer, April Burke, Jessica Dunne, Stacy Narvesen, Trina Rios and Daniel Sigmon

On the motion of Mrs. Burke and seconded by Mrs. Rios it was moved to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of June 1, 2020.

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Dunne, Narvesen and Rios
Mr. Sigmon's video connection was lost and his vote could not be recorded.

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

ORDINANCE 2020-08

BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN

The following DUNELLEN SALARY ORDINANCE was Introduced for first reading on May 18, 2020. It is now being further considered for public hearing and adoption on June 1, 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.

The following are base salaries, without longevity or benefits:

Step	Minimum	Maximum
11	\$120,000.00	\$170,000.00
10	\$75,000.00	\$140,000.00
9	\$50,000.00	\$75,000.00
8	\$40,000.00	\$65,000.00
7	\$35,000.00	\$55,000.00
6	\$30,000.00	\$50,000.00
5	\$25,000.00	\$40,000.00
4	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00

3	\$8,000.00	\$23,000.00
2	\$2,000.00	\$17,000.00
1	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00

Full-Time Positions

	<u>Step</u>
Chief of Police	11
Administrator/Clerk	10
DPW Supervisor	10
Court Administrator	9
Human Resources Manager	9
Recreation Director	8
Supervisor, Accounts & Payroll	8
Finance/Payroll Clerk	7
Deputy Municipal Clerk	6
Deputy Registrar	6
Deputy Court Administrator	6
Registrar	5
Clerk's Office Admin. Assistant	5
Violations Clerk, Municipal Court	5

Part-Time Salary Positions

Municipal Attorney	7
Construction Code Official	6
Municipal Judge	5
Chief Financial Officer	5
Recreation Administrative Assistant	5
Tax Assessor	3
Tax Collector	3
Municipal Prosecutor	3
Public Works Manager	3
Sewer Inspector	3
Public Defender	2
Office of Emergency Management	2
Sub Code Official (Electrical, Fire, Plumbing)	2
Property Maintenance/Code Enforcement	2
Sign Ordinance Enforcement Officer	1

Part Time – Hourly

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Sewer Inspector - Additional Hourly	\$30.00	\$48.00
Substitute Deputy Clerk (Court)	\$25.00	\$35.00
Interpreter	\$20.00	\$30.00
Tax Assessor Assistant	\$15.00	\$30.00
Planning Board Assistant	\$15.00	\$30.00
Acting Recreation Director	\$20.00	\$25.00
Planning Board Secretary	\$12.00	\$25.00
Tax Clerk	\$12.00	\$18.00

Construction Office Assistant	\$12.00	\$18.00
Head School Crossing Guard	\$12.00	\$18.00
Police Administrative Assistant	\$12.00	\$18.00
School Crossing Guard	\$11.00	\$17.00
Clerk's Administrative Assistant	\$11.00	\$16.00
Senior Citizen Van Driver	\$11.00	\$16.00
Violations Clerk (Court)	\$11.00	\$15.00
Laborer	\$11.00	\$14.00
Janitor	\$11.00	\$14.00
Recreation Department part-time	\$11.00	\$15.00

Part-Time - Monthly/Meeting

Planning Board Recording Secretary	\$275/meeting	\$300/meeting
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Elected Officials

Mayor	\$5,000 annually
Council President	\$2,800 annually
Council Member	\$2,500 annually

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: Bayer, Burke, Dunne, Narvesen and Rios

Mr. Sigmon's video connection was lost and his vote could not be recorded.

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

06-01-2020: #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: Bayer, Burke, Dunne, Narvesen, Rios and Sigmon

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

06-01-2020: #2

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

Whereas, Resolution 02-03-2020: #6 required Galway Properties to post \$7,770.51 for a Maintenance Guarantee for construction at Block 59.01, Lots 20, 21 and 22; and

WHEREAS, the project has been substantially completed such that a Maintenance Guarantee is not needed.

NOW, Therefore, be it Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen, that resolution 02-03-2020: #6 requiring \$7,770.51 for a Maintenance Guarantee is rescinded and that any remaining funds held in escrow be returned.

Dr. Dunne inquired on behalf of the public which properties this resolution refers to? Dr. Robins replied that they referred to three recently built homes on South Madison Avenue. The building was completed over two years ago.

