

January 1, 2015

Minutes of the public meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen held on January 1, 2015.

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 2014 Council.

Present: Mayor Robert J. Seader, Kenneth Baudendistel, Kenneth Bayer, Jason Cilento, Thomas Cote and Joseph Petracca

Absent: Mark Bieniek

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

01-01-2015: #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 2014 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, Bayer, Cilento, Cote and Petracca

The Oath of Office for John E. Bruder was administered by Judge Dennis Fackelman.

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

01-01-2015: #2

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

Dennis Fackelman is hereby appointed Municipal Judge for the Borough of Dunellen for a term of three years, said term to begin January 1, 2015 and to expire December 31, 2017.

Yes: Baudendistel, Bayer, Cilento, Cote and Petracca

The Oath of Office for Judge Dennis Fackelman was administered by Municipal Clerk William M. Robins.

Mayor Seader praised Judge Fackelman for his fair dispensing of justice. Judge Fackelman thanked the Council for the re-appointment and noted the good work being done by Court personnel: Terry Crisafulli, Lauren Colletti, Joseph Stransky, Robert Spengler, Thomas Lanza, and Paul Garelick.

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

01-01-2015: #3

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

The 2014 Dunellen Borough Council is hereby adjourned.

Yes: Baudendistel, Bayer, Cilento, Cote and Petracca

The Oath of Office for Councilman Kenneth Bayer was administered by Judge Dennis Fackelman.

The Oath of Office for Councilman Kevin Bachorik was administered by Judge Dennis Fackelman.

Mayor Robert J. Seader called to order the 2015 Borough Council. The Roll Call was taken by Municipal Clerk William M. Robins:

Present: Mayor Seader, Kenneth Baudendistel, Joseph Petracca, Kenneth Bayer, Jason Cilento, Thomas Cote and Kevin Bachorik

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

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

01-01-2015: #4

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 2015.

Yes: Baudendistel, Petracca, Bayer, Cilento, Cote and Bachorik

At this point, the following appointments were made:

1. Mayor's appointments to Standing and Special Committees
2. Mayor's appointments to the Planning Board: Roger Dornbierer, Barbara Seif, Scott Luthman and Kenneth Bayer
3. Mayor's appointments to the Library Board: Tom Davis and Cindy Beam; George Deene is appointed the Mayor's Delegate to the Library Board
4. Mayor's appointments to the Dunellen Shade Tree Commission: Cindy Beam and Cate Walsh
5. Mayor's appointments to the Dunellen Parking Authority: James du Hamel and Clifford Vail
6. Mayor's appointments to the Dunellen Downtown Management Organization: William Robins, Kenneth Baudendistel, Jason Cilento, Adam Gordon, Margaret Lockwood, Noreen Dunn, Heidi Heleniak, Maria Vitale and Marc D'Agusto

7. Mayor's appointments to the Architectural Review Committee: Randee Staats, Roger Dornbierer, Ellen Byrnes, Karen Seader, Robert Tunison, Kenneth Bayer

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

01-01-2015: #5

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, Petracca, Bayer, Cilento, Cote and Bachorik

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

01-01-2015: #6

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 2015:

Thursday, January 1, 2015 -- Reorganization Meeting -- Noon
Monday, January 5, 2015
Monday, February 2, 2015
Tuesday, February 17, 2015
Monday, March 2, 2015
Monday, March 16, 2015
Monday, April 6, 2015
Monday, April 20, 2015
Monday, May 4, 2015
Monday, May 18, 2015
Monday, June 1, 2015
Monday, June 15, 2015
Monday, July 6, 2015
Monday, August 3, 2015
Tuesday, September 8, 2015
Monday, September 21, 2015
Monday, October 5, 2015
Monday, October 19, 2015
Monday, November 2, 2015
Monday, November 16, 2015
Monday, December 7, 2015
Monday, December 21, 2015

Friday, January 1, 2016 -- Reorganization Meeting – Noon

All meetings are in the Municipal Council Chambers, 355 North Avenue, Dunellen, and begin at 7:30 PM, unless otherwise noted.

Yes: Baudendistel, Petracca, Bayer, Cilento, Cote and Bachorik

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

01-01-2015: #7

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, Petracca, Bayer, Cilento, Cote and Bachorik

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

01-01-2015: #8

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 2015.

