

January 1, 2016

Minutes of the public meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen held on January 1, 2016.

Mayor Robert J. Seader called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Municipal Clerk William Robins read the Sunshine Statement and called the Roll for the 2015 Council.

Present: Mayor Robert J. Seader, Kenneth Baudendistel, Kevin Bachorik, Jason Cilento and Joseph Petracca

Absent: Kenneth Bayer

On the motion of Mr. Baudendistel, seconded by Mr. Bachorik, it was moved to accept the following:

01-01-2016: #1

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Dunellen has a need to acquire legal services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A- 20.5*; and,

WHEREAS, the Dunellen Municipal Clerk has determined and certified in writing that the value of the service will exceed \$17,500; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is *one* year; and

WHEREAS, the Law Offices of John E. Bruder, Esq., has submitted a proposal indicating they will provide the services for the amount set forth in the 2015 Municipal Salary Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Law Offices of John E. Bruder has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that John E. Bruder has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Dunellen in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit John E. Bruder from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Dunellen has certified as to the availability of funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Dunellen authorizes the Mayor and Borough Administrator to enter into a contract with the Law Offices of John E. Bruder as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

A copy of this resolution shall be published in The Courier or other paper of record as required by law within ten days of its passage.

Yes: Baudendistel, Bachorik, Cilento and Petracca

The Oath of Office for John E. Bruder was administered by Municipal Clerk William M. Robins

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

01-01-2016: #2

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

The 2015 Dunellen Borough Council is hereby adjourned.

Yes: Baudendistel, Bachorik, Cilento and Petracca

The Oath of Office for Mayor Robert J. Seader was administered by Municipal Attorney John E. Bruder

The Oath of Office for Councilman Kenneth Baudendistel was administered by Municipal Attorney John E. Bruder.

The Oath of Office for Councilman Jeremy Lowder was administered by Municipal Attorney John E. Bruder.

Mayor Robert J. Seader called to order the 2016 Borough Council. The Roll Call was taken by Municipal Clerk William M. Robins:

Present: Mayor Seader, Kenneth Baudendistel, Joseph Petracca, Jason Cilento, Kevin Bachorik and Jeremy Lowder

Absent: Kenneth Bayer

At this point, nominations for Dunellen Borough Council President were made. Mr. Kenneth Baudendistel was nominated.

On the motion of Mr. Petracca and seconded by Mr. Bachorik, it was moved to accept the following:

01-01-2016: #3

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

Kenneth Baudendistel is hereby appointed Dunellen Borough Council President for Year 2016.

Yes: Baudendistel, Bachorik, Petracca, Cilento and Lowder

At this point, the following appointments were made:

1. Mayor's appointments to the Planning Board: Randee Staats, Thomas D'Amico, Adam Gordon, Scott Luthman and Kenneth Bayer
2. Mayor's appointments to the Library Board: Nancy DeMarco, and John V. Triolo; George Deene is appointed the Mayor's Delegate to the Library Board
3. Mayor's appointments to the Dunellen Shade Tree Commission: Kenneth Baudendistel, Robert Rios and John Ruskuski
4. Mayor's appointments to the Dunellen Recreation Commission: Chris Cashin and Randee Staats
5. Mayor's appointments to the Dunellen Parking Authority: William Wagner and Glenn White
6. Mayor's appointments to the Dunellen Downtown Management Organization: William Robins, Kenneth Baudendistel, Jason Cilento, Adam Gordon, Margaret Lockwood, Heidi Heleniak and Maria Vitale
7. Mayor's appointments to the Architectural Review Committee: Randee Staats, Roger Dornbierer, Karen Seader, Robert Tunison, Kenneth Bayer

On the motion of Mr. Baudendistel and seconded by Mr. Cilento, it was moved to accept the following:

01-01-2016: #4

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

William M. Robins is hereby appointed Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Borough of Dunellen.

