

September 21, 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 September 21, 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

Mayor Cilento called for a Moment of Silence in recognition of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Dr. Dunne made some remarks in honor of Justice Ginsburg:

“To make life a little better for people less fortunate than you, that’s what I think a meaningful life is. One lives not just for oneself but for one’s community.” Ruth Bader Ginsburg said these words in 2017 when she gave a lecture on what it means to have a meaningful life. In so many ways throughout her life, Justice Ginsburg epitomized these words more than most, especially when it came to issues of equality.

As a little girl, I grew up hearing about role models like Sandra Day O’Connor and Sally Ride and Geraldine Ferraro. I was lucky to live in a household where I was told I could be and do anything and luckier even that there were trailblazing women ahead of me. The summer before my senior year of high school, Justice Ginsberg joined the Supreme Court. I remember it being a big deal in my all girls’ high school, especially as the start of my high school experience was marred by our society’s callous disregard for Anita Hill’s reports of sexual harassment by Clarence Thomas. Sadly, decades later, this experience would be repeated with another Supreme Court nomination.

Later in my senior year, I would experience my first memory of discrimination as a woman in science. I got into MIT, yes, that MIT, and more than one person told me that I got in, “because I’m a girl.” Back then, I smiled and nodded; but today I would say, “I got into MIT because I’m smart.” Unfortunately, as a woman in science, I continue to experience gender discrimination, on an almost daily basis.

Justice Ginsburg fought for equality: for women, for people of color, for religious equality, LGBTQIA+ and for all people. She is someone I admired, for her tenacity, her success in the face of adversity, especially as she forged her way forward in her own career and experienced gender-based discrimination every step of the way. Throughout her life, and especially in her later years, she was a cultural & feminist icon, for her steadfast, strong and

just positions, especially on issues of equality. She changed the world for me and for every other American woman, and I'm most grateful for the groundwork she laid for my daughter and all the girls and boys in the generations to come.

Perhaps my personal feelings about Justice Ginsburg's passing are best summarized by a response I saw over the weekend that, for "the women in your lives"... "she meant more to them than you could possibly understand." It truly feels like we have lost one of our superheroes.

We have a long way to go, in our collective fight for equality at all levels of society, but thanks to Justice Ginsberg, there is precedent for us to march forward. I'll end my comments with her words:

Fight for the things that you care about but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.

On the motion of Mrs. Rios and seconded by Mrs. Burke it was moved to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of September 8, 2020.

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Dunne, Rios and Sigmon

Abstain: Narvesen, due to her absence

At this point, a letter from Mayor and Council to the Dunellen Police Department was read into the record by Mrs. Burke. The idea for the letter originated with Council President Bayer who wanted to recognize the hard work and dedication of the Dunellen Police Department:

September 21, 2020

Dunellen Borough Police Department
355 North Avenue
Dunellen, NJ 08812

To the Members of the Borough of Dunellen Police Department:

While we may not fully understand the stresses facing your profession during these times, we, the Mayor and Council, want you to know that we stand behind and support you.

We would like to express our appreciation to the Dunellen Police Department for your continued professionalism and dedication to the community of Dunellen. We trust that you will enforce the law in an impartial and fair manner.

The commitment you have to our town is evident and makes Dunellen a much desired, safe and secure place to live, raise a family, or run a business. Because of you, Dunellen will be chosen as a place individuals and families will want to come to.

It is important for you to remember that we will continue to support you, your work and training, and provide you with the resources necessary so you can carry out the duties of a well-respected officer representing Dunellen.

We are proud of you and hope that you are proud to be wearing your uniform today and always.

You have our gratitude and respect. We wish you safety each and every day.

