

May 6, 2019

Minutes of the public meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen held on May 6, 2019.

Before the meeting began, Mayor Seader welcomed all in the audience and noted that this is a very special occasion for the Dunellen Police Department and for the Borough of Dunellen.

Mayor Robert J. Seader 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: Robert Seader, Kenneth Bayer, April Burke, Jason Cilento, Jessica Dunne, Stacy Narvesen and Joseph Petracca

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Mayor Seader thanked the Police Committee which consists of Council President Cilento, Mrs. Burke and Mr. Bayer. They took on the task of the four promotions (Chief, Lieutenant, and two Sergeants) and it took a tremendous amount of time and he is confident that we got this “very, very, very right.”

On behalf of the Police Committee, Mr. Cilento extended congratulations to the four officers and he thanked all the candidates who applied. We are all looking forward to the new leadership that this department has and thank you for keeping us safe in our town.

Mayor Seader introduced visiting police chiefs: West Orange, Sparta, Green Brook, Piscataway. He also thanked former Dunellen police chiefs Jerry Cappella and Jeffrey Nelson for attending. Mayor Seader then commended Chief Nelson for his service to the Borough. He noted that Chief Nelson probably had the toughest situation to come into, replacing a very good Chief of Police, Gerry Cappella. Chief Nelson kept the department going and kept a proactive approach. He worked within his budgets, worked with himself the mayor and the Council. He kept everyone informed and most important, he kept the town safe. He had the highest priority of keeping the schools safe and there were no incidents over the years that he was Chief. Finally, Chief Nelson kept his men going and kept them safe. His legacy will continue through the men he helped select for hire and promotion.

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Mayor Seader informed the audience of some of Daniel Smith’s accomplishments:

Daniel Smith attended the Somerset County Police Academy in 2000 and first began his career in the Middlesex County College Police Department. He was hired by the Dunellen Police Department in 2001 and since then has served in the patrol division as both a patrolman, a Sergeant, and as Lieutenant. Mr. Smith has served as the Department Domestic Violence supervisor, Domestic Violence Crisis Response Team Liaison Officer, Megan’s law registration officer, Field Training Officer for new officers, Departmental in-service training coordinator, Internal Affairs investigator, registrar of departmental statistics, Sex crimes officer, ALPR supervisor and Detective Bureau

Supervisor. He earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Rutgers University which he attended while working in Patrol. As a Lieutenant in 2015, Mr. Smith attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA. Throughout his career, he has received numerous letters of commendation along with awards for Educational achievement, exceptional duty, firearms proficiency, lifesaving, a Chief's achievement award and a Mothers against Drunk Driving Law Enforcement distinguished service award.

Furthermore, Mayor Seader noted that Dan is highly motivated, smart, and brings a lot of energy to the department. He works tirelessly, getting along with the Council, is a great liaison to the rest of the community, and has a great work ethic. He is very proud and thrilled that Dan will become Chief of Police today.

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

**05-06-2019: #1**

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

Daniel Smith is appointed Chief of the Police Department of the Borough of Dunellen, effective May 1, 2019.

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Cilento, Dunne, Narvesen and Petracca

The Oath of Allegiance was administered by Municipal Clerk William Robins.

Newly appointed Chief Daniel Smith thanked Gerry Cappella for his initial training and for instilling in him a respect for hard work, the same value extolled by his parents. And he thanked Chief Nelson for his years of friendship and guidance. Chief Smith's goals and expectations are simple: to strengthen our current relationship with our community and our residents, whom we are sworn to serve and to protect and to reenergize the department's community policing efforts by exploring an expansion of our capabilities with a K-9 patrol and by reinstating foot patrols and bicycle patrols. He believes that a strong community presence is the key to effective policing. These can all be accomplished with the help of the men of his department and the support of the Mayor and Council.