Yes: Baudendistel, Bachorik, Cilento, Lowder and Petracca

On the motion of Mr. Bachorik and seconded by Mr. Baudendistel, it was moved to accept the following:

01-01-2016: #5

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

The following is the list of the Official Borough Council Meeting dates for the year 2016:

Friday, January 1, 2016 -- Reorganization Meeting -- Noon
Monday, January 11, 2016
Monday, February 1, 2016
Monday, February 22, 2016
Monday, March 7, 2016
Monday, March 21, 2016
Monday, April 4, 2016
Monday, April 18, 2016
Monday, May 2, 2016
Monday, May 16, 2016
Monday, June 6, 2016
Monday, June 20, 2016
Tuesday, July 5, 2016
Monday, August 1, 2016
Tuesday, September 6, 2016
Monday, September 19, 2016
Tuesday, October 4, 2016
Monday, October 17, 2016
Monday, November 7, 2016
Monday, November 21, 2016
Monday, December 5, 2016
Monday, December 19, 2016
Sunday, January 1, 2017 -- Reorganization Meeting -- Noon

All meetings are in the Municipal Council Chambers, 355 North Avenue, Dunellen, and begin at 7:00 PM, unless otherwise noted.

Yes: Baudendistel, Bachorik, Cilento, Lowder and Petracca

On the motion of Mr. Baudendistel and seconded by Mr. Cilento, it was moved to accept the following:

01-01-2016: #6

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

The following newspapers be and are hereby officially declared to be the official newspapers for the purpose of publishing official advertisements for the Borough of Dunellen:

Courier News, Home News Tribune, Star-Ledger

provided, however, that the listing of said newspaper herein shall not preclude additional advertising in other newspapers not eligible as official newspapers.

Yes: Baudendistel, Bachorik, Cilento, Lowder and Petracca

On the motion of Mr. Baudendistel and seconded by Mr. Bachorik, it was moved to accept the following:

01-01-2016: #7

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

Whereas, the Borough of Dunellen is required to appoint banks in good standing as depositories for Borough funds; and

Whereas, The Provident Bank, Investors Savings Bank, Bank of America, TD Bank, Valley National Bank, Crown Bank, and PNC Bank are located within or near the Borough of Dunellen; and

Whereas, all of the above mentioned are in good standing.

Now therefore be it resolved that The Provident Bank, Investors Savings Bank, Bank of America, TD Bank, Valley National Bank, Crown Bank, and PNC Bank are hereby designated as the official depositories of the Borough of Dunellen for the year 2016.

Yes: Baudendistel, Bachorik, Cilento, Lowder and Petracca

On the motion of Mr. Petracca and seconded by Mr. Cilento, it was moved to accept the following:

01-01-2016: #8

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

Robert Spengler is hereby appointed Public Defender for the year 2016 at a salary set forth in the Borough Salary Ordinance.

Be it further resolved that health benefits are not provided as part of the position.

Yes: Baudendistel, Bachorik, Cilento, Lowder and Petracca

Mr. Bruder administered the Oath of Allegiance to Mr. Spengler.

On the motion of Mr. Bachorik and seconded by Mr. Petracca, it was moved to accept the following:

01-01-2016: #9

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

In the absence of the designated Public Defender, or during times when a second Public Defender is needed, Daniel Frascella is hereby appointed Alternate Public Defender for the year 2016 at a salary set forth in the Borough Salary Ordinance.

Be it further resolved that health benefits are not provided as part of the position.

Yes: Baudendistel, Bachorik, Cilento, Lowder and Petracca

On the motion of Mr. Baudendistel and seconded by Mr. Petracca, it was moved to accept the following:

01-01-2016: #10

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

The following calendar of employee holidays for the year 2016 be adopted:

January 1	New Year's Day (Friday)
January 18	Martin Luther King Day (Monday)
February 12	Lincoln's Birthday (Friday)
February 15	Presidents' Day (Monday)
March 25	Good Friday (Friday)
May 30	Memorial Day (Monday)
July 4	Independence Day (Monday)
September 5	Labor Day (Monday)
October 10	Columbus Day (Monday)
November 8	Election Day (Tuesday)

November 11	Veteran's Day (Friday)
November 24	Thanksgiving (Thursday)
December 25	Christmas Day (Sunday) (Offices closed on Monday, December 26 th)
January 1, 2017	New Year's Day, 2017. To be included in the Employees' Holidays for 2017. (Offices closed on Monday, January 2, 2017)

Be it further resolved that any day designated by the Governor of the State of New Jersey or the President of the United States be also designated a holiday. Those holidays falling on Saturday will be observed on Friday and those holidays falling on Sunday will be observed on Monday, except where noted otherwise.