Best regards,

Jason Cilento
Mayor

Kenneth Bayer
Council President & Committeeman

April Burke
Committee Chair

Daniel Sigmon
Committeeman

Trina Rios
Councilwoman

Jessica Dunne
Councilwoman

Stacy Narvesen
Councilwoman

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

ORDINANCE 2020-12

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, is being introduced for first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of Dunellen, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on September 21, 2020. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Borough Council Chambers, in the Borough on October 5, 2020 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 ordinance will be available at no cost in the Office of the Municipal Clerk for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such ordinance follows:

Title: ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$13,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS ON JACKSON AVENUE AND 3RD STREET AND STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS ON MADISON AVENUE AND MOUNTAINVIEW TERRACE IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

Purpose: To appropriate \$13,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund of the Borough of Dunellen, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey for stormwater improvements on Jackson Avenue and 3rd Street and storm sewer improvements on Madison Avenue and Mountainview Terrace, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

Appropriation: \$13,000

Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$0

Grant Appropriated: \$0

Section 20 Costs: N/A

Useful Life: N/A

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:

ORDINANCE 2020-13

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, is being introduced for first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of Dunellen, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on September 21, 2020. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Borough Council Chambers, in the Borough on October 5, 2020 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 ordinance will be available at no cost in the Office of the Municipal Clerk for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such ordinance follows:

Title: ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$12,500 FROM THE SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS ON PENFIELD PLACE IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

Purpose: To appropriate \$12,500 from the Sewer Utility Capital Improvement Fund of the Borough of Dunellen, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey for sanitary sewer improvements on Penfield Place, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

Appropriation: \$12,500

Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$0

Grant Appropriated: \$0

Section 20 Costs: N/A

Useful Life: N/A

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:

Ordinance 2020-11

The following DUNELLEN ORDINANCE was Introduced for first reading on September 8, 2020. It is now being presented for Public Hearing and Adoption on September 21, 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.

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$25,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR VARIOUS SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS ON MADISON AVENUE IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. \$25,000 is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund of the Borough of Dunellen, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the “Borough”) for various sewer system improvements on Madison Avenue and related streets, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

Section 2. The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 3. The appropriation authorized by this bond ordinance provides in full for the \$25,000 appropriation created by a resolution of the Borough duly adopted on September 8, 2020,

and entitled, "RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-49 TO FUND SEWER REPAIRS ON MADISON AVENUE AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF EMERGENCY NOTES TO FUND SUCH EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION", and accordingly, said emergency appropriation shall not be provided for as a deferred charge in the Borough's 2021 municipal budget

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication and otherwise as provided by law.

At this point, Mayor Cilento opened the meeting for public comment on the ordinance. No one from the public spoke. This portion was closed.

Mr. Bruder suggested that we have the record reflect that this meeting is being presented live to members of the public and that notice was given to members of the public.

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

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

09-21-2020: #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 Mr. Bayer and seconded by Mrs. Rios it was moved to accept the following:

09-21-2020: #2

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CONDITIONALLY DESIGNATING COMMUNIPAW ASSOCIATES, LLC, AS THE REDEVELOPER OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IDENTIFIED ON THE BOROUGH TAX MAP AS BLOCK 1, LOT 14, OTHERWISE ALSO KNOWN AS 150 NORTH AVENUE

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq., as amended from time to time (the “**Redevelopment Law**”) authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land in a municipality constitute areas in need of redevelopment or rehabilitation, and to adopt a redevelopment plan for such areas, pursuant to which redevelopment projects are to be undertaken; and

