

October 17, 2022

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 October 17, 2022.

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. Rios it was moved to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of October 3, 2022.

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

Mayor's Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities
Accept resignation of William Wagner from the Dunellen Parking Authority,
effective December 31, 2022

Mayor Cilento praised Mr. Wagner for his leadership and thanked him for his years of service to the Borough of Dunellen.

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

ORDINANCE 2022-26

The following ordinance was Introduced for first reading on October 3, 2022. It is now being further considered, after public hearing, on October 17, 2022. Copies of this ordinance have been available to the public on the municipal bulletin board and from the Municipal Clerk's Office.

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN AND VISION DUNELLEN URBAN RENEWAL, LLC

WHEREAS, the Borough of Dunellen (the "**Borough**") and 528 North Avenue Urban Renewal, LLC, Vision Dunellen Urban Renewal, LLC's predecessor and assignor, entered into a Financial Agreement on or about January 7, 2021 (the "**Financial Agreement**"); and

WHEREAS, in Article IV of the Financial Agreement, certain language that would have appeared as Section 4.1(a) relating to the exemption for land taxes was inadvertently excluded; and

WHEREAS, by assignment dated May 31, 2022, Vision Dunellen Urban Renewal, LLC (the “**Entity**”) assumed all rights and obligations of 528 North Avenue Urban Renewal, LLC under the Financial Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Entity is authorized to do business as an urban renewal entity under the laws of the State of New Jersey pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 *et seq.* (the “**LTTE Law**”); and

WHEREAS, in order to address the above-referenced omission, the Borough wishes to approve a First Amendment to the Financial Agreement (the “**First Amendment to Financial Agreement**”), in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, to the Borough, all in accordance with the LTTE Law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Recitals are incorporated by reference as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The Mayor, in consultation with counsel to the Borough, is hereby authorized to execute the First Amendment to Financial Agreement following the execution thereof by the Entity and prepare, amend or execute any other agreements necessary to effectuate this ordinance, subject to modification or revisions, as deemed necessary and appropriate.

Section 3. The Clerk of the Borough is hereby authorized and directed, upon execution of the First Amendment to Financial Agreement by the Mayor, to attest to the signature of the Mayor and to affix the corporate seal of the Borough upon such document.

Section 4. The executed copy of the First Amendment to Financial Agreement shall be certified by and filed with the Office of the Borough Clerk. Further, the Clerk shall file certified copies of this ordinance and the First Amendment to Financial Agreement with the Tax Assessor of the Borough and the Director of the Division of Local Government Services with the Department of Community Affairs, in accordance with Section 12 of the LTTE Law. Further, the Borough Clerk shall, within ten (10) days of the latter of (i) the effective date of this Ordinance, or (ii) execution of the First Amendment to Financial Agreement, transmit certificated copies of this Ordinance and the First Amendment to Financial Agreement to the chief financial officer of, and legal counsel for, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with all applicable laws.

At this point, Mayor Cilento opened the meeting to the public. No one from the public spoke. Dr. Dunne asked for a copy of the Financial Agreement. Dr. Robins will provide.

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:

10-17-2022: #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:

10-17-2022: #2

Resolution of Support from Local Governing Body Authorizing
Application for Sustainable Jersey No-cost Technical Assistance for
Advancing Equity in Your Municipality

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

WHEREAS, a sustainable community is one that seeks to ensure the best possible quality of life for all its residents now and into the future; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Dunellen strives to promote equity, diversity and inclusion in the community and in all government policies, procedures and programs; and

WHEREAS, local government has many tools and opportunities to undo the legacy of past discrimination and disadvantage and to advance social equity; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Dunellen is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Jersey Program supports municipalities to make progress on their sustainability goals, including in the critical arena of social equity, and has therefore created the Community Equity and Diversity Profile action and is currently developing a related action, Advancing Equity through Municipal Action; and

WHEREAS, accomplishing these actions would earn points towards Sustainable Jersey certification, while at the same time providing the opportunity to receive no-cost professional coaching to select and implement an initiative that meets municipal objectives through a guided process informed by equity-related best practices and local data;

THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the Borough of Dunellen has determined that Dunellen should apply for the Technical Assistance for Advancing Equity in Your Municipality program.