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Chief Smith provided some background on Christopher Beenders:

Christopher Beenders attended Raritan Valley College before joining the ranks of law enforcement in 1995 while dispatching for North Plainfield Police Department. Mr. Beenders attended the Somerset County Police Academy in 1997 and first began his career with the Dunellen Police Department the same year. He has since served in the patrol division as both a patrolman and Sergeant, served as the department evidence supervisor, as the department domestic violence officer, as the agency Terminal Agency Coordinator for the State Police DMV/Warrant systems, as the department Bias Officer, as the department Discovery coordinator, as the department 911 coordinator, and as department payroll and scheduling supervisor. Throughout his career, Chris has received

numerous letters of commendation and has received awards for meritorious service, honorable service, lifesaving, multiple gallantry stars and a New Jersey State PBA Valor Award.

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

**05-06-2019: #2**

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

Christopher Beenders is appointed Lieutenant in the Police Department of the Borough of Dunellen, effective May 1, 2019, salary as specified in the Agreement Between the Borough of Dunellen and Policeman's Benevolent Association (PBA) Local 146, January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020.

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Cilento, Dunne, Narvesen and Petracca

Municipal Attorney John E. Bruder administered the Oath of Allegiance.

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Chief Smith introduced Christopher Lovell:

Christopher Lovell attended Toms River South High School before joining the ranks of law enforcement in 2000. Mr. Lovell attended the Ocean County Police Academy in 2000 and first began his career in the Seaside Heights Police Department. He was hired by the Dunellen Police Department in 2003 and since then has served in the patrol division, served as the departments Arson Investigator and served as a department firearms instructor. Throughout his career, Chris has received multiple letters of commendation and awards for firearms proficiency, Exceptional Duty, a Gallantry Star, a New Jersey State PBA Valor Award and Officer of the Year.

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

**05-06-2019: #3**

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

Christopher Lovell is appointed Sergeant in the Police Department of the Borough of Dunellen, effective May 1, 2019, salary as specified in the Agreement Between the Borough of Dunellen and Policeman's Benevolent Association (PBA) Local 146, January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020.

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Cilento, Dunne, Narvesen and Petracca

The Oath of Allegiance was administered by Municipal Clerk William Robins.

Chief Smith provided some background on Brian Robbins:

Brian Robbins attended Kutztown University before joining the ranks of law enforcement in 2004. He attended the Cape May County Police Academy in 2004 and first began his career with the Rutgers University Police Department. Brian was hired by the Dunellen Police Department in 2007 and since then has served in the patrol division, served as a Field Training Officer for new officers, served as the department's Megan's Law Registration officer, served as a certified New Jersey Drug Recognition Expert, served as the Department Uniform Crime Report statistical officer, and served as a departmental training officer. Throughout his career, Brian has received multiple letters of commendation and awards for meritorious service, educational achievement, exceptional duty, a Gallantry Star, a New Jersey State PBA Valor Award, a Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award, a Driving While Intoxicated "Top Gun" award, Officer of the Year and Life Saving awards on 5 separate occasions.

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

**05-06-2019: #4**

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

Brian Robbins is appointed Sergeant in the Police Department of the Borough of Dunellen, effective May 1, 2019, salary as specified in the Agreement Between the Borough of Dunellen and Policeman's Benevolent Association (PBA) Local 146, January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020.

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Cilento, Dunne, Narvesen and Petracca

The Oath of Allegiance was administered by Municipal Attorney John E. Bruder.

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Mayor Seader again thanked all the senior officers from other agencies who came to honor Chief Daniel Smith. He also acknowledged the other Sergeants in the department: Jeffrey Del Buono, Prescott Chin and John Doherty. He is sure that Chief Smith and his men will keep us all safe.

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On the motion of Mr. Cilento and seconded by Mrs. Narvesen it was moved to accept the Minutes of April 15, 2019:

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Cilento, Dunne and Narvesen  
Abstain: Petracca, due to his absence

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

**05-06-2019: #5**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CY 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Dunellen, in the County of Middlesex, by majority vote of the full membership,** does hereby determine that the **CY 2019 Municipal Budget** shall be read by its title only, and we further declare that the conditions set forth in **N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8(1A & 1B)** of said section have been met.

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Cilento, Dunne, Narvesen and Petracca

At this point, Mayor Seader opened the meeting to the public for comment on the proposed CY 2019 Budget. No one from the public spoke. This portion was closed.