Yes: Baudendistel, Bachorik, Cilento, Lowder and Petracca

On the motion of Mr. Bachorik and seconded by Mr. Baudendistel, it was moved to accept the following:

01-01-2016: #11

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR AUDITING SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Dunellen has a need to acquire the services of a Registered Municipal Accountant to conduct an audit of the Borough of Dunellen and the Dunellen Sewer Utility for CY 2015 ending December 31, 2015, as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A- 20.5*; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Hodulik and Morrison has submitted a proposal indicating they will provide the services; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the services is not to exceed \$39,980; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Hodulik and Morrison has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Hodulik and Morrison has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Dunellen in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Hodulik and Morrison from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Dunellen has certified as to the availability of funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Dunellen authorizes the Mayor and Borough Administrator to enter into a contract with the firm of Hodulik and Morrison as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

A copy of this resolution shall be published in the Courier News or other paper of record as required by law within ten days of its passage.

Yes: Baudendistel, Bachorik, Cilento, Lowder and Petracca

On the motion of Mr. Baudendistel and seconded by Mr. Petracca, it was moved to accept the following:

01-01-2016: #12

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR BOND COUNSEL

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Dunellen has a need to acquire Bond Counsel as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A- 20.5*; and,

WHEREAS, the Dunellen Municipal Clerk has determined and certified in writing that the value of the service will exceed \$17,500; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is *one* year; and

WHEREAS, the Law Office of McManimon, Scotland, Baumann has submitted a proposal indicating they will provide the services; and

WHEREAS, the Law Office of McManimon, Scotland, Baumann has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that the Law Office of McManimon, Scotland, Baumann has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Dunellen in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the Law Office of McManimon, Scotland, Baumann from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Dunellen has certified as to the availability of funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Dunellen authorizes the Mayor and Borough Administrator to enter into a contract with the Law Office of McManimon, Scotland, Baumann as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

A copy of this resolution shall be published in the Courier News or other paper of record as required by law within ten days of its passage.

Yes: Baudendistel, Bachorik, Cilento, Lowder and Petracca

On the motion of Mr. Petracca and seconded by Mr. Cilento, it was moved to accept the following:

01-01-2016: #13

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Dunellen has a need to acquire municipal engineering services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A- 20.5*; and,

WHEREAS, the Dunellen Municipal Clerk has determined and certified in writing that the value of the service will exceed \$17,500; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is *one* year; and

WHEREAS, the firm of CME Associates has submitted a proposal indicating they will provide the services; and

WHEREAS, the firm of CME Associates has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that the firm of CME Associates has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Dunellen in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the firm of CME Associates from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Dunellen has certified as to the availability of funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Dunellen authorizes the Mayor and Borough Administrator to enter into a contract with the firm of CME Associates as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

A copy of this resolution shall be published in the Courier News or other paper of record as required by law within ten days of its passage.

Yes: Baudendistel, Bachorik, Cilento, Lowder and Petracca

On the motion of Mr. Bachorik and seconded by Mr. Baudendistel, it was moved to accept the following:

01-01-2016: #14

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

The law firm of Murphy McKeon, P.C., is appointed Special Counsel on behalf of the Borough of Dunellen for matters concerning the Dunellen Sewer Utility, including potential and actual litigation. This appointment is in conjunction with a separate agreement with the Middlesex County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund which will reimburse the borough 50% of the cost of litigation. This appointment is for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

Yes: Baudendistel, Bachorik, Cilento, Lowder and Petracca

On the motion of Mr. Bachorik and seconded by Mr. Cilento, it was moved to accept the following:

01-01-2016: #15

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

The Mayor, Municipal Clerk, Chief Financial Officer, Tax Collector and/or Acting Tax Collector are authorized to be signatories on Borough financial documents and instruments.