WHEREAS, on or about May 5, 2003, the Borough Council (the “**Borough Council**”) of the Borough of Dunellen (the “**Borough**”). acting as the Borough’s redevelopment entity pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-4, designated certain properties identified on the Borough’s tax map as Block 69, Lots 1, 1.01, 2, 2.01 and 3; Block 70, Lots 13 and 13.01; Block 85, Lots 1 and 2; Block 83, Lot 1; Block 1, Lots 14, 15.01, 15.02, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23; Block 2, Lots 10, 11.01, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20; Block 32, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.01, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 24.01, 25, 26, 27 and 28; Block 33, Lots 14, 14.01, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23; Block 34, Lots 10.01, 22, 23, 24, 24.01, 25, 26, 27.01, 27.02, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 38.01 and 38.02; Block 48, Lots 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28; Block 49, Lots 25, 26, 27.01, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39.01, 39.02, 40, 41, 43 and 44; Block 50, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6; Block 51, Lots 1, 2 and 3 (NJ Transit Property); Block 65, Lot 1; Block 66, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.01, 7, 8, 9, 10.01, 10.02, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.01, 15.02, 16, 17, 17.01, 18, 19 and 20; and Block 86, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 4.02, 4.03 and 5 as an area in need of redevelopment under N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 (collectively, the “**Redevelopment Area**”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7, the Borough Council adopted by ordinance on May 16, 2016, the Restated and Amended Dunellen Downtown Redevelopment Plan, Phase 1, and subsequently amended by ordinances on November 6, 2017 and September 4, 2018 (the “**Redevelopment Plan**”) for the Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, Communipaw Associates, LLC (“**Redeveloper**”) is the owner of certain property identified on the Borough’s tax map as Block 1, Lot 14, otherwise known as 150 North Avenue (the “**Project Site**”); and

WHEREAS, Redeveloper proposes to construct a three-story, mixed-use project consisting of approximately 1,578 square feet of ground floor commercial space, fourteen (14) residential units and related improvements (collectively, the “**Project**”) on the Project Site; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council, acting as the Borough’s redevelopment entity pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-4 and N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-8, may exercise all powers, duties and functions relating to redevelopment in the manner of a redevelopment entity under the Redevelopment Law, which powers include contracting with redevelopers for the planning, replanning, construction, or undertaking of any project or redevelopment work under N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-8.f; and

WHEREAS, the Borough now desires to conditionally designate Redeveloper as the redeveloper of the Project Site and to authorize the execution of an interim cost agreement, whereby Redeveloper shall agree to pay the reasonable costs that have been and will be incurred by the Borough while the Borough conducts its due diligence and the parties negotiate a formal redevelopment agreement as required under the Redevelopment Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Dunellen, acting as redevelopment entity for the Borough of Dunellen, as follows:

Section 1. Communipaw Associates, LLC, is hereby conditionally designated as the redeveloper of the Project Site and has, at the sole and exclusive discretion of the Borough, the option to enter into preliminary negotiations for a redevelopment agreement with the Borough in connection with the Project Site.

Section 2. The within designation is hereby made for a limited period of one hundred twenty (120) days, and is further contingent upon Redeveloper providing any additional project-related information as may be requested by the Borough.

Section 3. The within designation is further contingent upon Redeveloper agreeing to reimburse the Borough for any and all costs associated with the Borough's review of said additional material and any efforts involved in conditionally designating Redeveloper as the redeveloper of the Project Site and negotiating a formal redevelopment agreement between the Borough and Redeveloper. Said costs shall include, but not be limited to, the cost of any and all professional consultants retained by the Borough to review said materials and/or assist the Borough in negotiations of a formal redevelopment agreement, including such costs incurred prior to the date of adoption of this resolution.

Section 4. The Mayor and the Clerk of the Borough are hereby authorized to execute and attest to, respectively, an interim costs agreement, in substantially the same form attached hereto, with any revisions that the Mayor may deem necessary or desirable upon consultation with the Borough's professionals.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Bruder inquired whether there will be an Agreement with the developer? Dr. Robins responded that there will be, but he has not yet received a draft from the redevelopment attorneys. Designating Communipaw as a redeveloper is the next step in the process.

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:

09-21-2020: #3

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

Mayor Jason F. Cilento is authorized to sign an Interim Cost Agreement between the Borough of Dunellen and Communipaw Associates, LLC., for a redevelopment project in Dunellen. The purpose of this escrow account is to fund professional expenses made on behalf of the Borough of Dunellen in furtherance of the redevelopment project. The account will be initially funded with a

deposit of \$10,000.00, and refunded when the balance falls below \$5,000.00.

