

March 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 March 6, 2023.

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, Trina Rios, Teresa Albertson, Jessica Dunne, Joseph Paltjon, Daniel Cole Sigmon and Harold VanDermark

On the motion of Mr. Sigmon and seconded by Mrs. Albertson it was moved to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of February 21, 2023.

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

At this point, there was a Proclamation in Honor of Women's History Month. Councilmembers Rios, Albertson and Dunne took turns reading the Proclamation:

Proclamation In Honor of Women's History Month

WHEREAS, throughout history, women have made significant contributions to the growth and strength of our borough, county, state, nation and the world in countless ways; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 theme for Women's History Month is "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories," which recognizes women, past and present, who have been active in all forms of media and storytelling including print, radio, TV, stage, screen, blogs, podcasts, news, and social media; and

WHEREAS, through leadership, innovation, and ingenuity, generations of women have made significant contributions in science, medicine, technology, business, politics, entrepreneurship, labor, and arts and culture; and

WHEREAS, women have been leaders in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, and in the abolitionist, emancipation, industrial labor, civil rights, and peace movements, have created a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, whether serving in elected positions across America, leading groundbreaking civil rights movements, venturing into unknown frontiers, or programming revolutionary technologies, generations of women opened new doors and had a profound and positive impact on our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Mayor Jason F. Cilento, and the Borough Council of Dunellen, New Jersey, hereby celebrate the month of March 2023 as Women’s History Month and encourage others to celebrate too.

Jason F. Cilento, Mayor
Borough of Dunellen
March 6, 2023

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

ORDINANCE #2023-10

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 March 6, 2023. It will be presented for Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption at a meeting of said governing body to be held in the Municipal Building, 355 North Avenue, Dunellen, New Jersey, in said County, on March 20, 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.

The Dunellen Alcoholic Beverages Chapter is amended as follows:

Chapter 96-14. Hours of sale.

- A. No Class C “44” Retail Distribution licensee shall sell, serve, deliver or allow, permit or suffer the sale, service or delivery of any alcoholic beverage, or allow the consumption of any alcoholic beverage on licensed premises on weekdays or Saturday between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. or on Sundays between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. except New Year's Day each year, as hereinafter provided.

1. No Class C “31” Club, “32” Broad Package Retail Consumption or “33” Retail Consumption licensee shall sell, serve, deliver or allow, permit or suffer the sale, service or delivery of any alcoholic beverage, or allow the consumption of any alcoholic beverage on licensed premises on weekdays between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. or on Saturdays and Sundays between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. except New Year's Day each year, as hereinafter provided.

- B. No Class C “44” Retail Distribution licensee shall sell, serve, deliver or allow, permit or suffer the sale, service or delivery of any alcoholic beverage, or allow the consumption of any alcoholic beverage on licensed premises, on New Year's Day when it is a weekday or Saturday between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., or on New Year's Day, when it is a Sunday, between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

1. No Class C “31” Club, “32” Broad Package Retail Consumption or “33” Retail Consumption licensee shall sell, serve, deliver or allow, permit or suffer the sale, service or delivery of any alcoholic beverage, or allow the consumption of any alcoholic beverage on licensed premises, on New Year's Day when it is a weekday between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., or on New Year's Day, when it is a Saturday or Sunday, between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

- C. No Class C “44” Retail Distribution licensee shall sell, serve, deliver or allow, permit or suffer the sale, service or delivery of any alcoholic beverage, or allow the consumption of any alcoholic beverage on licensed premises, on Christmas Day, when it is a weekday between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., or on Christmas Day, when it is a Saturday or Sunday, between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

1. No Class C “31” Club, “32” Broad Package Retail Consumption or “33” Retail Consumption licensee shall sell, serve, deliver or allow, permit or suffer the sale, service or delivery of any alcoholic beverage, or allow the consumption of any alcoholic beverage on licensed premises, on Christmas Day, when it is a weekday between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., or on Christmas Day, when it is a Saturday or Sunday, between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

- D. The hours referred to above shall be Eastern standard time and shall reflect any daylight saving time as mandated by law.

Mayor Cilento noted that we are seeking to put the hours of opening for restaurants to 10:00 am to enable them to offer brunches.

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

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

ORDINANCE 2023-05

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 February 21, 2023. It is now being presented for Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption at a meeting of said governing body to be held in the Municipal Building, 355 North Avenue, Dunellen, New Jersey, in said County, on March 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.

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 217, "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE," TO ADD ARTICLE IV, TITLED "LEAD-BASED PAINT INSPECTION."

WHEREAS, the Borough maintains Borough Code Chapter 217, entitled "Property Maintenance"; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L. 2021, c.182 (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.6), all municipalities are required to inspect every single-family, two (2) family, and multiple rental dwelling located within the municipality at tenant turnover for lead-based paint hazards; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs has proposed regulations to implement P.L. 2021, c.182 (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.6), which became effective in July 2022; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents of the Borough to amend the Borough Code at this time to require inspections for lead-based paint in residential rental dwellings to conform to and ensure compliance with this new State law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Dunellen, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the following amendment to Chapter 217 of the Borough Code, adding a new Article IV entitled "Lead-Based Paint Inspection" is hereby enacted:

Section 1. Chapter 217 of the Borough Code is hereby amended as follows by the addition of a new Article IV, entitled "Lead-Based Paint Inspection."