THEREFORE, the Borough of Dunellen will commit to providing staff support for the duration of the Technical Assistance for Advancing Equity in Your Municipality program, including the creation of a stakeholder committee to lead the process; participation in training, research, consultation and documentation to support action implementation; and opportunities to share and receive comment on findings and recommendations with the public, which includes a presentation to the governing body.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that THE Governing Body of the Borough of Dunellen, State of New Jersey, authorizes the submission of the aforementioned application to Sustainable Jersey for the Technical Assistance for Advancing Equity in Your Municipality program.

Mayor Cilento explained how this application is part of a technical assistance grant. We are specifically applying for a municipal community strategy plan that will provide us with technical assistance for an equity study. He hopes to include groups such as the Diversity and Inclusion Committee and the Social Media Committee. Dr. Dunne asked after a narrative. Mayor Cilento replied that he would send all Council Members the demographic profile he prepared.

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:

10-17-2022: #3

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

Whereas, there exists a need for improvements to the Pulaski Street Sanitary Sewerage System Siphon; and

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

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

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with CME Associates, 3141 Bordentown Road, Parlin, New Jersey 08859, for:
 - a) Design Phase Services at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.00
 - b) Construction Phase Services at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.00
2. The total cost of this Agreement shall not exceed \$24,000.00.

3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service under the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law because the services rendered are professional services of a recognized profession whose practice is regulated by law.
4. A copy of this resolution shall be published in *The Courier* as required by law within ten days of its passage.

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

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

10-17-2022: #4

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

Whereas, the County of Middlesex is undertaking the reconstruction of the Pulaski Street Culvert; and

Whereas, it is necessary to first undertake improvements of the Pulaski Street Sanitary Sewer System Siphon next to the culvert; and

Whereas, the County of Middlesex will assume the construction of the siphon on behalf of the Borough of Dunellen, at a cost of \$120,000.00.

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

The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Middlesex County for the improvements of the Sanitary Sewer System Siphon next to the Pulaski Street Culvert at a cost not to exceed \$120,000.00.

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

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

10-17-2022: #5

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

The resignation of Hiram Walker, part-time employee in the Dunellen Department of Public works, is accepted, effective October 28, 2022.

Mayor Cilento thanked Mr. Walker for the excellent job he did cleaning the downtown and for his other volunteer work.

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

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

10-17-2022: #6

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Dunellen is a member of the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, said renewed membership terminates as of December 31, 2022 unless earlier renewed by agreement between the Municipality and the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to renew said membership.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. The Borough of Dunellen agrees to renew its membership in the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund and to be subject to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, coverages, and operating procedures thereof as presently existing or as modified from time to time by lawful act of the Fund.
2. The Mayor and Clerk shall be and hereby are authorized to execute the agreement to renew membership annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund evidencing the Municipality's intention to renew its membership.

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

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

10-17-2022: #7

**AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY BY
PLANET NETWORKS, INC.**

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

WHEREAS, Planet Networks, Inc. was approved by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 48:3-19 requires municipal consent for the use of existing utility poles within public rights of way.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen, in the County of Middlesex, State of Jersey, that Planet Networks, Inc. be and hereby is authorized and granted consent for the non-exclusive use of the public rights of way within the Borough for the purpose of owning, constructing, installing, operating, repairing and maintaining a telecommunications system in accordance with the terms and conditions of its approval as issued by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

Dr. Dunne asked about any inquiries to municipalities who had authorized Planet Networks. Dr. Robins is reaching out to them.

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:

10-17-2022: #7-A

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

The resignation of Jesse Giuliano, laborer in the Dunellen Department of Public Works, is accepted, effective October 28, 2022.

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

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

10-17-2022: #7-B

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

The mayor of the Borough of Dunellen is authorized to sign the attached Property Owner Certification for the proposed multi-family residential building to be constructed at 745-753 Bound Brook Road, Dunellen, NJ, Block 49, Lot 43.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

10-17-2022: #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 refund the following tax overpayment(s):

Block	20	Lot	2	Address	409 MOUNTAINVIEW TERR
Assessed to					JENESIS & PEDRO MONCADA
				Amount	\$ 3,116.06

Total Refunded \$ 3,116.06

10-17-2022: #9

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	10	Lot	2	Address	519 JACKSON AVE
Assessed to					LLOYD & MARSHA MANGAROO
				Amount	\$ 352.30