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

**Resolution 05-06-2019: #6**

**BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Dunellen, County of Middlesex, that the budget herein set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

- (a) \$5,312,272.00 (Item 2 below) for Municipal Purposes
- (e) 204,799.00 (Item 3 below) Minimum Library Tax

**SUMMARY OF REVENUES**

<b>1. General Revenues</b>	
Surplus Anticipated	\$ 350,000.00
Misc. Revenue Anticipated	\$ 1,183,841.74
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	\$ 289,000.00
<b>2. Amt. to be Raised by Taxation for Mun. Purposes</b>	
(Item 6 {a}, Sheet 11)	\$ 5,312,272.00
<b>3. Amt. to be Raised by Taxation Min. Library Levy</b>	
	<u>\$ 204,799.00</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 7,339,912.74</u>

**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS**

1. General Appropriations	
Within "CAPS"	
(a&b) Operations Including Contingent	\$ 4,807,400.00
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Charges	\$ 751,984.00
Excluded from "CAPS"	
(a) Operations	\$ 495,486.74
(c ) Capital Improvements	\$ 50,000.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service	\$ 695,042.00
(e) Deferred Charges – Municipal	\$ 50,000.00
(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$ 490,000.00
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b><u>\$7,339,912.34</u></b>

**Sewer Utility Fund**

Operating Surplus Used	\$ 104,321.00
Sewer User Fees	\$ 770,000.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$ 874,321.00</u></b>
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b><u>\$ 874,321.00</u></b>

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 1st day of April, 2019. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriations is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2019 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

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Borough Clerk

Certified by me  
This 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Cilento, Dunne, Narvesen and Petracca

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

**ORDINANCE 2019-05**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN PROHIBITING SMOKING IN  
BOROUGH PARKS, OPEN SPACES AND RECREATIONAL AREAS**

The following ordinance was Introduced for first reading on April 15, 2019, and a second reading and public hearing is now being held at 7:00 p.m. in the Dunellen Borough Municipal Building, 355 North Avenue, Dunellen, New Jersey on the 6th day of May, 2019, and copies of this Ordinance have been posted on the public bulletin board prior to the date for second reading and final passage and copies of this Ordinance have been available at the Office of the Borough Clerk for any interested members of the public.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40: 48-1 and N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, a governing body of a municipality may make, amend, repeal and enforce such other ordinances, regulations, rules and by-laws not contrary to the laws of this state or of the United States, as it may deem necessary and proper for the good of the government, order and protection of person and property, and for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants, and as may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties conferred and imposed by these subtitles, or by any law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 2C:33-13 of the New Jersey Code of Criminal Justice, entitled “Smoking in Public”, expressly authorizes a municipality to enact ordinances strictly regulating smoking in public places; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the Borough of Dunellen recognizes the well-known health and safety risks posed by smoking as set forth by the State Legislature in N.J.S.A. 26:3D-56; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the foregoing, the governing body finds that it is within the public interest to prohibit smoking on certain public property, such as public parks, open spaces and recreational areas;

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

1. A new Chapter 240 of the Borough of Dunellen Municipal Code entitled “Smoking Prohibited in Certain Public Places” is hereby added to read as follows:

**§ 240-1. Findings and Intent**

The Borough Council finds that:

A. Numerous studies have found that tobacco smoke is a major contributor to outdoor pollution and breathing secondhand smoke is a cause of disease in healthy non-smokers.

B. Secondhand smoke is particularly hazardous to children, the elderly, individuals with cardiovascular disease and individuals with impaired respiratory function, including asthmatics and those with obstructed airway disease.

C. The smoking of tobacco products is also a form of air pollution, a danger to health and a material public nuisance.

D. Electronic smoking devices have not been approved as to safety and efficacy by the federal Food and Drug Administration, and their use may pose a health risk to persons exposed to their smoke or vapor because of a known irritant contained therein and other substances that may, upon evaluation by that agency, be identified as potentially toxic to those inhaling the smoke or vapor.

E. As a result, the governing body of the Borough of Dunellen hereby adopts the foregoing as justification for this Chapter with the purpose of protecting the public health and welfare by prohibiting smoking in certain smoke-free public places, which are more specifically defined below, to guarantee the right of non-smokers to breathe smoke-free air and to recognize the public's need to breathe smoke-free air as a priority over an individual's desire to smoke.