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

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

06-01-2020: #3

REVISED ESTIMATED 3RD QUARTER LEVY PAYMENT

WHEREAS, by Resolution Number 05-18-20: #2 adopted by the Dunellen Borough Council at a virtual meeting held on May 18, 2020, an Estimated 3rd Quarter Levy amount was established, and

WHEREAS, subsequent to that date, figures for the County Purpose and Open Space Tax rates were received from the Middlesex County Tax Board, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the taxpayers of the Borough of Dunellen to be provided with an Estimated 3rd Quarter Levy that is as close as possible to the final amounts that will, at some point in the future, be certified by the State of New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN:

1. That the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue revised estimated tax bills for the Third Quarter of 2020
2. That the entire estimated tax levy, including Municipal, Library, School, County and County Open Space, for 2020, is hereby set at \$21,120,885.00
3. That in accordance with the law, the third installment of 2020 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10, 2020, or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the estimated bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.

Dr. Robins noted that new figures have come in from the County, so CFO Scott Olsen recommended that the resolution be revised.

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

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

06-01-2020: #4

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has received 2nd quarter tax payments from lenders on installments prepaid, thereby causing an overpayment, and

WHEREAS, the Lenders have given permission to refund the monies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN:

That the proper municipal officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue a check(s) as follows:

Block	Lot	Name	Amount
6	5	Petrozelli, James & Gina	2,732.97
78	4	315 Jackson Ave McNamara, John 240 Penfield Place	<u>2,239.59</u>
		Total to be refunded	\$4,972.56
		Check payable and Mail to: Corelogic Real Estate Tax Serv. Attn: Centralized Refunds 30001 Hackberry Dr. Irving TX 75063- 0156	
78	7	Zeimann, Richard & Cynthhia 228 Penfield Pl	
		Total to be refunded	\$2,343.54
		Check payable to:	

		Bank of America Mail to: Corelogic Tax Collection Services Post Office Box 9236 Coppell, TX 75019-9801	
45	13.01	Zagey, Layla 306 Schwartz Place Total to be refunded Check payable and Mail to: Lereta, LLC Central Refunds 1123 Park View Dr Covina CA 91724	\$2,141.84

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

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

06-01-2020: #5

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

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has had a significant impact on Dunellen’s restaurants and other establishments with food handling licenses; and

WHEREAS, for the benefit of Dunellen’s food handling licensees it is deemed advisable to extend the due date for renewing food handling licenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen, that food handling license renewals usually due by June 30, 2020, are now due August 31, 2020.

Dr. Robins explained that only 17 of 57 food handlers had submitted the annual fee and this resolution, extending the fee due date from June 30th to August 31st, 2020, would be a simple act of assistance to struggling downtown businesses.

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

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

06-01-2020: #6			
CY 2020 Annual Salaries, including Longevity			
Longevity percent in ()			
Department	Name		
Full-time and Part-time Salary			2020
Administration	Robins, William (4)		\$ 112,500.00
	Lauren Staats		\$ 46,000.00
Council	Cilento, Jason		\$ 5,000.00
	Bayer, Kenneth		\$ 2,800.00
	Burke, April		\$ 2,500.00
	Dunne, Jessica		\$ 2,500.00
	Narvesen, Stacy		\$ 2,500.00
	Rios, Trina		\$ 2,500.00
	Sigmon, Daniel		\$ 2,500.00
Chief of Police	Smith, Daniel		Per Contract
Tax Collection	Dougherty, Patricia		\$ 20,400.00
Finance	Olsen, Scott		\$ 31,353.00
	Weaver, Debra (6)		\$ 62,000.00
Tax Assessor	Guttschall, Dawn		\$ 18,360.00
Building Department	Luthman, Scott		\$ 37,809.00
	Lamberson, Travis (fire)		\$ 8,000.00
	McManus, John (electric)		\$ 10,000.00
	Rossi, Michael (plumbing)		\$ 12,470.00
	Deene, George		\$ 16,230.00
	Gianchiglia, Richard (Const. Office Assistant)		\$ 12,000.00
	Mullin, Michael (Zoning)		\$ 8,000.00
Recreation	Miller, Alex		\$ 48,167.00
Attorney	Bruder, John		\$ 55,198.00
Court	Crisafulli, Terry (4)		\$ 64,320.00
	Howes, Katherine		\$ 27,765.00
	Colletti, Lauren		\$ 39,198.00
Prosecutor	Lanza, Thomas		\$ 9,217.00
	Arch, Timothy		\$ 9,217.00
Office of Emerg. Man.	Mosley, Homer		\$ 4,000.00
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Part-time Hourly	Rates are per hour, unless listed		
Planning Board	open	Per meeting	\$ 275.00
Tax Office Clerk	Woerner, Gail		\$ 15.30
Head Crossing Guard	Kriney, Barbara		\$ 17.00
Crossing Guards	Laverne Cooper		\$ 12.00
	DeVico, Frank		\$ 13.50
	Egbert, Martha		\$ 12.50
	Fleming, Linda		\$ 12.50
	Haftmann, Christina		\$ 12.00
	Meyer, Kathleen		\$ 12.50
	Miller, Karen		\$ 13.00
	Smith, Victoria		\$ 14.00
	Soriano, Joseph		\$ 14.00
	Testori, Lawrence		\$ 15.75
	Turshman, Faith		\$ 12.00
	Cantanzaro, Mary Ann (Substitute)		\$ 15.75
	New Hires		\$ 12.00
Interpreters	Pagan, Lylian		\$ 26.55
Police Admin. Assist.	Ritchey, Deborah		\$ 16.99
Building Maintenance	Santamaria, Silvia		\$ 13.00
Bus Driver	Picone, Ronald		\$ 14.56
Public Defender	Spengler, Robert	per session	\$ 250.00
	Frascella, Daniel	per session	\$ 250.00
Const. Off. Assist.	Richard Gianchiglia		
Pl. Bd. Secretary	Lauren Staats		\$ 25.00
Public Works Manager (PWM)			\$ 15,000.00
Recreation/PWM Assistant		Per Annum	\$ 29,000.00
Public Information Officer		Per Annum	\$ 2,500.00
Sign Enforcement Officer		Per Annum	\$ 2,500.00
Grant Writer		Per Annum	\$ 8,000.00