ARTICLE IV, LEAD-BASED PAINT INSPECTIONS

A. Inspections for Lead-Based Paint.

1. Definitions. The following shall have the meaning as used in and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.6 and N.J.A.C. 5:28A-1.1, et seq.

“Dust wipe sampling” means a sample collected by wiping a representative surface and tested, in accordance with a method approved by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and as conducted pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:28A-2.3.

“Dwelling” means a building containing a room or rooms, or suite, apartment, unit, or space that is rented and occupied, or intended to be rented and occupied, for sleeping and dwelling purposes by one or more persons.

“Dwelling unit” means a unit within a building that is rented and occupied, or intended to be rented and occupied, for sleeping and dwelling purposes by one or more persons.

“Multiple dwelling” means any building or structure and any land appurtenant thereto, and any portion thereof, in which three (3) or more dwelling units are occupied or intended to be occupied by three (3) or more persons living independently of each other. “Multiple dwelling” also means any group of ten (10) or more buildings on a single parcel of land or on contiguous parcels under common ownership, in each of which two (2) dwelling units are occupied, or intended to be occupied, by two (2) persons or households living independently of each other, and any land appurtenant thereto, and any portion thereof. “Multiple dwelling” does not include those buildings and structures that are excluded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 55:13A-3(k).

“Periodic lead-based paint inspection” means the initial inspection of all applicable dwelling units at the earlier of two years from the effective date of P.L. 2021, c. 182, (July 22, 2022) (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.6), or tenant turnover and, thereafter, the earlier of three (3) years or upon tenant turnover, consistent with N.J.A.C. 5:28A-2.1, for the purposes of identifying lead-based paint hazards in dwellings subject to this Article.

“Property Maintenance Code Official” means the Borough of Dunellen Construction Official, the Borough of Dunellen Code Enforcer, or any enforcement officer appointed by the Borough of Dunellen, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.3 et seq., or any other statutory authorization, to perform inspections of any Building or other code, or any enforcement officer authorized to enforce the Borough of Dunellen Property Maintenance Code or Health Code, or their designee.

“Remediation” means interim controls or lead abatement work undertaken in conformance with this Article to address lead-based paint hazards.

“Tenant turnover” means the time at which all existing occupants vacate a dwelling unit and all new tenants move into the dwelling unit or the time at which a new tenant enters a vacant dwelling unit.

2. Inspections Authorized. The Dunellen Code Official or the Property Maintenance Code Official shall be authorized and empowered to conduct periodic lead-based paint

inspections for all applicable multiple dwelling units offered for rent to determine the presence of lead-based paint, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.6 and N.J.A.C. 5:28A-1.1, et seq.

3. Certain Multiple Dwelling Units Exempted from Lead-Based Paint Inspection. Inspections for lead-based paint in multiple dwelling units shall be governed by the standards set forth in N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.1 et seq., and N.J.S.A. 55:13A-1 et seq. A dwelling unit in a single-family, two-family, or multiple rental dwelling shall not be subject to inspection and evaluation for the presence of lead-based paint hazards if the unit:
 - a. was constructed during or after 1978;
 - b. is a single-family or two-family seasonal rental dwelling unit that is rented for less than six (6) months duration each year by tenants that do not have consecutive lease renewals;
 - c. has been certified to be free of lead-based paint, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:17;
 - d. is in a multiple dwelling that was constructed prior to 1978 and has been registered with the Department of Community Affairs as a multiple dwelling for at least ten (10) years, either under the current or a previous owner, and has either (a) no outstanding paint violations from the most recent cyclical inspection performed on the multiple dwelling under the "Hotel and Multiple Dwelling Law," P.L. 1967, c.76 (N.J.S.A. 55:13A-1 et seq.), (b) a current certificate of inspection issued by the Department of Community Affairs, Bureau of Housing Inspection, or (c) an open inspection with no violations for paint;
 - e. has a valid lead-safe certification issued pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:28A. Lead-safe certifications are valid for two years from the date of issuance pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:28A-2.4.

B. Owner Required to Obtain Inspection.

1. Inspection Performed by Borough Official. The owner, landlord, and/or agent of every single-family, two-family and/or multiple dwelling unit offered for rental shall be required to obtain an inspection of the unit for lead-based paint hazards as required in this Article, or at tenant turnover, whichever is earlier. To obtain the required inspection, the landlord, owner and/or agent shall arrange it with the Borough's Construction Official or Property Maintenance Code Official and pay all applicable and required fees associated with the Borough's inspection as specified in D & E, below.

