

The following are my personal notes, not official meeting minutes. For official minutes, please go to the Delanco Municipal Building, 770 Coopertown Rd.

Delanco Township Committee July 8, 2013 started at 7:50

Present: Ciancio, Templeton, Jass (absent), Dillenbeck, Fitzpatrick

Also Present: Mr. Schwab, Township Administrator; Mrs. Lohr, Municipal Clerk; Mrs. Martin, Deputy Municipal Clerk; Mr. Kirschner, Township Engineer; Mr. Heinold, Township Solicitor; Chief DeSanto, Delanco Police; Mr. Fenimore, Spt. of Public Works

Fitzpatrick: Apology for the delay. Professionals were here that we needed to meet with.

Fitzpatrick: Moment of Silence: John Maher Board of Ed and Sewer Authority Member, full colonel in the Army

ORDINANCE 2013-7 to amend 2013-2 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO PROVIDING FOR AND DETERMINING THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES"

2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ORDINANCE 2013-7 - none

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Passed unanimously

\*\*\*INTRODUCTION OF NEW DELANCO POLICE OFFICERS\*\*\*by Chief DeSanto  
Mike Russell has worked for the sheriff's department for seven years, and as a class 2 officer with us for a year. Lifelong dream is to be a Delanco Officer.  
Scott Hamlin - dedicated to public service, already volunteer member of EMS and Fire Department. Shows great promise. Parents have raised a good son.  
Fitzpatrick congratulated both candidates. Knows the family of both new officers.  
To Mr. Hamlin - Nice to be in this position and to see this young man move up in the ranks. Very happy that you were able to go through the Academy and become a police officer.

Oath was administered to Officer Russell.

Fitzpatrick: Once Scott graduates, he will be sworn in. Jesse, you did a good job. I have a contact at Governor Christie's office, who keeps in touch and asks if Delanco needs anything. I haven't asked for anything yet. I will speak with him about the Cops grant.

\*\*\*STATUS REPORT FOR HIGH POINT DEVELOPMENT PLANS\*\*\* Corner property of Newton's Landing subdivision. When the road was realigned, the planning board reexamined for master plan. As part of the plan, they recommended an ordinance revision including a housing component. Certain recommendations were acted upon; others were not. We have a draft ordinance to add that. They are proposing 14 cottage style detached age restricted homes. Because of the affordable housing component...they aren't proposing anything on that site and we don't want them to, but there needs to be a provision for the low income housing.

## COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Heinold:

-Dunes Litigation - Three days of trial before Judge Suter at end of June. Not concluded –back again midmonth and the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July. Judge may not make a decision that day, but we should get one shortly after that. Case is about where the tidelands line falls on the Dunes property – goes back to the king’s law and ownership. State has made an aggressive claim on our property. Our expert differs. Won’t resolve all of our issues with the state, but will go a long way with ownership.

Kirschner:

-Field of Dreams – contractor submitted two sets of plans – both rejected by Taylor Design. Hoping Taylor would be here. Fitzpatrick: He wasn’t feeling well. Now set back a month on schedule but may be able to make up some of the time.

-RiversEdge Basin- contractors starting work tomorrow. That will be the last thing on the punch list there.

-Wednesday – meeting with Mr. Fenimore regarding Maple

-Tax map maintenance – trying to schedule meeting with the assessor. Should be ready to resubmit to state in three weeks.

Fitzpatrick: Mr. Hildenbrand of Poplar Street was here. He believes that when the reconstruction was done there, they cut off his main.

Kirschner: Informed contractor. They will make the repair after the PSE&G markdown.

-UST closure – took samples. Appeared fine pending lab results.

Fitzpatrick: Please give copy to Janice do she can get it out.

Schwab: I forwarded it to everyone.

Fitzpatrick: July 3? I have it.

## COMMENTS - PROFESSIONALS COMMENTS

### TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Schwab:

- assessor’s report – note 126 settlements. Net revenue loss \$128,000 – request was for \$195,000 so it’s not as bad as it could be

- budget meeting with departments will be held soon.