Dr. Dunne noted that the Const. Off. Assist. was crossed out: ~~Const. Off. Assit.~~; Dr. Robins replied that this was an editing error and he will correct it. The corrected text is presented above.

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

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

06-01-2020: #7

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

CME Associates is awarded a contract to prepare the Mid-Point Realistic Opportunity Review and the Very Low-Income Unit Status Report as it pertains to the court mandated implementation of the Borough's Judgment of Compliance and Repose, dated December 16, 2016, at a cost not to exceed \$8,500.00. The Affordable Housing Trust Fund (0-03-286-56-850-000 [Reserve – Affordable Housing]) will be charged to the extent that there are funds available, and the remainder of the contract will be charged to Engineering.

Dr. Robins noted that in 2016 Mr. Bruder and a CME Planner prepared documents for presentation to the Court on our affordable housing quota. There is a page on our web site on this topic. Under the settlement agreement, an interim report is due and this resolution awards a contract to CME to help prepare that report. Mr. Bruder noted that we are now half-way through the third-round of litigation and we have immunity against a Builder's Remedy lawsuits that extends until 2025 at which time we will have to go through a whole other round.

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

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

06-01-2020: #8

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 NW Financial Group, LLC., from the "528 North Ave Urban Renewal, LLC." for financial work done for the redevelopment.

<u>NW Financial</u>	<u>Amount</u>
26662	\$1,906.25
Total:	<u>\$1,906.25</u>

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

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

06-01-2020: #9

RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY RELAXING EXISTING ORDINANCES AND PROCEDURES ASSOCIATED WITH REVIEW AND APPROVAL FOR RESTAURANTS, FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND RETAIL BUSINESSES AND ALLOWING FOR OUTDOOR DINING AND OUTDOOR DISPLAY TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES UNDER CURRENT STATE GUIDANCE AND SOCIAL DISTANCING IN CONNECTION TO COVID-19 AND SUBJECT TO RECISSION AND/OR RELAXATION OF THE CURRENT “STAY AT HOME” EXECUTIVE ORDER 107

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

WHEREAS, Dunellen is home to numerous multi-generational Mom & Pop and independently run businesses which have been greatly impacted by COVID-19, and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, it appears that social distancing and other measures, such as wearing a mask in public has reduced the spread of COVID-19 and "flattened the curve," and in preparation for reopening Dunellen to fuller productivity by its businesses and personal physical and mental health by its residents, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen propose that the following steps be taken; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall take effect contingent upon the State of New Jersey relaxing provisions of Executive Order 107 and shall sunset on August 31, 2020, at which time the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen shall evaluate the health, safety, welfare and economic conditions of the Borough of Dunellen and determine if said resolution should be extended.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, and in consultation with the Dunellen Office of Emergency Management, do hereby support the following:

1. Encouragement of outdoor dining for restaurants by waiving the annual outdoor dining permit fee. If businesses have already paid for their permit, they will be credited for the 2021 permit fee. In addition, the Borough of Dunellen will encourage restaurants to use parts of their parking lots as spaces for expanded outdoor dining, as well as available public spaces by arrangement with the Borough.
 - a. Although the permit fees will be waived, outdoor dining must still be approved by the Zoning Officer or Construction Officer before any sidewalk and parking lot outdoor dining begins. The Outdoor Dining or Sidewalk Cafes Application must be completed and submitted to the Borough Clerk's Office for record: 355 North Ave, Dunellen, NJ 08812. The Borough Clerk's Office will then forward to the Zoning Officer or Construction Officer for site approval. After approval by the Zoning Officer or the Construction Officer, the Borough Clerk will so notify the food establishment in writing that permission to conduct outdoor dining has been granted.
 - b. An online Application will be created, accessible on the Construction Department page of the Dunellen website:
<http://www.dunellen-nj.gov/departments/construction/index.php>
2. Encouragement of sidewalk retail sales for businesses downtown so long as they do not obstruct pedestrian traffic or violate safe distancing protocols.
 - a. Businesses encouraged to conduct sidewalk retail sales in front of their establishment shall make use of the Outdoor Dining or Sidewalk Cafes Application. Businesses wishing to do sidewalk retail must first forward their application to the Borough Clerk's Office: 355 North Ave, Dunellen, NJ 08812. The Borough Clerk will then forward the application to the Zoning Officer or the Construction Officer for written approval. After approval by the Zoning Officer or the Construction

Officer, the Borough Clerk will so notify the retail establishment in writing that permission to conduct sidewalk sales has been granted.

- b. An online Application will be created, accessible on the Construction Department page of the Dunellen website:
<http://www.dunellen-nj.gov/departments/construction/index.php>
3. Businesses taking advantage of outdoor dining and/or outdoor display sales must provide and maintain a minimum of 6 feet of pedestrian walkway, subject to applicable ADA requirements.
4. Businesses will be held responsible for litter control of their designated areas and should this be violated, they may be subjected to fines based on Dunellen's local litter ordinance.
5. The Borough of Dunellen will formalize a plan to close down a section of the South side of the train station parking lot alongside South Washington Avenue to create an outdoor public dining and retail experience between Saturday 9am to Sunday 10pm. Businesses will hold all liability of their products, and be responsible for the setup of displays and tables for dining.
6. Encourage businesses to request Division of Alcohol and Beverage Control permit restaurants with liquor licenses to extend their premises to the restaurants parking lot/sidewalk dining spaces, so long as they are served in plastic cups and/or BYOB is available.
7. Recognizing the need to support our local fitness businesses, they are invited to use McCoy Park's baseball field for group classes of 15 persons (including the instructor) or fewer.
 - a. Fitness classes shall not consist of heavy weights, but solely of cardiovascular, yoga, Zumba, martial arts, and resistant-band exercises.
 - b. Social distancing of at least 6 feet must be maintained and there should be no sharing of equipment, which must be cleaned after use.
 - c. These types of businesses and classes shall not use any other Dunellen park so residents may use these open spaces for their leisure and safety.
 - d. Any fitness and wellness related business interested in using this opportunity at McCoy Park must contact Alex Miller at amiller@dunellenborough.com, file the appropriate application, and receive permission in writing from the Recreation Department.
8. Mandates that businesses comply with all CDC and State guidelines to ensure the safety of customers and employees. The Borough will create handouts and online documents with up-to-date information for businesses on the most recent protocols.
9. The Borough will consider closing certain streets to vehicle traffic on Sundays and making them safe walking, biking, and exercise venues.
10. The Dunellen Downtown Management Organization (DDMO), our agency charged with promoting our downtown businesses, has been developing profile-raising activities to highlight various business categories. For example:

- a. The Dunellen-Green Brook Rotary Club, in conjunction with the Dunellen Downtown Management Organization, is sponsoring a restaurant sweepstakes contest with a drawing on July 1st.
- b. The DDMO has a convenient list of open businesses complete with map, addresses, and hours of operation, and contact information for curbside ordering.