Yes: Baudendistel, Bachorik, Cilento, Lowder and Petracca

On the motion of Mr. Baudendistel and seconded by Mr. Petracca, it was moved to accept the following:

01-01-2016: #16

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

1. That pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 the interest rate to be charged on delinquent improvement assessments for the year 2015 is hereby fixed at 8% up to \$1,500 and 18% over \$1,500 per annum.
2. That an additional 6% penalty be charged for a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 when same is not paid by the end of the year mentioned above.
3. That the Collector of Taxes and be and is authorized and directed to provide that no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made within the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the same became due. The interest is to be calculated from the date the tax was due until the date of the actual payment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Tax Collector.

Yes: Baudendistel, Bachorik, Cilento, Lowder and Petracca

On the motion of Mr. Petracca and seconded by Mr. Baudendistel, it was moved to accept the following:

01-01-2016: #17

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

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the Borough of Dunellen finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17-1 empowers authorized municipal employees to process the cancellation of tax refunds and/or delinquencies of less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the Borough of Dunellen further finds and declares that the Municipal Tax Collector is qualified to process the cancellation of tax refunds and/or delinquencies of less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the Borough of Dunellen further finds and declares that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the Borough of Dunellen for the Municipal Tax Collector to be authorized to process the cancellation of tax refunds and/or delinquencies of less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17-1.

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

That the Municipal Tax Collector of the Borough of Dunellen is hereby authorized to process the cancellation of tax refunds or delinquencies of less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) during the calendar year 2015, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17-1.

Yes: Baudendistel, Bachorik, Cilento, Lowder and Petracca

On the motion of Mr. Bachorik and seconded by Mr. Cilento, it was moved to accept the following:

01-01-2016: #18

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

The officially elected 2016 Line Officers and Executive Officers for the Dunellen Fire Department are as follows:

LINE OFFICERS

Chief Jonathan Scott
Deputy Chief Jeremy Lowder
Captain Mark Crawford
Captain William Scott
Lieutenant Benjamin Garnecki
Lieutenant Dan Forte

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

President Benjamin Garnecki
Vice President William Scott
Treasurer Mark Crawford
Corresponding Secretary Sue Connolly
Statistical Secretary Mike Shiminsky
Sergeant-at-Arms George Hodulik
Historian Jack Green

Yes: Baudendistel, Bachorik, Cilento, Lowder and Petracca

On the motion of Mr. Petracca and seconded by Mr. Baudendistel, it was moved to accept the following:

01-01-2016: #19

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

Whereas, NJS A 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the CY 2016 Dunellen Municipal Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

Whereas, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty days of January, 2016.

Now therefore be it resolved that the attached CY 2016 Temporary Dunellen Municipal Budget is hereby adopted.

TEMPORARY 2016 BUDGET

Title	Salaries and Wages	Other Expenses
Administration	12,500	1,000
Legal Advertising		1,000
Telephone		10,000
Financial Administration	20,000	2,000
Assessment of Taxes	4,000	1,000
Collection of Taxes	9,500	5,000
Legal Services	13,500	3,000
Borough Clerk	12,500	2,000
Engineering Services		5,000
Public Buildings & Grounds	2,500	15,000
Electric & Gas		46,000
Planning Board	2,500	2,500
Group Insurance		225,000
Other Insurance		135,000
Mayor & Council	5,500	2,000
Gasoline		16,000
Water		1,500
Postage		2,000
Information Technology		5,000
Fire		10,000
Fire Hydrant Service		19,000
Rescue Squad Contribution		10,000
Police	440,000	25,000
Police – OT	10,500	
School Crossing Guards	16,500	
Dispatcher Services		30,000
Emergency Management	2,000	
Emergency Vehicle Lease		16,000
Road Repairs	110,000	13,500
Tree Maintenance		10,000
Shade Tree		500
Garbage & Trash		6,000
Green Brook Flood Control Commission		500
Board of Health	8,000	4,000
Recreation Commission	10,500	4,000
Senior Citizen Activities		700
Construction Code Official	18,000	1,000
Social Security		40,000
Defined Contribution Retirement Plan		1,000
Municipal Court	32,000	4,000
Free Public Library	52,000	10,000
Municipal Prosecutor	5,000	
*Payment on MCIA Bonds		273,475
*Payment of BAN		57,800
*Interest on MCIA Bonds		60,190
*Interest on Notes		12,000
*Infrastructure Trust Fund		126,211
Intergovernmental/Middlesex County Recycling		21,000
Intergovernmental/Middlesex County Health		9,000