-Cash management plan will allow us to switch to Investors Bank to avoid \$8000 in fees. Once adopted, we can do the transfer

## DEPARTMENT HEADS

### 1. Police

-In June, did background checks and applications for new officer

-Free training by sheriff’s department for two newest crossing guards in August

### 2. Public Works

-84 yds of brush

-cut each township property four times due to rain

-removed 5 trees – 3 more came down at West Ave.

- Trimmed 7 trees
- One stop and two street signs
- Cut vacant properties
- Will meet with engineer to discuss Maple Avenue. Hope they can do the whole street

### 3. Municipal Clerk

- Attended Hazardous Mitigation Plan meeting – Dillenbeck and rep from engineering company attended. I recommend that we submit Hickory flooding problem and identify other areas.
- Kitty Martin completed her second administrator’s course – received 100% on her test.

Fitzpatrick: In Sept. 2010, we discussed having Janice certified as Public Manager Program. She has completed the course at Rutgers on June 28, 2013. I should have presented that when more people were in the room. Delanco is lucky to have Janice. She continues her education, which helps us.

### COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Dillenbeck: Attended Sewer, (missed one) Graduation, Friends of Cyrus, Township Reassessment Meeting, Water Drill, Mitigation meeting, Living Springs, Fire Officers meeting, fire in Beverly, EMS call, fire call in Riverside, viewing of John Maher. On July 14<sup>th</sup> at noon, tractor pull parade will go through town. They will stop at the fire house for a half hour since it is half-way through the four hour event.

### Templeton:

- Spent three days in court on Dunes litigation – not LA Law, very impressive to watch Mr. Heinold and our expert. Interesting process - time-consuming and expensive. I feel good about where we’ve been and what I saw. Hopefully it will have a positive outcome and that we don’t have a dump in town at the state’s insistence. I have about a thousand hours in research in this process.
- Attended eighth grade graduation
- Attended tax reval meeting – question came up – company says they have nearly completed their reval. Lot of people weren’t noticed. Info is on the center of the webpage. Tax assessor is compiling a list of homes that have and haven’t been visited. It’s important that township residents keep up with this and get an accurate valuation.

### Ciancio

- Library Board – Thom Lord is replacing Sue Bryski. Women’s Club donated \$600 for special equipment. No meeting July and August. New officers – Maureen Barrett, President; Lynda Russikoff, Vice President; Meryle Melnicoff, secretary; Ron Naylor, treasurer; Judy Fowkes, corresponding secretary.
- School Board – Recognized students for perseverance. From July 8-Aug 2, summer School Program for qualified students. Board will meet on July 17 and Aug. 21

- Attended Friends of Cyrus open house– weekly program for adults with developmental disabilities after their public education services have ended. Property is across from closed Motor Vehicle Commission location.
- Shade Tree Commission – resident requested tree be removed due to interference with gas line and sump pump. Commission will review. Delanco named Tree City USA for fifth year – environmentally sensitive and proactive. Mr. Kirschner, please allow Shade Tree Commission to comment on any trees involved in your projects. Kirschner: We will.

Fitzpatrick:

- Congrats to Shade Tree
- Attended DYSA closing ceremonies. Several teams won championships or went to the playoffs DYSA clean up day of the fields on July 20. Will offer soccer sponsorships to current baseball and softball sponsors
- Attended 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation. Gave out some awards. (Read thank you note from one of the students.)
- Attended Rio concert at Hawk Island. Members are residents. Weren't as many people as usual.
- Township Committee met with Doug and our expert regarding the Dunes on a Friday night. Thanks to Doug and Mike for all of the hours they have spent presenting this case. I know that they have done the best job they can. We will at least have some boundaries set.
- Attended Friends of Cyrus open house. Learning life skills and computer skills. There is a quiet room if they don't feel like interacting. They bring their clothes to learn to wash and dry them.
- Attended tax reveal meeting. Disappointed that a lot of residents haven't been contacted. Hope they are following up.
- Burlington County – Shop Burlington County First meeting tomorrow night at 6pm. I will ask them to send us the minutes.
- I many not have a day job, but spend my days on online applications. It was easier when you made an appointment and went for an interview.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - SESSION ONE - none  
 MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