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

- a. Outdoor restaurant seating areas can be located upon public sidewalks where adequate provision is made for the pedestrian public, on relatively level grass areas, and in parking lots where an adequate number of parking stalls remain in the opinion of the Borough Zoning Officer or Construction Officer. Preference should be given to creating outdoor restaurant seating on sidewalks and upon grass areas.
- b. Temporary lighting will be required if the outdoor restaurant seating area is proposed to be utilized after dusk.
- c. Businesses must adhere to the Borough of Dunellen's Sound Ordinance.
- d. An awning or umbrellas may be utilized within an outdoor restaurant area, but tents shall not be permitted.
- e. Serving stations and a host podium may be located within an outdoor restaurant seating area provided there is a Plexiglas or other similar partition is used.
- f. Guidance on the maximum number of individuals permitted at a table or requirements of distance between tables, as well as distance between individuals waiting to be seated will be formulated by the guidance of the Governor and State of New Jersey permitting restaurants and retail merchants to reopen.
- g. The Borough of Dunellen's Zoning Officer or Construction Officer will have discretion to create additional standards for properties conducting outdoor dining and sidewalk retail sales.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen by this passage of this Resolution, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen requests that the Director of the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control exercise the authority

conferred upon the Director by the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:2-5.5 and N.J.A.C. 13:2- 9.1 to immediately implement procedures whereby liquor licensees may obtain permits providing for the extension of licensed premises to the outdoor table areas that are approved pursuant to the provisions of this Resolution for so long as such municipal approval is valid without the necessity of having to file a formal place-to-place (expansion of licensed premises) application with the Borough; and

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

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

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

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

Mayor Cilento reported that at 2:30 pm today Governor Murphy declared that we are heading into Stage Two based on the State's data. So, on June 15th, outdoor dining and non-essential in-person retail will open-up and on June 22nd salons, barber shops, gyms and health clubs will follow. We are currently allowing gyms to use McCoy Park with certain restrictions. In anticipation of the Governor's orders, we developed this resolution to relax some of our ordinances so businesses can be creative in bringing their dining out to the sidewalks or parking lots. The Parking Authority will permit use of some of their spaces and he is

appointing Kenneth Bayer and Jessica Dunne to assist in operationalizing this. This resolution encompasses social clubs.

Dr. Dunne recommended that certain language regarding "flattening the curve" be changed for precision and clarity. This was done. She also asked about how we ensure reasonable use of sidewalk space. Mayor Cilento responded that the resolution has language regarding maintaining six feet of pedestrian walkway and that the Construction and/or Zoning Officer will review the applications and have the power to revoke permission based upon violations.

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

Reports:

Mayor Cilento: I wish to begin my report this Council meeting by requesting a moment of silence for those who have lost their lives due to COVID-19 these past several weeks, but also a moment of silence for George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and others. If you are a person of faith, please pray for all of these individuals' families, pray for the protection of peaceful protestors, as well as the men and women in blue, who serve and protect us and pray for healing across our Nation.

Normally I do not comment on matters that are taking place on the National level, but I wish to make a concise comment here this evening.

As Mayor, I recognize that systemic racism unfortunately exists through our society. But I want residents and business owners to know, that in Dunellen, no matter your race, ethnicity, cultural background, gender or sexual orientation, you have a place to call home here. We have a police department that serves and protects everyone, and is on the ground every day with members of our community speaking to them and learning from them. Please introduce yourselves to them when you see them and have a conversation with them. They are great individuals. Since being elected as a Council Member 10 years ago, and now as Mayor, I have sought to diversify our boards, commissions, and committees, so these government agencies continue to represent our community as a whole. I, and the Borough Council, remain committed to the safety and well-being of our residents and business owners, especially those who are most vulnerable, including people in our minority community. We are a diverse community of people who help one another, and we should be very proud of that. As your Mayor, and I know I can speak on behalf of the Council, we are here for each of our constituents. Please reach out to us. We are here to listen.

Community Initiatives:

We have continued Senior shopping for the 9th week. We have shopped 33 times. Our seniors are incredibly grateful to all involved! I thank Alex Miller for his help with this and I want to thank all the Councilpersons who have stepped up over the past several weeks.

Our "Pop-up Food Drive": on our third drive, we had 233 donations from our residents; we purchased 248 \$10.00 vouchers from Tropical (\$2,480.00 in money donations); we have had 97 households come to pick up food (330 people). We have one more Food Drive on Saturday, June

6th from 9am to 1pm. We will be collecting donations on Wednesday, June 3rd from 5-7 pm and Thursday, June 4th from 10am to 12 pm. We could use more donations to help our families in need.