Services		
MCIA Lease Payments		40,855
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Subtotal	787,000	1,285,731
Total Appropriations, before Debt Service		2,072,731
Less: *Debt Service		(529,676)
TOTAL TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS		<u>1,543,055</u>
Total Appropriations, CY 2015, less Capital Improvement Fund and Debt Service		5,901,025
26.25% of Appropriations, less Capital Improvement Fund and Debt Service		<u>1,549,019</u>
TOTAL TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS are less than 26.25% prior year appropriations?		<u>TRUE</u>

Yes: Baudendistel, Bachorik, Cilento, Lowder and Petracca

On the motion of Mr. Petracca and seconded by Mr. Baudendistel, it was moved to accept the following:

2016 Temporary Sewer Budget

Account Title	Salaries	Other Expenses
Overtime	2,500	
Equipment		4,000
Repairs		4,000
Postage		600
Billing Costs		1,000
Legal Fees		200
Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Auth.		147,000
Subtotal	2,500	156,800
Grand Total	159,300	

Yes: Baudendistel, Bachorik, Cilento, Lowder and Petracca

On the motion of Mr. Bachorik and seconded by Mr. Cilento, it was moved to accept the following:

01-01-2016: #21

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

In conformance with public laws of the State of New Jersey, 1996, c.95, sect. 14, Thomas Lanza, Jr., attorney at law of the State of New Jersey, is hereby appointed alternate Municipal Prosecutor under the supervision of the Attorney General or County Prosecutor who may represent the State, County or Municipality in any matter within the jurisdiction of the Central Municipal Court or any other Municipal Court.

Further be it resolved that health benefit coverage will not be made available as part of the compensation package for the position of Municipal Prosecutor, and

Further be it resolved that the term of this appointment is from January 1, 2016 until December 31, 2016, and

Further be it resolved that the 2016 salary will be \$8,348.00.

Yes: Baudendistel, Bachorik, Cilento, Lowder and Petracca

On the motion of Mr. Baudendistel and seconded by Mr. Cilento, it was moved to accept the following:

01-01-2016: #22

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

In conformance with public laws of the State of New Jersey, 1996, c.95, sect. 14, Paul Garelick, attorney at law of the State of New Jersey, is hereby appointed alternate Municipal Prosecutor under the supervision of the Attorney General or County Prosecutor who may represent the State, County or Municipality in any matter within the jurisdiction of the Central Municipal Court or any other Municipal Court.

Further be it resolved that health benefit coverage will not be made available as part of the compensation package for the position of Municipal Prosecutor, and

Further be it resolved that the term of this appointment is from January 1, 2016 until December 31, 2016, and

Further be it resolved that the 2016 salary will be \$8,348.00.

Yes: Baudendistel, Bachorik, Cilento, Lowder and Petracca

On the motion of Mr. Bachorik and seconded by Mr. Baudendistel, it was moved to accept the following:

01-01-2016: #23

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

William M. Robins is hereby appointed the Dunellen Commissioner to the Middlesex County Joint Insurance Fund.

Yes: Baudendistel, Bachorik, Cilento, Lowder and Petracca

On the motion of Mr. Baudendistel and seconded by Mr. Petracca, it was moved to accept the following:

01-01-2016: #24

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

The law firm of Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf is appointed Special Counsel on behalf of the Borough of Dunellen for matters concerning Redevelopment for 2016. This appointment is in

reference to the original appointing Resolution 08-05-2013: #29, and all the terms and conditions of that resolution apply.

Yes: Baudendistel, Bachorik, Cilento, Lowder and Petracca

On the motion of Mr. Baudendistel and seconded by Mr. Petracca, it was moved to accept the following:

01-01-2016: #25

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

NW Financial Group, LLC, Hoboken, NJ, is hired as financial experts regarding redevelopment for the Borough of Dunellen for the year 2016 at the following rates:

Principal:	\$195.00 (hourly)
Managing Director:	\$185.00 (hourly)
Senior Vice President:	\$180.00 (hourly)
Vice President:	\$170.00 (hourly)
Associate:	\$150.00 (hourly)

Payment for these services will be from the Redevelopment Escrow Account established by the Redevelopers, Brudner Redevelopment Partners Urban Renewal, LLC.