2. Option for Inspection Performed by Licensed Lead Evaluation Contractor. A dwelling unit owner or landlord may opt, instead, to directly hire a licensed lead evaluation contractor to conduct the periodic lead-based paint inspections for lead-based paint as required in this Article. Notwithstanding this option, the Borough retains

the authority to conduct inspections or investigations of landlords or owners that directly hire lead evaluation contractors to ensure that periodic lead-based paint inspections are being performed, in accordance with this chapter. The Borough also retains the authority to prohibit an owner from directly hiring a lead evaluation contractor to conduct a periodic lead-based paint inspection where: (i) the owner previously opted to hire a lead evaluation contractor to perform the periodic lead-based paint inspection and failed to have the inspection completed; or (ii) the Borough determines there is a conflict of interest between the owner and their lead-evaluation contractor of choice.

C. When Lead-Based Paint Inspections Are Required.

1. The initial inspection for all single-family, two-family and multiple dwellings subject to this Article shall be upon tenant turnover or within two years of the effective date of P.L. 2021, c. 182 (July 22, 2022), whichever is sooner.
2. Thereafter, all such dwelling units shall be inspected for lead-based paint hazards every three (3) years or upon tenant turnover, whichever is earlier, except that an inspection shall not be required at tenant turnover, if the dwelling unit owner has a valid lead-safe certification for the dwelling unit.
3. The next periodic lead-based paint inspection shall be counted from the most recent periodic lead-based paint inspection which resulted in a valid lead-safe certification.

D. Notice of Inspection to be Given.

Whenever any multiple dwelling unit is scheduled for a tenant turnover, the then-current landlord, owner and/or agent shall provide written notice to the Construction Official or the Property Maintenance Code Official that an inspection is needed at least twenty (20) calendar days prior to the scheduled date of the tenant turnover.

E. Fees for inspections.

1. There shall be a fee of One Hundred and Twenty-Five (\$125.00) Dollars for each initial visual lead-based paint inspection. If a dust-wipe sampling is deemed necessary based on visual examination, there shall be an additional fee of Seventy-five (\$75.00) Dollars for that sample.
2. There shall be a fee of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars for each visual leadbased paint reinspection which is required and/or requested pursuant to this Article. If a dust-wipe sampling is deemed necessary based on visual examination, there shall be a fee of Seventy-five (\$75.00) Dollars for that sample.
3. An additional Twenty (\$20.00) Dollar fee shall be assessed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.6 and N.J.A.C. 5:28A-2.2, to be deposited into the Lead Hazard Control Assistance Act Fund under the administration of the New Jersey State Department of Community Affairs.

4. All fees are nonrefundable upon the applicant's failure to cancel the requested inspection at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to a scheduled inspection. Said fee shall be dedicated to meeting the costs of implementing and enforcing this Article for lead-based paint inspections and shall not be used for any other purpose.
5. A dwelling landlord, owner and/or agent may directly hire a lead evaluation contractor who is certified to provide lead paint inspection services by the Department of Community Affairs to satisfy the requirements of this Article and the requirements of N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.6 and N.J.A.C. 5:28A-1.1, et seq., in which case, the Twenty (\$20.00) Dollar fee shall be assessed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.6 and N.J.A.C. 5:28A-2.2, payable to the Borough, to be deposited into the Lead Hazard Control Assistance Act Fund under the administration of the New Jersey State Department of Community Affairs, but no additional lead-based paint inspection fee shall be charged by the Borough.

F. Time for Inspections.

All inspections and reinspections shall take place within fifteen (15) calendar days of the requested inspection. Inspection fees shall be paid prior to the inspection. No inspections or reinspections shall take place unless all fees are paid. Scheduled inspections or reinspections may be canceled by the Construction Official or the Property Maintenance Code Official, unless the completed application and required fees have been received by the Borough at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled inspection, or on the last working day prior to the scheduled inspection. Every inspection for which the landlord, tenant, owner or agent has failed to provide access for inspection shall be deemed a failed inspection.

G. Lead-Based Paint Inspections by Visual Assessment or Dust Wiping Method.

1. At the time of the enactment of P.L. 2021, c.182 (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.6), the Department of Community Affairs identified the Borough as a municipality in which less than three percent of children tested, six years of age or younger, have a blood lead level greater than or equal to five $\mu\text{g/dL}$ according to the central lead screening database maintained by the New Jersey Department of Health. Accordingly, the Construction Official, Property Maintenance Code Official or licensed lead evaluation contractor shall perform the periodic lead-based paint inspection through a visual assessment, in which the Official or contractor is to examine dwellings, in accordance with HUD guidelines and regulations at 42 U.S.C. § 4851b for deteriorated paint or visible surface dust, debris, or residue on all painted building components, especially any walls, window, trim, and surfaces that experience friction or impact. The Construction Official, Property Maintenance Code Official or licensed lead evaluation contractor may also elect to, but is not required to, collect samples by dust wiping surfaces, including floors, interior windowsills, and other similar surfaces, and tested, in accordance with methods approved by the State of New Jersey and/or the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

2. If, in the future, the Department of Community Affairs designates the Borough as a municipality in which at least three percent of children tested, six years of age or younger, have a blood lead level greater than or equal to five µg/dL according to the central lead screening database maintained by the New Jersey Department of Health, then the inspections required by this Article shall be performed through dust wipe sampling instead of visual assessment alone.