FISH Inc. (Dunellen Area) has been serving our Community for 50 years and this is the first time that it has been out of service for such a long time due to COVID-19. FISH will be back up and operating on Monday, June 15th. FISH Hotline 732-356-0081.

COVID-19 Information: Middlesex County Public Health Department is the lead Agency in all investigations regarding confirmed COVID-19 cases, including all close contacts. If residents should have questions regarding COVID-19, you may call the Middlesex County Health Department 24/7 at (732) 745-3100. You may also visit the New Jersey COVID-19 Information Hub at: www.covid19.nj.gov.

If you are in need of assistance due to a mental health crisis or domestic violence, here are contact numbers for you: the crisis text line by texting “NJ” to 741741; call the family helpline at 1-800-843-5437; the domestic violence hotline at 1-800-572-7233; or the mental health line at 1-866-202-4357.

We continue **Eat Local Fridays!**: Shop and eat local.

Make Some Noise!: Please continue to make some noise for our frontline workers, every Thursday at 7:00 pm.

Census 2020: Remember to respond to our federal government’s request for Census 2020 information so that we can get the essential funding and representation from our federal government.

Mrs. Rios: 1) the Dunellen Public Library is putting together a reopening task force in anticipation of Stage Two. Our first step will be a contact-less pick-up and drop-off; 2) the Municipal Alliance and the Coalition of Healthy Communities are putting together a banner for the SUDS and Seniors for 2020 and hoping to display that banner in Washington Park; 3) please “like” our Facebook page of Flag (Front Line Appreciation Group) that helps our frontliners.

Mrs. Burke: 1) she reported that a resident had asked about the status of the South Madison Avenue paving. Mayor Cilento responded that it is scheduled for August and we hope it will not impact school; 2) the next School Board meeting is on the 15th and she is unable to attend so if someone from the Council is able to attend, she asks that they bring back information on how a possible reduction in State funding might impact the borough: a tax increase or the bond repayment timetable.

Mr. Bayer: 1) reported that revenues from the Construction Department are down about \$12,000 compared to last year; 2) reported that Richard Gianchiglia, part-time in the Construction Office, is looking to come back about July 6th. His family is concerned about exposure to the virus. In case he does not come back, we may want to begin thinking about another person whom Richard could mentor.

Dr. Dunne: 1) notes that the Governor is looking to relaxing some of the closures and we are now looking into reopening the Recycling Yard and some other measures within that department but for now the Yard remains closed. The DPW will continue to pick up leaves and branches while the Yard is closed; 2) the Flag Program will try to reach out to help some of the residents in town; 3)

reminded everyone that though the rules about quarantine are relaxing, people should still continue to practice social distancing and to wear masks, and this includes wearing a mask outside when exercising, walking or running; 4) Councilwoman Narvesen and she will attend a virtual Greenbrook Flood Control Commission meeting.

Mrs. Narvesen: 1) Mayor Cilento already spoke about the Senior food drives; 2) in Columbia Park, we are awaiting the completion of their punch list: filling in the low spots with soil and seed, parking lot striping, cleaning up the parking lot walk way, and repairing a broken irrigation line; 3) she will be meeting Thursday with Alex, Laura and Kelly about Summer Camp, safety protocols and guidelines; 4) the last Board of Education meeting she attended, on May 19th, they spoke about the progress of upgrades and the PTO has now obtained enough money to install the electrical sign outside of Faber School.

Mr. Sigmon: 1) learned that we will be able to pick up about 2,000 cans of energy drink for the Flag Program to distribute to the community; 2) reported that there has been a huge influx of volunteers to the Dunellen Rescue Squad. The Squad is feeling the love and support from our community; 3) they are making progress on the Drive-in Movie fund raiser. As long as the Library approves the use of their parking lot, permission from Council is not required. They are looking to a test run on June 15th and the event on June 26th. If successful, they hope to extend it to other nights and the money will be going to support the Dunellen Rescue Squad as well as the Friends of the Dunellen Library.

Mayor Cilento: wants the public to be aware that he has sent inquiries to Borough departments on their plans for reopening. The plans are being developed, protecting both the public and the employees.

PUBLIC PORTION

No one from the public spoke.

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

06-01-2020: #10

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

The Dunellen Borough Council Meeting of June 1, 2020 is adjourned.

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