The total amount of this certification of funds is not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Yes: Baudendistel, Bachorik, Cilento, Lowder and Petracca

REORGANIZATION MEETING SPEECH
MAYOR ROBERT J. SEADER
1 JANUARY 2016

"The Year in Review and a Look to the Future"

I thank you all for joining us today, this first day of a new year, and, I predict, the first day in what will prove to be a great year for the Borough of Dunellen.

2015 was an eventful year for Dunellen and I am sure that 2016 will be even more significant. Those of you who were here last January 1st to hear my Reorganization Meeting Speech will recall that we certainly said goodbye to 2014 with a surprisingly shocking bang. I am hoping that we all welcome in this New Year more quietly and calmly.

I would like to congratulate Kenneth Baudendistel on his re-election to another three year term as Councilman. Ken's devotion to the people of Dunellen is second to none and we all appreciate his valuable contribution to the welfare of all our residents. And, I welcome our newest councilman, Jeremy Lowder. I know he brings a wealth of knowledge and civic

commitment to these Chambers and I look forward to working with him, and the entire Dunellen Borough Council to ensure that Dunellen is a safe, inviting, and prosperous place to work, live, and raise our families.

The economic condition of the Borough and its residents reflect the larger circumstances of the State of New Jersey and of our nation. As our country fares, so do we. Unfortunately, the effects of the financial downturn our country took in 2008 are still with us, with more people unemployed or under employed or working more jobs to make ends meet than we all would wish. Please believe me when I say to all of you that the Dunellen Borough Council understands the economic realities of day to day life and our goal is to fairly and equitably enhance the quality of life for all our residents.

We do this by carefully analyzing the needs of the residents and responding with efficient and well run departments which closely scrutinize their budgets to make every penny go the distance. The performance of each department is evaluated by councilmen who conduct regular meetings with department heads to ensure that yearly goals are being met and surpassed. Furthermore, the two-way street of communication with our residents has never been wider or more vigorous. All our meetings are publicly advertised and each elected official has a government email that can be used for contacting him directly.

And speaking of open communication, these official email addresses can be found on the new borough web site: www.dunellen-nj.gov

I think you will be impressed by this site's comprehensiveness as it now offers important borough and community information in an attractive format with opportunities to post inquiries directly to the Clerk's Office from the "Contact the Borough" page. Take a few moments to explore the site, and let us know what you think.

I would like to share with you some highlights from the past year.

We continue to develop our relationships with other nearby municipalities utilizing as many appropriate shared services as we can. For example, our DPW Yard is used for leaf and brush collection by Middlesex and Piscataway; our sewer system is overseen by the Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority, which brings great technical expertise to this vital service; and we are eagerly looking forward to joining with Somerset County to oversee our Dispatch Services. In all these joint ventures, our goals are efficiency, cost savings, and service to our residents.

One of the key roles of local government is the maintenance of our infrastructure, our roads and bridges. Last fall, we prevailed upon NJ Transit to paint the railroad bridge at Madison Avenue. Though it temporarily disrupted traffic, and I think the result is a vast improvement over the rusted eyesore we all were so tired of looking at. In 2015, we paved another stretch of Dunellen and we hope to undertake a Madison Avenue Road Improvement project in the Spring, as well as further the decorative lighting up Washington Avenue toward the park and easterly on North Avenue. I think we can all agree that a brightly lit downtown is attractive and inviting for shopping and strolling on warm summer nights.

Our Police Department, under the able leadership of Chief Jeffrey Nelson, welcomed two new officers: Marcin Nierodzik and Nicholas Pepe. A number of our sergeants and officers received awards or commendations for Gallantry and Valor, were honored by the State PBA, and received Life Savings Awards and Meritorious Service Awards. The department added two vehicles to its patrol fleet and, most exciting for Dunellen, Lt. Dan Smith became the first officer in Dunellen's history to attend and graduate from the esteemed FBI National Academy.