Yes: Baudendistel, Petracca, Bayer, Cilento, Cote and Bachorik

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

01-01-2015: #9

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

Joseph Stransky is hereby appointed Public Defender for the year 2015 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, Petracca, Bayer, Cilento and Bachorik

No: Cote

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

01-01-2015: #10

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

Robert D. Spengler is hereby appointed Alternate Public Defender for the year 2015 at a salary of \$233.00 per session.

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

Yes: Baudendistel, Petracca, Bayer, Cilento, Cote and Bachorik

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

01-01-2015: #11

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

The following calendar of employee holidays for the year 2015 be adopted:

January 1 New Year's Day (Thursday)

January 19 Martin Luther King Day (Monday)

February 12 Lincoln's Birthday (Thursday)

February 16	Presidents' Day (Monday)
April 3	Good Friday (Friday)
May 25	Memorial Day (Monday)
July 4	Independence Day (Saturday); Offices closed on Friday, July 3rd
September 7	Labor Day (Monday)
October 12	Columbus Day (Monday)
November 3	Election Day (Tuesday)
November 11	Veteran's Day (Wednesday)
November 26	Thanksgiving (Thursday)
December 25	Christmas Day (Friday)
January 1, 2016	New Year's Day, 2016. To be included in the Employees' Holidays for 2016.

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, Petracca, Bayer, Cilento, Cote and Bachorik

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

01-01-2015: #12

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 2013 ending December 31, 2014, 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 \$39,200; 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, Petracca, Bayer, Cilento, Cote and Bachorik

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

01-01-2015: #13

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 John G. Hudak has submitted a proposal indicating they will provide the services; and

WHEREAS, the Law Office of John G. Hudak has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that the Law Office of John G. Hudak 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 John G. Hudak 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 John G. Hudak 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, Petracca, Bayer, Cilento, Cote and Bachorik

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

01-01-2015: #14

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, Petracca, Bayer, Cilento, Cote and Bachorik

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

01-01-2015: #15

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, Petracca, Bayer, Cilento, Cote and Bachorik

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

01-01-2015: #16

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, Petracca, Bayer, Cilento, Cote and Bachorik

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

01-01-2015: #17

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, Petracca, Bayer, Cilento, Cote and Bachorik

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

01-01-2015: #18

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 2014, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17-1.

Yes: Baudendistel, Petracca, Bayer, Cilento, Cote and Bachorik

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

01-01-2015: #19

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

The officially elected 2015 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 Brian Kriete

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

President William Scott
Vice President Benjamin Garnecki
Treasurer Mark Crawford
Corresponding Secretary Andre Tirado
Statistical Secretary Nick Towey
Sergeant-at-Arms George Hodulik
Historian Jack Green

Yes: Baudendistel, Petracca, Bayer, Cilento, Cote and Bachorik

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

01-01-2015: #20

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

Whereas, NJSA 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the CY 2015 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, 2015.

Now therefore be it resolved that the attached CY 2015 Temporary Dunellen Municipal Budget is hereby adopted.

[Copies of the Temporary Municipal Budget are available at the Municipal Clerk's Office.]

Yes: Baudendistel, Petracca, Bayer, Cilento, Cote and Bachorik

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

01-01-2015: #21

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

Whereas, NJSA 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the CY 2015 Dunellen Sewer Utility 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, 2015.

Now therefore be it resolved that the attached CY 2015 Temporary Dunellen Sewer Utility Budget is hereby adopted.

[Copies of the Temporary Sewer Utility Budget are available at the Municipal Clerk's Office.]

Yes: Baudendistel, Petracca, Bayer, Cilento, Cote and Bachorik

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

01-01-2015: #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, 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, 2015 until December 31, 2015, and

Further be it resolved that the 2015 salary will be \$8,184.00.

Yes: Baudendistel, Petracca, Bayer, Cilento, Cote and Bachorik

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

01-01-2015: #23

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, 2015 until December 31, 2015, and

Further be it resolved that the 2015 salary will be \$8,184.00.

Yes: Baudendistel, Petracca, Bayer, Cilento, Cote and Bachorik

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

01-01-2015: #24

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, Petracca, Bayer, Cilento, Cote and Bachorik

REORGANIZATION MEETING SPEECH
MAYOR ROBERT J. SEADER
1 JANUARY 2015

"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.

2014 was an eventful year for Dunellen and I am sure that 2015 will be even more significant.

I would like to congratulate Ken Bayer on his re-election to another three year term as Councilmen. Ken has been a great liaison to the Department of Public Works. I'd like to welcome back Kevin Bachorik to his seat on the Council. I am pleased to be able to work with them for the next three years.