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:

09-21-2020: #3-A

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-49 TO FUND SANITARY SEWER, STORMWATER AND STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF EMERGENCY NOTES TO FUND SUCH EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, one or more emergencies have arisen requiring the appropriation of funds from the municipal budget of the Borough of Dunellen, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough"), in the amount of \$13,000 to provide for stormwater improvements on Jackson Avenue and 3rd Street and storm sewer improvements on Madison Avenue and Mountainview Terrace, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto; and

WHEREAS, one or more emergencies have arisen requiring the appropriation of funds from the sewer utility budget of the Borough in the amount of \$12,500 to provide for sanitary sewer improvements on Penfield Place, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of emergency appropriations created, including the appropriations to be created by this resolution, is \$375,500, and 3% of the total current and utility operating appropriations in the budget for CY 2020 is \$216,002.06; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing emergency appropriation, together with prior emergency appropriations, exceeds 3% of the total operating appropriations (including utility operation appropriations) in the budget for CY 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY (by not less than two-thirds of the full membership of the governing body affirmatively concurring) as follows:

1. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-49, petition shall be made to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for permission to exceed the statutory limitation of 3 percent for the creation of one or more appropriations for the purposes set forth in the preamble in accordance with this resolution.
2. An emergency note not in excess of \$25,500 is hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-51.

3. The emergency note authorized herein, if issued, shall be executed by the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough and attested by the Borough Clerk.
4. The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough is hereby delegated the authority to sell and award the note, if any, and such notes, if issued, may be renewed from time to time by the Chief Financial Officer provided that any such renewals shall be payable on or before December 31, 2021.
5. Said emergency appropriations shall be provided in full pursuant to capital ordinances, entitled, "ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$13,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS ON JACKSON AVENUE AND 3RD STREET AND STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS ON MADISON AVENUE AND MOUNTAINVIEW TERRACE IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY" and "ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$12,500 FROM THE SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS ON PENFIELD PLACE IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY" each to be introduced on the date hereof and finally adopted hereafter.
6. Two certified copies of this resolution shall be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.
7. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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:

09-21-2020: #3-B

CME Associates is authorized to apply to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside program grant which will encompass decorative lighting on North Avenue and nearby locations, benches on North Avenue, treescape plantings, curb ramp and crosswalk improvements, signage, bike racks and recycling opportunities, among other eligible projects.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

09-21-2020: #4

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

Whereas, application was made in accordance with the State Regulations for a license to be issued, and

Whereas, after proper investigation it was deemed that all requirements of the State Regulations have been met.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Governing Body authorize the issuance of an Instant Raffle License to the Knights of Columbus, #2544 John Barry Council.

Further be it resolved that this license will be issued pending final approval by New Jersey State Legalized Games of Chance Commission.

09-21-2020: #5

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

The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to issue food handler licenses to the following establishments:

Eight on the Break -- 340-346 North Avenue

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

Reports:

Mrs. Rios: 1) the Dunellen Public Library is hoping to open by October 12th; 2) there is Wi-Fi outside the Library building; 3) the Board of Education meeting is on Tuesday at 7:30, virtually; 4) emails were sent out to schedule your times for Back to School; 5) there will be a Farmers Market on September 27th.

Dr. Robins: noted that there is now a mail-in-ballot drop box at the Dunellen Library. All registered voters have received their mail-in ballots. You can mail it back or place it in the drop box. Each municipality in the County has a drop box. The locations are on our web site. There will be an article on the General Election in the next *Dunellen Report*.

Mrs. Burke: 1) the Social Media Committee met to work on the official Facebook Page; 2) there will be a Police vigil sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on October 4th held at Washington

Memorial Park from 12:30 to 1:30 pm; 3) the Office of Emergency Management continues to work on updating the operating manuals; 4) the next issue of *The Dunellen Report* is being edited and the following issue is scheduled for December. Please send copy to Mrs. Burke. Mayor Cilento noted that *The Dunellen Report* is nearing its tenth anniversary; 5) she thanked the emergency service departments for their response in handling a medical emergency that took place outside her home, though not involving her family. She specifically thanked Officers Daniel and Lowder and Sgt. Lovell, as well as Rescue Squad Chief Jeff Best; 6) the last day to register to vote is October 13th.