**§ 240-2. Definitions**

The following words and phrases, whenever used in this Chapter, shall be construed as defined in this Section:

A. **“PUBLIC PARK, OPEN SPACE AND RECREATIONAL AREA”** shall mean all public parks, playgrounds, ball fields, and open land which are open to the public, and which are publicly owned or leased by the Borough of Dunellen, and all property owned or leased by the Borough of Dunellen upon which the public is invited or upon which the public is permitted and where individuals gather for recreational activities, including all areas adjacent to such facilities, including, but not limited to, any parking area, driveway or drive aisle.

B. **“SMOKING”** shall mean inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or other lighted tobacco product or any other lighted substance, or the inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying of smoke or vapor from an electronic smoking device, whether otherwise legally possessed or consumed, in any manner or in any form.

**§ 240-3. Smoking Prohibited**

Smoking is hereby prohibited in all public parks, open spaces or recreational areas.

**§ 240-4. Signage**

A conspicuous sign clearly stating that smoking is prohibited shall be posted at each park, open space and recreational area. The international “No Smoking” symbol may also be used, consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a red bar across it.

**§ 240-5. Enforcement**

This Chapter shall be enforced by the Dunellen Police Department, Code Enforcement Officer, and Public Health Officer.

**§ 240-6. Violations and Penalties**

Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$250 for the first offense, \$500 for the second offense and \$1,000 for each subsequent offense.

2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

3. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon (i) adoption, and (ii) publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

At this point, Mayor Seader opened the meeting for public comment on the ordinance.

Trina Rios, 317 Third Street, asked if the ordinance covered vaping? Mr. Robins responded that it did cover electronic devices.

This portion was closed.

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Cilento, Dunne, Narvesen and Petracca

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

**05-06-2019: #7**

**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, Cilento, Dunne, Narvesen and Petracca

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

**05-06-2019: #8**

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

WHEREAS, it has been determined by information obtained from the assessor's office that the following properties are a single-family residence, and

WHEREAS, these properties were billed as a two family residence.

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

That the proper Borough officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to cancel 1 unit.

Account ID	Name	Amount
197-0	Volpi, Patrick & Madeline 244 First St. (1 Unit)	\$350.00
927-0	Zhang, Xian Zhi 604 First St. (1 Unit)	350.00
1152-0	Yabidi, Victor 725 Dunellen Ave. (1 Unit)	350.00
543-0	Vail, Alfred & Diane 352 First St. (2 Units)	350.00
	<b>No Refund Required</b>	

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Cilento, Dunne, Narvesen and Petracca

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

**05-06-2019: #9**

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

2019 Summer hours for employees of the Municipal Clerk's Office, Tax Office, and Municipal Court will be as follows, for the term May 24, 2019 to August 30, 2019:

Monday through Thursday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with a one hour lunch break

Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Cilento, Dunne, Narvesen and Petracca

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

**05-06-2019: #10**

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

Lucy Singura is hired as an Assistant in the Dunellen Tax Assessor Office, at a rate of \$25.00 per hour, not to exceed in total \$725.00. This award is to come out of Account # 9-01-20-150-000-133.

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Cilento, Dunne, Narvesen and Petracca

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

**05-06-2019: #11**

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

Dunellen Borough Council resolution 03-18-2019: #10 is amended as follows:

Robert Venezia is hired as a part-time employee of the Dunellen Department of Public Works to review department policies, procedures and practices, at a rate of \$50.00 per hour, for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. This is a position without benefits.

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Cilento, Dunne, Narvesen and Petracca

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

**05-06-2019: #12**

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

Approval is granted to the Dunellen Defender Fire Company No. 1 to hold street fairs on Sunday, June 23, 2019 and Sunday, September 29, 2019.

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Cilento, Dunne, Narvesen and Petracca

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

**05-06-2019: #13**

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

Whereas, there exists a need to purchase a garbage truck for the Department of Public Works, with trade-in of our current truck; and

Whereas, a quote was received from:

John and Sebas Trucking Corp., Dunellen, NJ -- \$40,000.00  
(includes the trade-in of our current truck worth \$10,000)

The funds for this contract have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen, that a Mack 32 yard Packer, 2005, garbage truck be purchased from John and Sebas Trucking Corp., for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00, plus the trade-in of our current truck worth \$10,000.