Our Volunteer Fire Department kept us safe, going out for 180 fire calls, drills and meetings, with 1700 total man hours. In addition, they conducted 65 Special Details that include work around the firehouse, cleaning, and fundraising, with 2,000 total volunteer man hours. The department will receive a new Rescue Pumper engine to replace one that has seen over thirty-one years' service. The new pumper will have more compartment space to allow the department to grow over the next 30 years as the needs of the fire service continually shift and evolve. It has a new pump design allowing for safer operations by the pump operator and it will also contain cross lays through the side of the truck to allow for quicker deployment of the pre-connected hoses for fire attack.

The all-volunteer Dunellen Rescue Squad, consisting of 10 EMT's and 10 non-EMT's, answered over 400 calls in 2015 and came out to ensure the safety and health at all our public events.

We have seen substantial improvements in our Recreation Department and programs in 2015. Alex Miller organized a very successful summer camp, increased enrollment in our soccer program to over 155 kids, is developing baseball and softball programs, is working closely with our Seniors group in developing new trips and events, and is looking to continue Plays in Park and summer concerts.

If you haven't visited our public library recently, you will be gratified to see a new interior space arrangement that maximizes the shelving and table areas; there are many new programs for adults and children, and the Friends have been sponsoring some very interesting fund raisers that greatly contribute to the book budget.

I continue to be amazed at the vibrancy and community spirit of our town. Whether it's our great High School athletic teams, our community volunteers from church organizations and civic groups such as the Rotary Club, the hard work of our volunteer emergency services, or the way the entire town comes out to help those in need such as after our recent fires. Dunellen is also a fun place to be. Just look at our exciting annual Car Show in June, the dramatic productions under the stars in Washington Park, our September Street Fair, or our October Haunted Trail and HarvestFest. Thousands and thousands of people come out to walk our streets, eat in our restaurants, play in our sports venues, plant trees for Arbor Day or walk in support of our Veterans and fallen military heroes at our Veteran's Day Ceremony and Memorial Day Parade.

I can think of no finer example of "giving to the community" than our Eagle Scouts. Since 2010, there have been 13 young men of Dunellen who have achieved the outstandingly high rank of Eagle Scout. Just two weeks ago, I had the honor to attend the ceremony for Michael Nielsen whose project was the creation of a Memorial Plaque for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Nielsen, and his brother Eagle Scouts, represent the future of Dunellen, and I feel assured that our future is bright.

As I look around this crowded room, a room that is not only the Council Chambers but also serves as the meeting place of the Planning Board and the Municipal Court, I am grateful to our Municipal Court Judge, Dennis Fackelman, who oversees a smoothly running and productive court, to Terry Crisafulli our Court Administrator, her Assistant, Lauren Colletti, our two prosecutors: Thomas Lanza and Paul Garelick, and our Public Defender, Bob Spengler.

I would like to give recognition to our hard working volunteers who serve long hours on the Recreation Commission, which oversees our many athletic and recreational programs; the Shade Tree Commission which plants trees and shrubs in our parks and right-of-ways; the Library Board of Trustees; the Planning Board; the Dunellen Downtown Management

Organization which has developed a “Welcome to Dunellen” brochure you can find on our new web site and runs the October HarvestFest; the Parking Authority, which each year gifts the borough \$50,000 to help lessen the burden of property taxes. The people who serve on our boards and commissions labor at often thankless tasks, but they help create policy, serve as emissaries to the public, often do hard physical labor maintaining vital facilities, and generally ensure that everything runs professionally in their respective departments.

I would also like to recognize the hard work of the Parking Authority personnel, Sandy, Charlotte, and Dave; Scott in the Construction Office and his code officials Mike and Ken; George in Code Enforcement; Ray and Wendy in our Tax Collection Office and Rich the Tax Assessor; Scott Olsen in Finance, Debbie in Accounts Payable; and all the other people who, with dedication and good will, serve the residents of the Borough of Dunellen, day in and day out.

Finally, I must thank Karen, Bobby and Kelly Seader—my family. Without their support and understanding, I could not be sharing this day with you.