Mr. Bayer: 1) the Mill and Pave program with the County will save the borough considerable money, hundreds of thousands of dollars; 2) department heads have prioritized their needs under the general purpose bond; 3) we received a \$13,000 reimbursement check under the CARES program; 4) met last week with Bob Krause and Heidi Heleniak on the Art Color Memorial to discuss possible locations.

Dr. Dunne: 1) we now have a Mechanic in the DPW who can maintain borough vehicles; 2) she met with the Parking Authority and there are some outstanding issues on street parking and striping/signage. Revenue is down with the Parking Authority due to lesser commuter parking; 3) she has been working with members of the community on a Diversity and Inclusion Committee. A proposal to the borough is forthcoming.

Mr. Sigmon: 1) informed the Council that:

On September 8, this Council approved the creation of the Borough's first official social media presence on Facebook and YouTube. Accounts have been created under the name "Borough of Dunellen, NJ." The purpose of these accounts is to distribute official information to the residents of Dunellen and will not be used as a platform for residents to file complaints or request official correspondence. These pages will adhere to the Social Media Policy approved on March 18, 2019, which states, in part:

- "The creation and use of the social media sites by Borough entities are subject to prior approval by the governing body of the Borough";
- "Borough entities, officials, employees or volunteers that receive approval from the governing body of the Borough to create or use social media shall clearly state that it or they are authorized to do so by the Borough and that it or they are following this Social Media Policy";
- "The social media forums will only be used to convey information about the entity posting it, and only for business purposes. No personal information or personal opinions will be posted by the entity, official, employee, or volunteer";
- "All comments, articles and the like posted on social media by Borough entities and their members must be civil and unbiased";
- "Solicitation of political support or political contributions" is prohibited

The Borough Administrator and Social Media Committee are working with Dunellen's official departments and committees to complete the formal approval process for a social media presence.

Social media accounts using the Dunellen name that are not officially approved by the Council do not represent the Borough of Dunellen. Content and opinions are solely that of the individual administrators. Official information can only be found on Council-approved platforms.

To read Dunellen's Social Media Policy in full, please visit www.dunellen-nj.gov, then find Social Media Policy under the News menu. Or click the direct link found on every official Borough page.

2) movie night will be Friday: *Pirates of the Caribbean* at 7:00 pm. No rest room facilities. Pre-packaged food.

Mrs. Narvesen: 1) the Recreation Department last Friday sponsored the Senior Picnic—a great turn-out; 2) the next Pop-Up Food Drive will be at Whittier School on September 30th. Next pick-up will be October 3rd.

Mrs. Rios: on Sunday, 9/27, 11 – 2:00 pm, the Dunellen Library will have a Bags and Bling program as well as a Caribbean Culture live-event program sponsored by the Dunellen Arts and Culture Commission.

Mayor Cilento:

Covid-19 Update:

As of today, we have a cumulative total of 223 positive cases for Dunellen. That's an additional five cases since my 9/8/2020 update to the Council, with 9 deaths. Dunellen and Middlesex County's cumulative totals can be found at www.discovermiddlesex.com/total-cumulative-cases/. As Dunellen continues to flatten its curve, please remember to wear face masks in public.

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 encourage you to utilize these resources during this challenging time. You matter, and we want you to be safe.

Census 2020: Dunellen's response rate to the 2020 U.S. Census is currently over 75%. Last meeting, we were at 74.2%, and a decade ago we had a response rate of 69%. The Census will continue to September 30th. If you have not completed it, you may do so online still. An accurate number is important for federal funding, as well as congressional representation. Please fill it out if you have not done so already.

COVID-19 Pop-Up Food Drive: The next food drive date for residents in need is on Saturday, October 3rd at Living Hope Outreach Center from 9am to 12pm.

We will have a food/supply drop off on Sept 30th 5-7pm and Oct 1st 10am-12noon. We need more non-perishable and non-expired food for our neighbors in need. Thank you to all who have donated. It's greatly appreciated.