I'd like to give a special thank you to Mark Bieniek who took over after his father's passing and proved to be a valuable member of our governing body.

As I look about the room I am convinced that the Borough's elected officials have the best interests of all our residents as their primary goal and I look forward to working with all of you: Misters Petracca, Baudendistel, Bayer, Bachorik, Cilento, and Cote in the coming year.

2014 was a year filled with much personal sorrow. Tragedy and misfortune came to many in Dunellen. Some of us lost friends and loved ones. Others suffered the devastation of loss through fire and other natural disaster. All of us grieve the passing of residents such as John Colucci and Henry Hodulik who served the people of Dunellen faithfully and tirelessly.

On a larger front, though the national and State economies appear to be recovering from the Great Recession of 2008, economic fortunes in Dunellen are not yet being lifted in the rising recovery tide.

Too many of our residents still live in fear of foreclosure or are out of work or under-employed and there are too many Dunellen businesses finding it difficult to keep their doors open. All of our property values remain lower than in 2007.

I am well aware of the personal hurt many of you are experiencing and I want to assure everyone that the elected officials to whom you have entrusted the governance of your

community recognize your pain, feel your fear, and collectively we pledge to continue to make your municipal government receptive and responsive to your needs.

In our current economic climate, it is a constant challenge to maintain essential services while keeping property taxes as low as we safely and reasonably can. Each year, we get a high score on the state's Best Practices Survey of municipal budgeting and management procedures, and we adhere strictly to the 2% CAP on revenues and expenditures.

As our town has demonstrated time after time, we are skilled at going it alone and doing it our way. Are these tough times? Sure they are! But I firmly believe as Robert H. Schuler once said: "Tough times never last, but tough people do." Good things are soon to come to Dunellen and I have no patience with those who cry doom and gloom and surrender to daydreams of a past that never was.

Abraham Lincoln once said: "The best way to predict the future is to create it." And we are doing that each and every day in Dunellen.

We have much to be proud of as we begin a new year, and I'd like to share a few of our highlights with you.

First, Dunellen downtown: the old Towne Pharmacy building looks like it is nearing completion of its remodeling and expansion. The three-story mixed use residential and commercial building across from Borough Hall is now complete, and a similar one is planned to go next to Advance Auto Parts on North Avenue. All will bring some interesting new commercial and professional tenants, along with new residents who will live in our downtown.

In other parts of town, general contractors have been building new homes on old plots and many home owners have decided to stay in Dunellen and to expand or upgrade their houses.

The most exciting news is also the most important event to happen to Dunellen in 50 years: we are moving ahead with the development of the old Art Color complex. As you already know, there is proposed a retail building on South Washington Avenue, a large anchor store such as a supermarket in the center, and upwards of 340 townhouses in the back. The entire project will be designed to reflect our proud railroad tradition and be in conformity with our Transit Village designation.

We continue in our efforts to find every way we can to minimize municipal expenses. A principal way is through our very helpful system of shared services with the County of Middlesex, the City of Edison, the Borough of Middlesex and the Township of Piscataway in the areas of yard waste, gasoline, health services, dispatch, and animal services, among many others.

The Sanitary Sewer Utility is now well established and about to begin its third year of raising important revenue for capital improvements while shifting the financial burden to those who discharge more water into our sewer system. We have a number of important rehabilitation projects underway for 2015 regarding pipe repair and pumping station improvements.

North Avenue is a festive treat for the eyes this holiday season, due in part to the new street lamps that have been installed from Madison Avenue to Washington Avenue. I am pleased to tell you that we have received a Transit Village grant to extend those lights up toward Washington Memorial Park.

Infrastructure improvements are very important for Dunellen. Later this month, we will be holding the bid for Dunellen Avenue Phase II, a project that will repave that street for two long blocks between Lincoln Avenue and Madison Avenue. We were also awarded \$300,000 to repave a section of Madison Avenue, from North Avenue to we hope First Street.

Other ongoing projects include the South Avenue Railroad Culvert, which when completed will greatly diminish upstream flooding; a Middlesex County project to fix the culvert

on South Madison Avenue adjacent the Fire House, a second County culvert project on Gertrude Terrace, and a third County culvert project on South Avenue near Hall Street. Our goal in all these projects is to alleviate the potential for localized flooding during heavy weather events and to use the lower flood elevation data to prevail upon FEMA to re-draw their unfair and disastrous flood maps that have hurt so many of our residents.