Total Refunded \$ 352.30

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

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

10-17-2022: #10

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

For the purposes of public safety, Whittier Avenue will be closed from Center Street to Walnut Street on the evening of October 31, 2022, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Yes: Albertson, Dunne, Rios, Sigmon and VanDermark

Abstain: Paltjon

Reports:

Mrs. Albertson: 1) Greenbrook Flood Control Commission--I attended the virtual meeting on October 5th. We were updated on the progress of the Upper Basin project and upcoming work. The next area to be started is IJK, which includes Dunellen. They have begun checking on the homes in the impacted areas. This includes taking measurements, soil samples and in a few places making small holes, checking the results and refilling the hole. This allows them to better plan for the work that needs to be done; 2) Fire Department--the Car Show on Sunday was well attended. Food and Wine Tasting fund raising event is the evening of October 22nd at 6pm at the Greenbrook Fire Department. Tickets are \$35 per person. There are a few tickets left. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Friday and Saturday. If you can help, please contact me and I will pass your information on to Liz Lopez-Velez who is coordinating this event; 3) Senior Club--the Dunellen Senior Club and the Dunellen Recreation Department will present a special Vintage Music Concert featuring Kenneth Lelen entitled "He Did it His Way." It celebrates the lives, careers and hits by male vocalists and band leaders such as Frank Sinatra, Artie Shaw, Bing Crosby and Benny Goodman. This concert is free for all Dunellen seniors. It will be held on October 28th in St. John's Auditorium. Doors open at 11:00 am. Concert starts at 11:30 am; 4) Friends of the Dunellen Public Library--are hosting 2 fundraising events: a Pampered Chef party this Thursday evening at 6:30 pm. and Touchstone Bingo on November 13th at 2pm. Please join us. Both will be held at the library. You can follow them on Facebook to get more information about their events; 5) Diversity and Inclusion hosted a Grand Reception at Inspire Art Gallery for the participants of the Hispanic Heritage Art Contest. The artists were invited to sign their names on the Inspire guest paintings. Congratulations to our artists and many thanks to Hal VanDermark for supporting the Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

Mrs. Rios: 1) the Dunellen Public Library had its 3rd annual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration and it was a wonderful success. Thank you to everyone who joined us for children's activities, food trucks and an evening of Latin Jazz. On Friday November 4th the library will host a special program: "Planning a Native Butterfly Garden" at 10:30AM. On Thursday October 20th the Friends of the Library will host a Pampered Chef fundraiser, and on Sunday November 13th the Friends will host a Touchstone Crystal fundraising event. 2) the Friends of the Library are conducting their annual membership drive, please consider joining the fundraising branch of the library which coordinates events like the Open Air Market, and other fundraising activities which help supplement the library's budget to bring in special programs, such as the visit from the Turtle Back Zoo this summer and recent technological upgrades; 4) Dunellen Arts and Culture Commission will be hosting its annual house decorating contest with two categories, Halloween and fall. Registration is due by this Thursday at tinyurl.com/dunellenfallhouse To celebrate the 135th birthday of Dunellen, DACC will have a walk around downtown Dunellen which will highlight some historical sites as well as some late architectural designs. This will be on Oct. 29 from 10-1. Please visit our Facebook or website for more information; 5) Dunellen Downtown Management Organization had another successful HarvestFest this past Sunday with over 125 vendors and about 3,000 attendees. We had an art contest which will be on display at the Dunellen Library later this month hosted by DACC and the Library. We also had an array of decorated pumpkins. It was a wonderful day with wonderful weather. Thank you to all the amazing people who volunteered their time to help set this up. Grand opening on October 29th for Green Dog Mobile Lobster Truck at 11:00 am.; 6) finally, a quick promotion for Cub Scouts Pack 26

which will have its open house for grades k-5th grade on Friday October 21 at 7 pm at the American legion all are welcome to join if interested in joining cub scouts.