H. Inspection Certification to be Supplied.

1. If, following inspection, the Construction Official, Property Maintenance Code Official or lead evaluation contractor finds that no lead-based paint hazard exists in a dwelling unit, they shall certify the dwelling unit as lead-safe on the form prescribed by the Department of Community Affairs and supply a copy of the lead-safe certification to the landlord, owner, and/or agent of the dwelling. If a licensed lead evaluation contractor issues the lead-safe certification, a copy shall also be provided to the Construction Official, Property Maintenance Code Official and the Borough Clerk at the time it is issued.
2. The lead-safe certification shall be valid for a period of two years from the date of issuance, unless during the two-year certification period, a lead evaluation contractor, lead inspector/risk assessor, a local health department, or a public agency conducts an independent inspection or risk assessment and determines that there is a lead-based paint hazard, in which case, the certification shall be invalid.

I. Identification of Lead-Based Paint Hazard.

1. If the Construction Official, Property Maintenance Code Official or licensed lead evaluation contractor finds that a lead-based paint hazard exists in a dwelling unit, they shall notify the New Jersey State Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services for review of the findings, in accordance with the Lead Hazard Control Assistance Act.
2. If a lead-based paint hazard is identified in an inspection of one of the dwelling units in a building consisting of two (2) or more dwelling units, then the lead contractor, Construction Official or Property Maintenance Code Official shall inspect the remainder of the building's dwelling units, with the exception of those dwelling units that have been certified to be free of lead-based paint or which have a valid lead-safe certification.

J. Responsibility for Remediation of Lead-Based Paint.

The owner of the dwelling unit shall be responsible for remediation of the lead-based paint hazard. Remediation and any reinspections required following remediation must be conducted consistent with N.J.A.C. 5:28A-2.5. Documentation of such remediation shall be provided to the Construction Official or the Property Maintenance Code Official.

K. Owner Responsibility for Record-Keeping.

1. The landlord, owner and/or agent of a dwelling that is subject to this Article shall provide to the tenant and to the Borough evidence of a valid lead-safe certification obtained pursuant to this Article at the time of tenant turnover. The owner shall also affix a copy of any such certification as an exhibit to the tenant's lease.
2. The owner of a multiple dwelling that is subject to this Article shall provide evidence of a valid lead-safe certification obtained pursuant to this Article, as well as evidence of the most recent tenant turnover, at the time of any cyclical inspection performed pursuant to the Hotel and Multiple Dwelling Law, N.J.S.A. 55:13A-1 et seq.
3. The owner of a dwelling that is subject to this Article shall maintain a record of the lead-safe certification, which shall include the name or names of a unit's tenants, if the inspection was conducted during a period of tenancy.
4. The owner of any dwelling subject to this Article shall inform the Borough of all tenant turnover activity to ensure any required inspection may be scheduled.
5. The owner of a dwelling shall provide a copy of this Article, and any lead-safe certifications issued pursuant thereto, along with the accompanying guidance document, "Lead-Based Paint in Rental Dwellings," to any prospective owners of the dwelling during a real estate transaction, settlement, or closing.

L. Municipal Responsibilities and Enforcement Powers

1. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:28A-2.1(d), the Construction Official or Property Maintenance Code Official shall exercise appropriate oversight of a landlord or owner who chooses to hire a lead evaluation contractor to perform the periodic lead-based paint inspection.
2. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:28A-3.2, the Construction Official or Property Maintenance Code Official shall maintain a record of: all dwellings subject to this chapter, which includes up-to-date information on inspection schedules, inspection results, and tenant turnover; all lead-safe certifications issued; and all lead-free certifications issued.
3. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.6 and N.J.A.C. 5:28A-4.1, the Construction Official or Property Maintenance Code Official is authorized to conduct investigations and issue penalties in order to enforce a multiple dwelling landlord's, owner's and/or agent's failure to comply with this Article.
 - a. The owner of the dwelling shall first be given a period of thirty (30) calendar days to cure any violation by conducting the required inspection or initiating any required remediation efforts.
 - b. If the owner of the dwelling has not cured the violation within that time period, they shall be subject to a penalty, not to exceed One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars per week, until the required inspection has been conducted or the remediation efforts have been initiated.

- c. Remediation efforts shall be considered to be initiated when the dwelling owner has hired a lead abatement contractor or other qualified party to perform leadhazard control methods.

Section 2. The Borough Administrator, and any and all other Borough officials, are hereby directed and authorized to perform all acts necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Any article, section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or other provision of the Borough Code inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as provided for by law.

Public: no one from the public spoke.

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

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

ORDINANCE 2023-06

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced for first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of Dunellen, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on February 21, 2023. It is now being further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body being held at the Dunellen Council Chambers, in the Borough on March 6, 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 have been available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$950,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$904,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Purpose: The acquisition of property located at 264 New Market Road, commonly known as St. Luke's Lutheran Church and more specifically known as Block 73, Lot 4 on the official tax maps of the Borough, including all costs incurred in connection with the acquisition of same, including

survey, title, legal, environmental and other due diligence costs, and further including any feasibility studies completed in connection with such acquisition

Appropriation: \$950,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$904,500
Grant Appropriated: N/A
Section 20 Costs: \$75,000
Useful Life: 40 years

Public: no one from the public spoke.