Last year, I spoke of our collective vision of turning Dunellen into a cultural and entertainment mecca. Many groups are helping to make this a reality. One notable artistic enterprise was Plays in the Park from Dunellen Skylight Theatre Productions which presented a riotous "Putnam County Spelling Bee" last August. Other groups include Gravity Arts Initiative and the Washington Rock Ballet. Finally, the Edward Maurer Foundation held its third annual Haunted Trail in Columbia Park last October to benefit the Maurer House in our new Open Space park off Mountainview Terrace.

We were sorry to see the retirement of Dunellen Library Director Joan Henry after ten years of excellent service to the library customers in Dunellen. But are pleased to welcome our new Library Director, Samuel Latini, who comes to us from Carteret and I am sure that Carteret's loss will be Dunellen's gain. The Dunellen Library continues to be the Jewel in the Crown of Dunellen and an invaluable resource to our community. It circulated over 39,368 items in 2014 and as a cooperative member of the Libraries of Middlesex Automation Consortium loans thousands of items to out of towners, as well as enabling Dunellen residents to borrow from over 30 regional libraries. Last year, the library received over \$14,759 in donations, provided nearly 478 programs to adults, children and teens, and counted over 14,046 users on its public computers. The annual Friends Holiday Party in December was a great success and the library continues to be on the cutting edge of innovative technology by offering wireless Internet so patrons can use their laptops anywhere in the building. Other significant accomplishments include a wildly popular summer reading program and book discussion groups for children and adults.

The Recreation Department had an interesting year as the Commission did an outstanding job running the department and its programs while we searched for a new director. In September, Alex Miller came on board and he quickly showed that he has what it takes to continue the department's fine tradition of fun and educational programs for children, teens, and adults. Over 200 Seniors enjoyed picnics and parties and trips to the movies. Community events included the Halloween Parade, Santa Around Town, the Holiday Lighting Ceremony in Washington Park, the Holiday House Decorating Contest, and the Easter Egg Hunt.

The Department of Public Works continues its excellent job of keeping our Borough running well through its regular clean-up of the streams and catch-basins, building and parks maintenance, street sweeping, leaf bag collection, roll off, and the countless other tasks Jerry Schaefer, Ron Safar, and their small but dedicated staff do each and every day, most of it quietly and behind the scenes. They really came through last winter keeping the streets plowed during that terrible almost three month long snow storm.

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 new Deputy, Lauren Colletti, our two prosecutors: Thomas Lanza and Paul Garelick, and our Public Defenders, Joe Stransky and Bob Spengler. The Dunellen Municipal Court brought in approximately \$200,000 in revenue in 2014

and its personnel processed nearly 5,000 cases, one of the highest rates in central New Jersey, and they do so with fairness and efficiency.

The Dunellen Police Department is ever vigilant under the leadership of Chief Jeffrey Nelson. In 2014, the Department perfected their use of the new e-ticket system that speeds up and enhances the roadside stops. Hundreds of Dunellen residents came out for National Night Out in August. The Department received two new vehicles, Ford Interceptor Explorers, to replace two Dodge Chargers at the end of their useful patrol life. The new SUV's are more functional while being as powerful and getting better gas mileage than traditional police patrol vehicles. The Department also welcomed new patrolman Nicholas Goldman to its ranks, received more than \$50,000 in grants, made 51 DWI arrests and 3,000 motor vehicle summonses.

The 49 members of Dunellen's volunteer Fire Department had a very productive year with 334 fire calls, meetings and events and 6,100 hours devoted to outstanding public service.

The volunteer Dunellen Rescue Squad is thriving with new members and continues to provide emergency medical services to our residents as well as participating in community events and readiness at high school athletic games.

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 received a \$20,000 grant to plant trees and shrubs in our parks and right-of-ways and was awarded the Tree City Certification for the 10th year; the Library Board of Trustees; the Planning Board; and 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.