Mr. VanDermark: 1) Recreation Department--remember that the 74th Annual Halloween Parade will be on Sunday October 30th at 2pm at Columbia Park. Registration opens up at 1pm at the Gazebo in Columbia Park; 2) Morecraft Park Playground--thank you to Mayor Cilento for working on a new playground at Morecraft Park. Like most projects it takes time, but we just replaced the oldest playground in the Borough. The new playground has a larger footprint than the past playground and we expect the children to enjoy it; 3) the Mayor's Cannabis Task Force along with the Municipal Alliance held a Town Hall on October 12. There was a presentation on the results of our survey and a panel to take questions and answers. At the end of the meeting the Task Force realized how much more discussion and fact finding needs to be done. We plan on visiting retail, medical dispensaries and warehouse and manufacturing facilities. We had hoped to have a recommendation to the Council by the end of the year but have found this issue cannot be rushed into for the wellbeing of our town. Please be patient and understand the Task Force members are doing their due diligence on this matter.

Dr. Dunne: 1) asked about the Police Policy bond. We are looking for School Crossing Guards; 2) Board of Education—the next meeting will be October 18th at 7 pm; 3) Shade Tree Commission--if you are interested in having a tree planted in your yard, contact the DSTC. The next meeting will be held October 19th at 7:30 pm in the Senior Center; 4) Parking Authority--the next Parking Authority meeting will be next Wednesday, October 26th at 7 pm; 5) Diversity & Inclusion--we had a hugely successful first of what I hope will be an annual Hispanic Heritage Youth Art Contest. We had an opening reception at the Inspire Art Gallery on Saturday, October 8th from 6-8 pm. Special thanks as well to our judges. With thanks to Dr. Robins, the Diversity and Inclusion Committee attended a DREAMS (Dunellen Resources to Educate, Advocate and Mediate for Special Education) meeting. Thanks to Dr. Tarah Santaniello, Special Services Director, for inviting Level Access who presented to us the importance of digital accessibility. Certainly, food for thought that I hope we can act on in the near future; 6) Maurer House – with the Haunted Trail returning, much of the public has been asking about an update on the Maurer House. When can we expect one? Mr. Sigmon responded that they are hashing out details and waiting for information on grants and will have a report by the Spring.

Mr. Sigmon: 1) Department of Public Works Report for October 17:

DPW crew has been cleaning the downtown daily and all our Borough Properties & Parks.

- Grass maintenance on all Borough properties.
- Saturday October 15th completed this year's roll-off season.
- Curbside leaf bag pick-up throughout the Borough. This will continue through December.
- October 1st started leaf bag season, bags can be picked up at the DPW yard, and each household can get one 20-pack paper leaf bag package through the fall as long as bags last.
- Residents can also pick up their leaf bags at the Dunellen Library on Wednesday nights from 6-8 pm starting October 5th through November 23rd or (as long as the leaf bags last).

- Installed 4 new manhole grates & lids on the streets that are in the County Mill & Pave Project.
- Assisted PSE&G on 3 tree removals.
- Ran multiple loads of roll-off loads to the dump.
- Cleaned up Washington Park after the HarvestFest.

Mr. Paltjon: 1) Buildings and Grounds Report--here is the latest update in regard to the Borough Hall Roof. There was a pre-construction meeting last week with the contractor and RVE. Next week the roofing supplies will be dropped off for the project. Work is then expected to start the following week of 10/31. From the initial start date of the project, it is then expected to be completed within 30 days. Obviously, any weather issues or additional structural repairs that are needed could extend the completion date of this project; 2) Dunellen Rescue Squad-- in the last month, the Dunellen Rescue Squad has had 4 new recruits in which 2 of them were already EMT's. They also have 3 new applicants that they are in the process of lining up interviews. All of this is really great news, in what I like to call the Rebirth of the Squad. They also wanted to make the residents aware that they will be sending out their Fall Fund Drive Letter this November, so keep an eye out and please keep them in mind for any support that you can provide them. As I have mentioned for a couple months now, the future looks really bright for the Dunellen Rescue Squad.

Mayor Cilento:

Middlesex County Mill & Pave Project:

The project was initially scheduled to begin today but has been postponed until Wednesday, October 19th and will continue through Thursday, October 20th.

The following streets will be Milled & Paved:

- Schwartz Place
- First Street (from Schwartz Place to Madison Avenue)
- Dunellen Avenue (from Sanford Avenue to Madison Avenue)

New Jersey American Water:

NJAW is expected to start milling and paving the last phase of their project on Monday, October 24th. The following streets will be Milled & Paved:

- North Avenue Ext
- Pulaski Street (from Bound Brook Road to Gavornik Park)

Upcoming Projects that are expected later this month or early November.