Mrs. Rios inquired of the process moving forward? Mayor Cilento replied that first the 20-day estoppel period must run after the notice is published. Meanwhile, our legal/bond counsel are preparing the Sales agreement, which will be presented to Council for approval. We will then be reviewing the property with our engineers and planners to determine what is appropriate for the property. Their reports will then be presented to Council. Decisions will be made from there.

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 2023-07

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 February 21, 2023. It is now being presented for Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption at a meeting of said governing body being held in the Municipal Building, 355 North Avenue, Dunellen, New Jersey, in said County, on March 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 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.

An Ordinance of the Borough of Dunellen Adding a New Chapter 130 to the Borough Code Entitled "Business and Insurance Registry" Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:10A-2"

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2022, Governor Murphy signed Senate Bill S1368 into law as P.L. 2022, c.92, now codified at N.J.S.A. 40A: OA-2 (the "Law"); and

WHEREAS, the Law requires all business owners and rental unit owners to maintain a minimum of \$500,000 of liability insurance, and owner-occupied multi-family dwellings with four units or fewer must maintain a minimum of \$300,000 of liability insurance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Law, municipalities are required to establish a business insurance registry for all business and rental unit owners; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Law, businesses and rental unit owners are required to provide municipalities with a certificate of insurance annually to establish compliance with the Law; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are permitted to charge an administrative fee in connection with such registration; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are permitted to enforce the provisions of the Law by imposing penalties; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Dunellen is desirous of establishing a business and insurance registry as required by the Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen as follows:

Section 1. The Code of the Borough of Dunellen is hereby amended and supplemented by adding a new Chapter 100 entitled "Business and Insurance Registry," as follows:

CHAPTER 100. BUSINESS AND INSURANCE REGISTRY

- 100-1. Purpose.
- 100-2. Insurance Required.
- 100-3. Business Insurance Registration.
- 100-4. Certification of Registration.
- 100-5. Penalties.

100-1. Purpose

N.J.S.A. 40A: 10A-1, *et seq.* requires all business owners, owners of rental units, and owners of a multi-family home of four or fewer units, one of which is owner occupied, to maintain certain levels of liability insurance. That law further requires municipalities to establish a registry of all such individuals and entities and to annually collect proof of compliance with the provisions of the law. The purpose of this Chapter is to implement the requirements of the law within the Borough of Dunellen.

100-2. Insurance required.

A. Except as provided in Section 100-2(B) herein, business owners and owners of rental units located in the Borough of Dunellen must maintain liability insurance for negligent acts and

omissions in an amount not less than \$500,000 for combined property damage and bodily injury to, or death of, one or more persons in any one accident or occurrence.

B. Owners of multi-family dwellings with four or fewer units, one of which is owner-occupied, must maintain liability insurance for negligent acts and omissions in an amount not less than \$300,000 for combined property damage and bodily injury to, or death of, one or more persons in any one accident or occurrence.

100-3. Business insurance registration.

Owners of businesses or rental units subject to the minimum liability insurance requirements set forth in this Chapter must annually register with the Borough of Dunellen and provide a compliant certificate of insurance issued by the owner's insurance company. To complete the annual registration, the owner must file with the Municipal Clerk a completed registration, along with a copy of the required insurance certificate and an administrative fee of \$50. The registration shall be in such form and shall include such information as is required by the Municipal Clerk. Annual registrations shall be due by January 31 of each calendar year, or within 30 days of registering the business or obtaining ownership of the rental units.

100-4. Certification of registration.

Upon satisfaction of the registration requirements in Section 100-3 hereof, the Municipal Clerk shall issue a certificate of registration to the owner in a form approved by the Municipal Clerk. This certificate of registration shall act as proof of compliance with this Chapter. A certificate of registration shall be valid for the calendar year in which it is issued.

100-5. Penalties.

If an owner fails to maintain the required level of insurance, or fails to file an annual registration, the owner shall be subject to penalties of \$500 for a first offense, \$1,000 for a second offense, and \$2,000 for a third or subsequent offense. This penalty may be collected through a summary proceeding pursuant to the "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999," N.J.S.A. 2A:58-110, *et seq.* Each year that an owner fails to register or fails to maintain adequate insurance shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 2. Severability.

If any provision or portion of a provision of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional, preempted by Federal or State law, or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of the ordinance shall not be invalidated and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Effective date.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication as required by law.

Section 4. Repeal of inconsistent ordinances.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Public: no one from the public spoke.

Mayor Cilento noted that this ordinance is now a NJ state requirement. It will enable the Borough to have a list of businesses, which has many benefits, including projects undertaken by the Dunellen Downtown Management Organization. Dr. Dunne noted a typographical error in the proposed registration form. Dr. Robins will correct it.