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Cilento, Dunne, Narvesen and Petracca

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Reports:

Mr. Petracca: no report.

Mrs. Burke: 1) Dunellen Public Library will be having Russian Dancers perform next Wednesday, 5/15; 2) the Memorial for the Fire Department was held this past Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, which was very welcoming; 3) Fire Company will be having their Bag Bingo on May 10<sup>th</sup>; 4) Street Fair on June 23<sup>rd</sup>; 5) she is scheduling a ride-along with MCIA's Recycling Supervisor.

Mayor Seader noted that at the meeting last week with the MCIA recycling people, he informed them that the prior company had begun pick-ups early in the morning and he saw that this was done last Wednesday and hopes they continue. He also reported that the recycling business is less profitable, and the County had to contribute over \$1,000,000 to keep the current contract going.

Mr. Bayer: noted that no one wants recycling materials.

Dr. Dunne: 1) we have seen the latest draft of the new web site and are nearing the roll-out; 2) Middlesex County is scheduling "Set the Table" events and we have one on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at Zupkos. They suggest that between 6-8 people is a good number, so she will be opening it up to the public and if more people are interested they will be chosen by a lottery system. The topics are the future of the County, what you would like to see, what are your priorities? This is all part of a large outreach for Destination 2040, Middlesex County's comprehensive master plan that

will affect all things that touch our lives: transportation, public health, education, recreation and more.

Mr. Cilento: 1) June 14<sup>th</sup> deadline for the July edition of *The Dunellen Report*; 2) on behalf of the Dunellen Downtown Management Organization, he attended the April 23rd Main Street program in Montclair. It was very educational; 3) he met with Lauren Meyers, Julie Grof and Jim Ashworth about an email blast program to promote the downtown; 4) Police Committee had met on the promotions, which we all saw tonight; 5) Dunellen Arts and Culture Commission are finalizing summer events which will include Yoga and music programs and they are trying to get a theatrical company to bring back plays; 6) Summer Arts Camp registration is ongoing; 7) he will be attending a May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Raritan Valley Line and the NJ congressional delegation traveled the tunnels and will be calling for additional funding; 8) thanked the Central Jersey Stream Team and Fire Chief Jeremy Lowder and Janine McNair for their help in organizing the event and walking the streams on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Narvesen: 1) Playground Committee cleanup was cancelled because of the weather.

Mayor Seader: 1) Jeremy's grandmother is sick so he cannot be here tonight, but he wanted to thank Jeremy and Janine for their help with the stream cleanup. They found 19 tires in the brook and filled up 2-3 dump trucks. About 50 people showed up to help and he hopes this will become an annual event; 2) Memorial Day Parade is coming soon. He will be the Grand Marshal. There will be banners and he asks that everyone show up to show support for everything we have in our country; 3) Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 11:00 am, will be the grand opening of the PAR Building (old Towne Pharmacy building). Everyone is invited; 4) again, he congratulated the newly promoted offices and noted that tickets are up significantly; 5) finally, he informed everyone that we now have a new municipal court judge, Katherine Howes. John Bruder helped with the selection, she is highly recommended, and she has experience in other municipal courts.

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## **PUBLIC PORTION**

Janine McNair, 219 Gertrude Terrace, thanked Jason, Jeremy, Bill and the DPW for their help with the Stream Cleanup. As noted, 19 tires were taken out of the streams and two large truck loads of debris. She hopes to see many more Dunellen residents the next time. She is looking to have Spring and Fall cleanups.

Joe Casey, 600 South Avenue, brought an issue to the Council's attention regarding his escrow account and invoices from CME. He also had a question regarding his Affordable Housing obligation. Mr. Bruder offered to review what Mr. Casey brings him regarding the COAH ordinances.

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

**05-06-2019: #14**

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

The Dunellen Borough Council Meeting of May 6, 2019 is adjourned.

Yes: Bayer, Burke, Cilento, Dunne, Narvesen and Petracca

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