PSE&G:

The following streets will be Milled & Paved as part of the PSE&G gas main upgrades:

- 800 Block of First Street
- 700 & 800 Blocks of Dunellen Avenue

700 & 800 Blocks of Front Street

Mill & Pave Shared Service Agreement with Piscataway:

After having a discussion with Mayor Brian Wahler of Piscataway last year on shared roads that need to be paved, the two municipalities agreed to pave West Fourth Street this year. The entirety of the road from South Washington Avenue to Rock Avenue will be paved. Dunellen will share the costs of West Fourth Street from Kline Place to South Washington Avenue. The road will also have enhanced striping to remind drivers to slow down.

Morecraft Park Improvements:

The playground at Morecraft Park has now been completed. DPW has to level off the mulch surrounding the playground. I wish to thank Alex Miller and the Dunellen Parks and Recreation Commission for their input on the new equipment, as well as thanks to the Borough Council for approving the improvement. In addition, thanks to the Dunellen Department of Public works for prepping the area before installation and helping move it further back from the basketball courts. A final thanks to the Middlesex Department of Public Works for assisting our DPW with the striping of the Morecraft and Gavornik Park basketball courts. This project was funded by a community benefit donation made by the developers of 528 North Avenue, Community Development Block Grants and capital improvement expenditures for park improvements. We will plan to have a grand re-opening of the park in the near future.

Green Brook Trash Trap: I met with the Lower Raritan Watershed Project and the NJDEP on October 14th the installation of a trash trap near the bridge off Jefferson Avenue. We discussed the administration and maintenance of the trash trap and there are more details to iron out. The schedule for installation will most likely be spring of 2023.

Master Plan Re-Examination Steering Committee:

We plan to meet as a steering committee on November 10th to review the results of the master plan re-examination survey and discuss the climate vulnerability assessment. The goal would be to make a final presentation of recommendations to Mayor and Council before the end of the year.

Mayoral Town Hall Meetings:

Redevelopment in Dunellen: Please consider joining us on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 7PM as we host a Mayoral Town Hall Meeting on Redevelopment in Dunellen at the Dunellen Senior Center. We will discuss various topics such as our recent Master Plan Re-Examination, updates on various redevelopment projects, redevelopment plan updates, affordable housing, school aged children, PILOTs/Short Term Tax Exemption Program and provide a Q&A session. Guest speakers will include myself and the municipality's redevelopment professionals. This will be an in-person event at the Dunellen Senior Center with a live stream capability for those who cannot attend in-person. I hope to see you there for this important conversation as we continue to revitalize Dunellen's downtown.

Register to Vote by October 18th:

Register to Vote! Voter Registration Deadline for the General Election is tomorrow, October 18, 2022. For more information visit here:

<https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml>, or call: 1-877-NJ-VOTER (1-877-658-6837).

Public Portion:

Mrs. Green, North Avenue Ext., asked about the trucking company. Mr. Bruder responded that we did have a meeting with NJ State DOT about ordinances restricting truck traffic. There appears not to be any statutes regarding such restrictions nor would such an action (i.e., limiting truck traffic during certain hours in the evening) by the municipality be permitted. He did speak with Chief Smith about our current regulation regarding trucks idling. Mayor Cilento noted that we could explore the issue with a Traffic Study, though given the geographic limitations that may not result in positive results or actions. Mrs. Green advised of a box truck being parked on the street. We will look into this.

Adam Sylvester, Prospect Avenue, spoke about traffic and pedestrian safety and how important an issue it is. He noted vehicular violators at school crosswalks. He supplied examples of dangerous situations. He has also shared his concerns with the Dunellen Police. He is of the opinion that the police are not taking this issue seriously enough. He praised the School Crossing Guards for the work they do. He also noted the aggressive driving on North Washington Avenue and how it is almost impossible to drive 25 mph, the speed limit. In general, he is advocating for more police enforcement of traffic regulations. Mr. Bruder asked Mr. Sylvester to provide Dr. Robins with his contact information. Mayor Cilento summarized some of the actions we have already or will be taking regarding traffic safety initiatives.

Jeff Best, 401 Madison Avenue, asked for an update on the Firehouse rebuild. Mayor Cilento responded that the architects are working on the conceptual renderings. And truck replacement is ongoing.

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

10-17-2022: #11

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

The Dunellen Borough Council Meeting of October 17, 2022 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=6LJe9YiIABs>