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

Ordinance 2023-08 was removed

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

ORDINANCE 2023-09

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH WASHINGTON AVENUE (CR529), NEW MARKET ROAD (CR655) AND PARK LANE (PRIVATE DRIVEWAY) IN THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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 February 21, 2023. It is now being presented for Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption at a meeting of said governing body to be held in the Municipal Building, 355 North Avenue, Dunellen, New Jersey, in said County, on March 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.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Dunellen, Middlesex County, finds it in the best interest of public safety to install a Traffic Signal at the intersection of South Washington Avenue (CR529), New Market Road (CR655) and Park Lane, a private driveway serving the Dunellen Station redevelopment project; and

WHEREAS, in a letter dated September 25, 2019, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, Corey Chase, PE of Dynamic Traffic, LLC certified that the traffic signal at the intersection of South Washington Avenue (CR529), New Market Road (CR655) and Park Lane conforms to the applicable Middlesex County design criteria, the current edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD), and the Public Right of Way Accessibility Guide (PROWAG).

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

Section 1. That the intersection of South Washington Avenue (CR529), New Market Road (CR655) and Park Lane shall be controlled by a traffic control signal, in accordance with the Traffic Signal Plan prepared by Dynamic Traffic, LLC and dated December 21, 2017, last revised September 25, 2019 and as inspected by Josh Kamis, the Middlesex County Road Inspector, on September 23, 2022.

Section 2. That the traffic control signal shall be installed in accordance with the provisions of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Title 39 of the Revised Statutes and the New Jersey Administrative Code, and that same shall be operated in conformance with the designated plans.

Section 3. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intentions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

Section 5. Upon final adoption, the Municipal Clerk shall send a certified of this Ordinance to the Middlesex County Engineer, County Administrative Building, 5th Floor, 75 Bayard Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901 for submission to the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders for a consenting resolution.

Section 6. That within five (5) days of the enactment of this ordinance, the Municipal Clerk shall send a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation, and that this ordinance shall take effect in accordance with New Jersey law and, if necessary, upon the written approval of the Commissioner.

Public: no one from the public spoke.

Dr. Dunne asked the purpose of the ordinance, as there is already a light there? Dr. Robins replied that this ordinance should have been enacted when the light was first installed, which is the proper procedure.

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

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

03-06-2023: #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:

03-06-2023: #2

RESOLUTION OF THE DUNELLEN BOROUGH COUNCIL, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION BY THE PLANNING BOARD OF BLOCK 85, LOT 3 TO DETERMINE WHETHER SUCH PARCEL SHOULD BE DESIGNATED AS A NON-CONDEMNATION AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq.*, authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land in the municipality constitute areas in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, to determine whether certain parcels of land constitute areas in need of redevelopment, the Borough Council (the "Borough Council") of the Borough of Dunellen (the "Borough") must authorize the Borough's Planning Board (the "Planning Board") to conduct a preliminary investigation of the area and make recommendations to Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council believes it is in the best interest of the Borough that an investigation occur and therefore authorizes and directs the Planning Board to conduct an investigation regarding Block 85, Lot 3 on the official Tax Maps of the Borough, commonly known as 130 South 2nd Street (the "Property"), to determine whether the aforementioned area meets the criteria set forth in *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5* and should be designated as an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, a redevelopment area determination shall authorize the Borough to use all those powers provided by the Legislature for use in a redevelopment area, except the use of eminent domain (hereinafter referred to as a "Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area").

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council:

1. The Planning Board is hereby authorized and directed to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether the Property satisfies the criteria set forth in *N.J.S.A.40A:12A-5* to be designated as an area in need of redevelopment.

2. As part of its investigation, the Planning Board shall prepare a map of the Property as required by *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6* which will include the block and lot of the Property.

3. The Planning Board shall conduct a public hearing, after giving due notice of the boundaries of the Property and the date of the hearing to any persons who are interested in or would be affected by a determination that the Property is a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area.

4. At the hearing, the Planning Board shall hear from all persons who are interested in or would be affected by a determination that the Property is a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area. All objections to a determination that an area is an area in need of redevelopment and evidence in support of those objections shall be received and considered by the Planning Board and made part of the public record.

5. After conducting its investigation, preparing a map of the proposed Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area, conducting a public hearing at which all objections to the designation are received and considered, the Planning Board shall make a recommendation to the Borough Council as to whether the Borough Council should designate the Property as a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area.

6. The Borough Council authorizes the expenditure of those funds necessary for the Planning Board to retain its planning consultant, DMR Architects, to conduct such preliminary investigation on its behalf, at a cost not to exceed \$12,450.00.

7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Cilento noted that this is a parcel behind the Dunellen Station development on the Piscataway border. The developer owns that and has been able to purchase a portion in Piscataway and he proposes a residential development on that site. Dr. Dunne asked if it was the whole section from Hazelwood Place west? Mayor Cilento said it was not. That it was a smaller portion near South Second Street, with a warehouse, abutting to the train tracks.

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:

03-06-2023: #3

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

Whereas, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, C.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs, and

Whereas, it is the intent and spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue to expand existing programs, and

Whereas, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, and

Whereas, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality, and

Whereas, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2022 Recycling tonnage Grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and indicate the assent of the Borough of Dunellen to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations.