ORDINANCE 2013-8 TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2013-2 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO PROVIDING FOR AND DETERMINING THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES” 1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR AUGUST 5, 2013

RESOLUTION 2013-94 SPECIFYING SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES WITHIN DELANCO TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION 2013-95 RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2013-6-CASH  
MANAGEMENT PLAN

RESOLUTION 2013-96 REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT

RESOLUTION 2013-97 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN THE  
SUSTAINABLE JERSEY MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ACCOUNT AMOUNT

GENERAL \$ 683,706.29 PAYROLL 143,441.91 CAPITAL 2,188.00

PUBLIC DEFENDER FUND 343.41 DOG TRUST 132.50 TRUST 1,006.65

MCPL OPEN SPACE 11,435.00

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 6/10/13 & 6/21/13

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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Coorespondence:

-resignation of John Denlinger from Environmental Advisory Board as of July 1.

-Resignation of Lauren Whitney from Recreation Commission

Motion to accept them with regret passed unanimously

Fitzpatrick: Advertise those vacancies in *Beverly Bee*

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SESSION TWO – none

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. ENERGY AGGREGATION UPDATE – table to August

2. FERAL CAT PROGRAM

Fitzpatrick: A few years ago, some residents were feeding feral cats. I was working with county to cage them. There was another area in town where residents are feeding feral cats. Burlington City is doing an ordinance that would prohibit feeding feral cats. I will definitely go to the residents to let them know that they aren't helping the cats. Best thing to do is not to feed them. Skunks eat from the food too. Food for thought for the committee. There is a benefit for the other residents. I feel bad for the cats. I took one in myself and tried to nurse it back to health but it didn't work out.

Dillenbeck: Previous Animal Control officer said that the law states that if you feed them, they are yours. If you exceed the two cat limit, it's cut and dried.

Fitzpatrick: You would have to have proof of who is feeding them.

Templeton: I'm not enthusiastic about spending money on another ordinance. We have lots of ordinances about dogs. That's highly regulated. There is no system to cross check the number. We have people who walk their dogs off a leash. Who is going to call the chief and say there is a dog crapping in my yard or there is a dog off

a leash? Why would you call and take an officer to deal with that? It can't fall to the chief to be the mom and dad to everyone. It takes a community to set and maintain a standard. There has to be some kind of community involvement. Our neighbors flaunt the rule.

Fitzpatrick: I sent Phil and Richard out to the one house that had the four dogs. Bill did a survey years ago. Otherwise, how do you know? Are they registered? People want us to address the problem.

Templeton: I was cleaning up my yard on Memorial Day. People went by with a dog. I said Hi and they did and they let their dog crap in my yard.

Fitzpatrick: I put in new sod and now it's all yellow spots from dogs.

DeSanto: We have a contract for animal control that we can utilize.

Fitzpatrick: They will come out if someone will cage the animals, but they don't provide the cages anymore.

Fitzpatrick: As members of Township Committee, we have an obligation to let Phil or Animal Control or Jesse to let them know when something is going on in town.

Lohr: On the traps, they had suggested that Delanco purchase them. They didn't have a problem placing them. I don't know if they would set them if we invested in them.

Fitzpatrick: Can you look into the budget and see if there is any money there for that?

### 3. REVIEW OF FALL 2013 COMMUNITY EVENT DATES

Fall Town-wide Yard Sale - 9/28 Community Day - 10/12 Fall Festival - 10/19 5K Run - 10/26 Rabies Clinic 11/2 Santa Parade & Tree Lighting - 12/7 Carriage Rides - 12/14 Santa-Around-Town - 12/21

July 20<sup>th</sup> - bird house building at the Dunes. Resident will present.

Fitzpatrick: Not sure about 5K Run

Fitzpatrick: Just got a text with a photo with bowls of food.

Adjournment

*Submitted by Maureen Barrett*