Capital Improvements:

1. South Madison Avenue Improvements:
 - a. Amended documents from CME have been resubmitted to the NJDOT. Once we hear back, we will begin bidding process.
2. I thank Council President Kenneth Bayer for his support and efforts in working on the County Mill & Pave program for Dunellen. It will save hundreds and thousands of dollars in the long run, while covering more roads to pave in the future.

Art Color Development: All parties continue to work diligently. The Redeveloper on Friday sent us their list of outstanding items and we had an internal conference today to discuss these items and we will be providing the Redeveloper with a list of our outstanding items. Also, we are scheduling a presentation at our next council meeting for Prism to be approved as sub-developer for the Rental unit portion of the development. This date will be October 5th. And finally, we are waiting for approvals from Middlesex County so that we can issue a building permit for the rental units and retail space portion of the redevelopment.

DMR Architects: October's Message by the Mayor will introduce the community to DMR Architects and summarize what type of public engagement sessions they will do to collect public feedback on downtown Dunellen to create a shared vision that will ultimately be implemented into the Borough's redevelopment plan and zoning ordinances. More information will come on this subject. We will create a section on the website specifically for this community vision planning, as well as hard copies at key strategic places for those who do not have access to computers.

Dunellen Arts and Culture Commission placed "butterflies" in Columbia Park. This is called the "Wing" project and please go and take pictures and tag DACC on Facebook.

Grant Opportunity Presentation:

NJDOT Division of Local Aid and Economic Development: Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Program:

1. The Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA Set-Aside) program provides federal funds for community based "non-traditional" surface transportation projects designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the nation's intermodal system. TA Set-Aside projects must relate to surface transportation.
2. Projects must be requested to be funded between \$150,000 and \$1 million
3. Funds are provided on a reimbursement basis
4. Project is funded at 100% of the construction cost

[Mayor Cilento displayed the Concept Plan on poster boards on the wall]:

Concept Plan:

- Lighting:
 - o Add Victorian Lighting from Jackson Avenue to Jefferson Avenue
 - o Madison Avenue to Sanford Avenue
- Historic Sidewalk Paving:
 - o At major intersections such as; Madison/North; Washington/North; and Jackson/North
 - o Creating shorter crossing distances in these intersections for pedestrian safety
- Benches:
 - o Add benches in downtown Dunellen between Madison Avenue and Jackson Avenue
- Planting Containers:
 - o Add containers throughout the entire downtown –bound brook road and north ave
- Walkways b/w Madison Ave and Jackson Ave:

- o ADA compliance
- o Waysfinding/signage to let people know where key municipal services and buildings are located
- o Bike racks
- Treescape:
 - o Add trees downtown to replace dying trees and missing trees in open soil trenches with foliage areas, with trees surrounded by small low maintenance plants to assist in stormwater management. Between Madison and Jackson Avenue.

Mrs. Burke asked if there could be additional trash cans or recycling bins? Mayor Cilento said that that was possible, and he would pass that on to the engineers.

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

09-21-2020: #3-B

CME Associates is authorized to apply to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside program grant which will encompass decorative lighting on North Avenue and nearby locations, benches on North Avenue, treescape plantings, curb ramp and crosswalk improvements, signage, bike racks and recycling opportunities, among other eligible projects.

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

PUBLIC PORTION

Tremayne Reid, 321 Walnut Street: wants to confirm the time on the Library movie? 7:00 pm.

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

09-21-2020: #6

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

Whereas, the Open Public Meetings Act (NJSA 10:4-6) permits the closing of meetings to the public under certain circumstances; and

Whereas, there exists such a circumstance; and

Whereas, the Governing Body wishes to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters concerning contract negotiations; and

Whereas, minutes of the Executive Session will be kept and will be released when the matters under discussion during the Executive Session are no longer confidential.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Borough Council will enter into Executive Session.

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

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

09-21-2020: #7

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

The Dunellen Borough Council will return to Regular Session.

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

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

09-21-2020: #8

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

The Dunellen Borough Council Meeting of September 21, 2020 is adjourned.

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