In conclusion, I predict that the year 2016 will be one of the most important in the history of Dunellen. As I walk about town, I feel an excitement in the air. Residents feel safer. The business climate is heating up. Community spirit is on the rise. Wonderful things are coming. I am pleased, grateful, and privileged to share Dunellen’s great future with all of you. Thank you and Happy New Year!

At this point, the Ceremony honoring Dunellen’s Volunteer of the Year was held. This year, it was decided to award Mary Mauriello, a long-time resident of the borough who is active in the Girl Scouts, Project Graduation, her church, and many other local concerns. The Proclamation was read by Mr. Baudendistel.

PROCLAMATION

On Awarding Mary Mauriello Dunellen's 2015 Citizen Volunteer of the Year

WHEREAS, Mary Mauriello has been a resident of Dunellen since 1993; and

WHEREAS, Mary and her husband, Anthony, live on South Madison Avenue and have three daughters: Bailie, age 21; Samantha, age 17; and Devin, age 15; and

WHEREAS, Mary has consistently demonstrated that she holds the welfare of the residents of Dunellen in deep regard; and

WHEREAS, Mary has served as a Girl Scout Leader since 2000, helping girls in First Grade through Eleventh Grade by being an outstanding role model and mentor, guiding hundreds of young minds to develop skills and confidence that will last them a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Mary is also very active in many other organizations in Dunellen; and

WHEREAS, Mary has served as Treasurer for St. Luke's Lutheran Church and Footprints pre-school and has been a volunteer and Director of St. Lukes Vacation Bible School; and

WHEREAS, Mary has undertaken extensive volunteer work for both the Watchung Hills Junior Warriors and the Dunellen High School Cheer Groups since 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mary has assisted Dunellen High School's Project Graduation in their Annual Pie Sale, Senior T-Shirts, Locker Decorations, and has helped manage the Concession Stand at Rutgers basketball and football games; and

WHEREAS, Mary has contributed to the Dunellen High School Drama Club by making costumes for the fall and spring plays and conducting numerous fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, in her spare time, Mary is a member of the Dunellen PTO and High School Booster Club.

NOW THEREFORE I, Mayor Robert J. Seader, along with the Borough Council, extend congratulations to Mary Mauriello in awarding her the honor of being Dunellen's 2015 "Citizen Volunteer of the Year."

DATED: January 1, 2016

At this point, the Council honored Joseph Keleman for his Twenty-Five years of service to the borough as an employee in the Department of Public Works and as a volunteer fire fighter. Mayor Seader read the Proclamation and spoke highly of Mr. Keleman and the many contributions he has made to the borough over the years.

PROCLAMATION

**Honoring Joseph Keleman
For Twenty-Five Years of Service to the Borough of Dunellen**

WHEREAS, Joseph Keleman exemplifies the highest qualities of a citizen volunteer and public servant; and

WHEREAS, Joe has been a valued member of the Borough of Dunellen's Department of Public Works since November 26, 1990; and

WHEREAS, in addition to performing his everyday tasks as a consummate professional, Joe has consistently proved reliable and enterprising during storm related and infrastructure emergencies and by his devotion has assisted countless residents under very trying circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Joe has also demonstrated an excellent ability to teach new public works employees the whys and wherefores of a very complicated and important job and in this capacity has been a leader within the department; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Keleman has been a member of the Dunellen Fire Department since 1993; and

WHEREAS, within the Dunellen Fire Department, Joe is an Active Life Member and has served as a Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, along with his fellow fire fighters, Joe has gone out on literally hundreds of fire calls, attended numerous training sessions, and is altogether prepared to risk life and limb in order to protect the safety and welfare of the people of Dunellen.

NOW THEREFORE I, Mayor Robert J. Seader, along with the Borough Council, extend congratulations to Joseph Keleman in honoring him for his Twenty-Five years of Service to the People of Dunellen.

DATED: January 1, 2016

PUBLIC PORTION:

No one from the public spoke.

On the motion of Mr. Baudendistel and seconded by Mr. Petracca, it was moved to accept the following:

01-01-2016: #26

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

The Dunellen Borough Council Meeting of January 1, 2016 is adjourned.

Yes: Baudendistel, Bachorik, Cilento, Lowder and Petracca