And speaking of volunteers, I would like to thank the many service organizations who enhance the quality of life for all our residents: the Dunellen-Green Brook Rotary Club sponsored its month-long Pasta Festival at Zupko's Cinema and Restaurant in April, a Classic Car Show in the Skinner Plaza parking lot in June, Shredding Day for documents in September, and provides hot chocolate to the children at the annual Tree Lighting ceremony in bitter cold December. The Dunellen Education Foundation held another great 5-K run in September and gives out thousands of dollars of funding to worthwhile educational projects each year.. The American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars sponsored the Memorial Day Parade which brought out hundreds of marchers and the Veteran's Day celebration that was appropriately recognized at a solemn ceremony in Washington Park. DREAMS, the parent support group for the disabled children in our school district, donated five iPads to the Multiply Disabled class. Other important civic organizations include the boys and girls scouts, FISH, the Knights of Columbus, the Dunellen PTO, the Dunellen Historical Society, the Dunellen Lions Club, and the Friends of the Dunellen Library.

I am particularly proud of our Destroyer High School Football team, which Coach Dave DeNapoli led to another great season and that also saw his 100th career game victory.

I extend a special thank you to the dedicated men and women who staff our Fire Department and our Rescue Squad. These volunteers daily demonstrate their commitment to public service. I sleep better at night knowing that these men and women are well trained and well supplied. Their community spirit is a model for us all. The Fire Department's annual Street Fair in September is always a wonderful opportunity for the entire town to turn out for a day of

festivity and food on our main street. This yearly event is now being followed during the Columbus Day weekend with the Dunellen Downtown Management Organization's HarvestFest where over 100 artists and crafters sell their creations in Washington Memorial Park.

Dunellen is truly a volunteer community and we could not exist without all these people.

I would now 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 Donna in our Tax Collection Office and Rich the Tax Assessor; Scott Olsen in Finance, Debbie in Accounts Payable; Samantha our Deputy Registrar, 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 2015 will be one of the most important in the history of Dunellen. The long-elusive goal of downtown Redevelopment is slowly becoming a reality. New and renovated buildings with new businesses for our residents are replacing old and tired structures. Walking the streets of our downtown, I feel energy in the air, an excitement I haven't perceived in years. Things are moving. Community spirit is on the rise. Wonderful possibilities 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 two: Jennifer Desmelyk and Laura Ruskuski, members of the Dunellen Recreation Commission. They and the entire Recreation Commission did outstanding work during the Recreation Department transition period. Each recipient was given a commemorative plaque and a Proclamation was read:

PROCLAMATION

On Awarding Jennifer Desmelyk and Laura Ruskuski Dunellen's 2014 Citizen of the Year

WHEREAS, Jennifer Desmelyk and Laura Ruskuski are long-time residents of Dunellen; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer resides on Maple Street with her husband Robert and three sons: Alex, Jamie, and Jonathan; and Laura resides on Jackson Avenue with her husband John and two daughters, Alexandra and Kathryn;

WHEREAS, Jen and Laura have consistently demonstrated that they hold the welfare of the residents of Dunellen in deep regard; and

WHEREAS, Jen moved to Dunellen thirteen years ago and immediately fell in love with our small town; Laura was born and raised in Dunellen and is a third generation Dunellenite; and

WHEREAS, Jen has been an active member of the PTO for thirteen years, served on the Little League Board for eight years, also served on the Washington Rock Pop Warner Board, and is currently a member of the Dunellen Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, Laura is a member of the Dunellen Recreation Commission and has been a volunteer in many capacities for the Recreation Department, going as far back as 1982 when she began her softball coaching career under the guidance of Clem Santy; and

WHEREAS, in early 2014, misfortune came to the Dunellen Recreation Department resulting in the absence of its director. The Department's communications and logistics capabilities were severely compromised. Scores of programs for hundreds of Dunellen children, teens and seniors were in jeopardy.

WHEREAS, Jennifer Desmelyk and Laura Ruskuski led a team of truly dedicated Recreation Commissioners in a monumental rescue that literally saved the Dunellen Recreation Department from floundering; and

WHEREAS, Jen's and Laura's team collectively devoted thousands of hours recreating files, establishing phone chains, arranging for coaches and umpires and supplies, holding planning and implementation meetings, writing procedures and policies, reaching out to parents and vendors, and responding to hundreds of telephone calls and emails; and

WHEREAS, Jen's and Laura's team spent many additional hours searching for a new Recreation Director, making sure that the candidates reflected the enduring spirit and exceptional values embodied by the can-do ethic Jen and Laura demonstrated all summer.

NOW THEREFORE I, Mayor Robert J. Seader, along with the Borough Council, extend congratulations to Jennifer Desmelyk and Laura Ruskuski in awarding them the honor of being Dunellen's 2014 "Citizen of the Year."