Whereas, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Dunellen that the Borough of Dunellen hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates CME Associates to ensure that the application is properly filed, at a cost not to exceed \$3,750.00; and

Be it further resolved, that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling. \$2,125.36 will be taken from Account # G 02-22-702-000-000; \$1,624.64 to be taken from Account # G-02-23-702-000-000.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

03-06-2023: #4

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor granted total exemption of property taxes as of April 1 for the following properties, due to a 100 % disabled veteran, and

WHEREAS, the exempt class was not put on their tax records

NOW, THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF Dunellen;

That the proper Borough officers be and they are hereby authorized to cancel 2nd quarter 2023, and future property taxes as follows:

Block	Lot	Name	Amount
61	34	Mercado, Carlos 407 Prospect Avenue	\$2756.86
No Refund Required:			
Cancel 2nd Qtr 2023 taxes and forward			

03-06-2023: #5

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 refund the following sewer overpayment(s):

Block 61	Lot 38	Address	387 PROSPECTAVE	
Assessed to			NEAL A & SILKE CARLSON	
			Amount	\$ 700.00

Total Refunded \$ 700.00

03-06-2023: #6

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
22-07	34	18	UR, BRIAN & LICATA. LAURA 643 FRONT ST	\$873.35	\$ 7.03	\$2100.00	\$2980.38

TOTAL REFUNDED \$2,980.38

03-06-2023: #7

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

Whereas, there appears to be a surplus in the following 2022 Appropriation Reserve Accounts over and above the demands to be necessary, and

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

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

From

Account	Title	S&W	Other Expenses
31-445-299	Water		\$800
	Subtotal		800
	Total		<u>\$800</u>

Whereas, there appears to be insufficient funds in the following 2022 Appropriation Reserve Accounts over and above the demands to be necessary; viz:

To:

Account	Title	S&W	Other Expenses
25-240-299	Police		\$200
26-290-299	Road Repairs		600
	Subtotal		800
	Total		<u>\$800</u>

03-06-2023: #8

Resolution 02-21-2023: #2-A is amended to correct a typographical error as follows:

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 \$308,265 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 & Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>
Administration and Executive	20-100-000		
Legal Advertising	20-100-003		2,000
Telephone	20-100-004		
Financial Administration	20-130-000		
Assessment of Taxes	20-150-000		
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		
Public Buildings & Grounds	26-310-000		
Electric & Gas	31-461-000		
Planning Board	21-180-000	5,000	
Group Health Insurance	23-220-000		200,000
Other Insurance	23-210-000		
Mayor & Council	20-110-000		2,000
Gasoline	31-460-299		
Water	31-445-000		
Postage	20-100-001		2,000
Information Technology	20-140-000		
Fire	25-265-000		
Police	25-240-000		

Police - Overtime	25-240-001		
School Crossing Guards	25-240-002		
Emergency Management	20-252-000	2,100	
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		
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	2,000	
Community Development Block Grant	41-710-250		47,665
Intergovernment/Dispatching	42-305-001		
Intergovernment/Recycling	42-305-000		
Intergovernment/Middlesex Health Services	42-305-002		
Capital Improvement Fund	44-901-299		45,500
	Subtotal	\$9,100	\$299,165
	Grand Total Current Fund		<u>\$308,265</u>

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

Reports:

Mrs. Albertson: 1) Mayor's Cannabis Task Force--we continue to gather information and research options to help us make a recommendation that will be best for the community; 2) DDMO--will be celebrating the Grand Opening of Brown's on Washington Avenue. Please join us as we welcome the new owner on March 18th at 11 am; 3) Diversity and Inclusion--we are proud to support the Friends of the Dunellen Public Library 's Women's History presentation. On March 27th at 6:30pm in the Library. The program is "Remembering the Ladies: From Patriots in Petticoats to Presidential Candidates" (based on her book of the same name). Carol Simon Levin portrays Abigail Adams — who famously wrote to her husband John asking that the Continental Congress "remember the ladies" when drafting new laws for the new nation — something the new Congress definitely did not do! "Abigail" then looks forward in time to tell the stories of courageous and tenacious women of all colors and creeds who fought to enhance women's political participation — from Dolley Madison to the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848, the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote and the pioneering female activists and politicians who've worked to extend women's economic, social, and political rights into the 21st century. We

have many wonderful activities planned for this year. We would love to have your help. If you are interested in joining the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, please fill out a Volunteer Application which is available on the Borough website.

Mrs. Rios: 1) Board of Education—a huge turnout for student of the month recognition. Early dismissal for Faber March 8, all students on March 9. Dunellen High School musical “Beauty and the Beast” March 16 through the 18th. The B of E reported the tentative budget. Budget expected end of April. There will be a special board meeting to finalize budget. They officially welcomed Elyse Shoepf as new Board of Education member. Thank you to all the substitute teachers that have stepped up to teach. Residency officer has been reinstated to verify residency of all students. Dunellen School District has a new website that looks fantastic. The next Board of Education meeting is March 28 at 7 pm; 2) Dunellen Public Library musical story time every Thursday at 10:30 am, Anime Club Fridays at 3:15, Dungeons and Dragons on Mondays at 3:30. The Library will offer a special afternoon program to celebrate Holi on Thursday, March 9 at 1:30 pm in the parking lot.