DATED: January 1, 2015

At this point, the Council honored the recipient of its Lifetime Achievement Award. This year, two outstanding residents were recognized: Elizabeth Burger and George Hodulik. Mayor Seader praised Betty Burger and related personal anecdotes of her varied and passionate contribution to the borough. Each recipient was given a commemorative plaque and a Proclamation was read:

**BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN
MAYOR AND COUNCIL PROCLAMATION**

**On Awarding ELIZABETH A. BURGER
Dunellen's 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award**

WHEREAS, Elizabeth A. Burger, affectionately known as Betty, was born in Philadelphia to an American father and an Assyrian mother from Iran and grew up in a large, close community of Assyrian-American immigrants; and

WHEREAS, Betty earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in clinical psychology from Gordon College in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Betty attended Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary where she studied Scripture and theology and worked on the school newspaper; and

WHEREAS, in 1980 Betty was ordained in New Jersey and in 1981 began her service as pastor at Freedom in Christ Baptist Church, a position she held until 2014; and

WHEREAS, Betty is the Chaplain of the Dunellen Rescue Squad and Chaplain of the Dunellen Police Department, P.B.A. Local 146; and

WHEREAS, Betty is a long-time resident of Dunellen and a Life Member of the Dunellen Rescue Squad; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Burger has served on the Professional Ministry and Church Relations Committee of the American Baptist Churches New Jersey and she has served on the General Board of the American Baptist Church USA; and

WHEREAS, Betty is married to the Reverend William J. Burger, III, and has two daughters, Kris and Keri; and

WHEREAS, Betty has joined her Church's Board of International Ministries and works passionately to spread the mission's goals and strategies around the globe.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen, that Pastor Elizabeth A. Burger is thanked for her long service to Dunellen and is awarded Dunellen's Lifetime Achievement Award and that all people should acknowledge Betty's hard work and selfless deeds on behalf of all in our community.

Proclaimed this 1st Day of January, 2015

Mayor Seader spoke fondly and affectionately of George, relating personal stories he had witnessed of George's commitment to the borough.

[Note: During Mayor Seader's Introduction of George Hodulik, the mayor felt unwell and was unable to continue. The proclamation was read into the record.]

**BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN
MAYOR AND COUNCIL PROCLAMATION**

**On Awarding GEORGE HODULIK
Dunellen's 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award**

WHEREAS, George Hodulik was born on February 22, 1926, at 740 Walnut Street in Dunellen and attended school in Dunellen until his junior year when he began work at Mack Motors in Plainfield to help support his family; and

WHEREAS, though underage, George enlisted in the United States Navy on January 13, 1944, where he spent 13 weeks at boot camp at Great Lakes, Illinois and then was sent to Treasure Island, San Francisco for education in boiler-tending; and

WHEREAS, after training, George served on the USS Wren and the USS Fiske, both destroyers. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Medal, three stars (each representing a different battle), the American Theater Medal and a Victory Medal awarded to those who were actively serving when the Second World War ended. Being in the Navy Reserves, George was called back for duty in the Korean conflict and served from September 1950 to February 1952 on the USS Frybarger and the USS Bottineau; and

WHEREAS, between serving on naval vessels, George found time to meet Dorothy, whom he married in 1953. They have four children: David, Michael, Gerard and Pamela. George built a family home across the street from where he was born; and

WHEREAS, George received an engineering certificate from Rutgers and worked at National Union Radio as a toolmaker, at Summit Lab as a machinist/toolmaker, and at Stavid Engineering as a model-maker from which he retired in 1990; and

WHEREAS, George and his brother Henry helped start the Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter in Dunellen in 1946 and has been a member of there ever since, as well as a member of St. John the Evangelist Church, Our Lady of Fatima, the Dunellen Knights of Columbus, American Legion Post 119, and the Tin Can Sailors (retired Navy) Club; and

WHEREAS, George has been a member of the Dunellen Defender Fire Company #1 since 1964 and is a Life Member.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen, that George Hodulik is thanked for his long service to Dunellen and is awarded Dunellen's Lifetime Achievement Award and that all people should acknowledge George's hard work and selfless deeds on behalf of all in our community.

Proclaimed this 1st Day of January, 2015

[Note: The emergent situation of the mayor's discomfort was such that an immediate adjournment was in order. Because of this, no public portion was held.]

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

01-01-2015: #25

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

The Dunellen Borough Council Meeting of January 1, 2015 is adjourned.

Yes: Baudendistel, Petracca, Bayer, Cilento, Cote and Bachorik