Mr. VanDermark: 1) Buildings and Grounds—the Ductless HVAC was recently installed in the Police Locker Room. This should provide better climate control in the Locker Room. This coming week a new HVAC unit is scheduled to be installed in the Construction Office.

Dr. Dunne: 1) Summer Camp Registration just opened up last week. Summer camp will run from June 19th to August 11th for ages 5 to 12. Camp hours will be 8 am to 3 pm, full day and half-day options. For more information, you can email [Julie Grof](mailto:jgrof@dunellenborough.com) at jgrof@dunellenborough.com. All spring youth sports registrations are open: baseball, softball, tennis, track, and soccer; 2) Adult program: Jogging club- 18 and up, experienced or novice joggers are welcome. The first jog will be Sunday, March 19th. We will meet at 8 am at Washington Memorial Park. This program will “run” every other Sunday. Any questions you can email me (Jessica) or Julie Grof at jgrof@dunellenborough.com; 3) Senior Movie Monday was earlier today at the Dunellen Theater at 10 am. The movie was “I Wanna Dance with Somebody” a Whitney Houston Movie. The Recreation Department would like to thank Zupko’s for providing this program for our Seniors; 4) Municipal Alliance – will be hosting a Cannabis Information session on March 13th at 7 pm in the library. They will be having their Wellness Fair for students in LMS & DHS on Thursday, March 9th. Participants include St. Peter’s Hospital, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Wellspring Center for Prevention, Middlesex County Sheriff’s Department, Blueprint Mental Health, the Brain Injury Alliance, & Middlesex County Center for Empowerment; 5) Shade Tree Commission – as always, if you are interested in having a tree planted, please contact the DSTC. The next meeting will be March 8th at 7 pm in the Senior Center; 6) the Parking Authority will hold its next meeting on March 8th at 7 pm at the Parking Authority.

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

- Continuing catch basin cleaning and inspection of our catch basins on the south side of town.
- Added split rail fencing to Columbia Park and Gavornik Park.
- 28 Street lights were reported to PSE&G to be replaced.

- Preparing the parks for the spring season.
- Crew unclogged the sewer main on Columbia Street.
- Plowed and salted the snow event on Monday night February 27/28th.

Maintenance: inspection and minor maintenance to plows and salter after plowing, serviced the backhoe.

DPW Yard late hours pilot program is starting Wednesday April 5th. The DPW yard will stay open until 6 pm every Wednesday through November 15th.

Mr. Paltjon: 1) Dunellen Police Department--as Councilmember VanDermark just mentioned in his report, the new HVAC system has been installed in the Police Department; 2) PARSA--PARSA completed the sewer repair on the 300 block of Orange Street; 3) Dunellen Rescue Squad--I attended the Dunellen Rescue Squad's Installation Dinner this past Saturday and I had the Honor to Officially Swear in their new management team. Congratulations to Daniel Pickett, President, Jeffery Best, Squad Chief, Janna Best, and the entire management team. I look forward to working with this new team and the entire Squad. As I mentioned multiple times in our Council for a few months now and said to the Squad Saturday evening, the future of the Dunellen Rescue Squad looks very bright! Also of note, this was the first Installation dinner since the start of Covid, so it was great to not only hold the event again and in person, but to reflect back on the past 3 years and Remember to Give Appreciation to All of Our First Responders: EMS, Police and Fire. As people locked down, they locked in, people ran from people, they ran to people. Being on the Front Lines the Whole Time. True Heroes. So, Thank You!

Mayor Cilento:

Kline Place Road and Sewer Improvement Project: CME Associates continues their design of the road and sewerage system improvements.

PSE&G Street Paving Project: we recently met with PSE&G about milling and paving the roads that they did utility work on in 2022. These roads included: 800 block of First Street; 800 block of Dunellen Ave; 700 & 800 blocks of Front Street and 200 block of Orange Street. They are anticipating finishing the mill and paving of these roads, as well as adding Front Street from Madison Avenue to Sanford Avenue in late spring.

Green Brook Trash Trap: the pilot program with NJDEP and Lower Raritan Watershed Project is still in the works. Dr. Robins provided NJDEP and Fish & Wildlife information that was needed to move the grant along for the project. We are expecting the trash trap to be installed in the summer of 2023.

Planning Board: SRV Urban Renewal LLC, developer of 745 Bound Brook Road, presented their application to the Planning Board on Monday, February 27th. Their application is being carried over to the March 27th Planning Board meeting. All redevelopment projects can be found on www.dunellen-nj.gov.

Dunellen School Visits: on Friday, March 3rd, I enjoyed reading at John P. Faber Elementary School for “Read Across America.” On Thursday, March 9th, I will be joining the 6th graders at Lincoln Middle School to discuss their local government and how it serves Dunellen.

Walks and Talk with the Mayor: the scheduled April 1st Walks and Talks with the Mayor will have to be postponed until April 8th.

Public Portion:

No one from the public spoke.

On the motion of Mrs. Rios and seconded by Dr. Dunne

03-06-2023: #9

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

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

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

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

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pC_3fvRcbM4