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Township Committee Meeting – January 9, 2006

Present: DiCarlo, Hinkle, Ouelette, Fitzpatrick

Municipal Clerk Lohr, Administrator Corcoran, Deputy Clerk Zimmerman, Chief Parsons, Engineer Jay Kruse, Solicitor Doug Heinold

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Consent Agenda Items:

Resolution 2006- 20 authorizing the amount of the award of contract for professional services

Resolution 2006- 21 authorizing the execution of a municipal solid waste/recycling service contract with Burlington County for the provision of sold waste/recycling services

Resolution 2006- 22 appointing mayor’s substitute as a Class I member of the Joint Land Use Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D (Marline Jass will be the mayor’s substitute and was so sworn later in the meeting.)

Resolution 2006- 23 2005 budget reserve transfers

Resolution 2006- 24 refund of certificate of habitability application fee

Resolution 2006- 25 refund of construction permit overpayment

Resolution 2006- 26 refund of 2005 tax overpayment

Resolution 2006- 27 appointing Fund Commissioner – Joint Insurance Fund

Resolution 2006- 28 appoint Fund Commissioner – Municipal Excess Liability JIF

Resolution 2006- 29 appointing risk management consultant – Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

Resolution 2006-30 appointing risk management consultant – Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund

Payment of Bills:

General	\$491,118.03
Payroll	96,045.94
Capital	975.78
Trust	12,007.75

Housing Trust 4,630.79
Consent agenda approved – passed unanimously

Discussion items:

1. Feasibility study for regional solid waste collection services – Corcoran AVR, Consultant for Solid Waste, has been awarded a grant to study options and alternatives for the future. No cost for the township.
Hinkle: Which towns are participating?
Corcoran: Beverly and Edgewater Park. Willingboro was in, but not now due to their size. Grant hopes to look at cost for regional solutions. Ex. owning our own trucks?
2. Fitzpatrick: Pipes's request for lower taxes on his COAH properties. Has given the information to Heinold. Checked with tax assessor – aren't properties already receiving a lower rate?
Corcoran: Yes, reduction in assessment and therefore in taxes of 40%.
3. Fitzpatrick: Info to Heinold to review and recommend possible ordinance regarding sex offenders. Ready for next agenda?
4. Fitzpatrick: Two open positions on Joint Land Use Board have been filled – by Ken Pauline (alternate #2) (Sworn during this meeting) and Terry Mader (alternate #3). There are still open positions on Recreation Commission, Shade Tree Commission and on Sewer Authority. If interested, submit a letter to Township Committee.

Meeting open to the public:

Resident of Burlington Ave. – received a letter regarding his rental property from Randy Johnson regarding fire inspection. Resident felt that the same items had just been inspected as part of the rental inspection he paid for. Fire inspection requires a fee too.
Lohr: Fire district isn't under Township Committee
Resident: Seems like now I'm being considered a business
Lohr: You should address this with Randy Johnson.
DiCarlo: Do you know anyone else who got one?
Resident: John Browne didn't get one.
Fitzpatrick: Explain to Randy what you've already had done and report back.
Heinold: We can't control what the fire district does.

Resident of Pennington : Newton's Landing Homeowners Association also got form from Randy Johnson for public room in clubhouse. It's something new.
Asked for update on land swap for the path along the creek
Kruse: Couldn't walk there due to the weather. Friday at 2:00 Pulte, Kruse, and Matt Johnson (Burlington County) will walk the property so they can proceed with the agreement.
Resident: Residents at Newton's Landing have noticed barrels on the side of the creek. Some are 55 gallon drums that look like they've been there for years. Wondering what's in them and who is responsible for cleaning them up.
Kruse: Within floodwaters of the creek so it could be FEMA or NJ – multiagency cleanup. Will walk with resident on Friday to observe firsthand.

Parsons: Hard to get anyone to clean it up. Police couldn't get anyone to remove a car from the creek.

Resident of McKay Way: Hopes Committee is going to carefully consider tax assessments on COAH property. We're a small town and there are going to be a lot of them.

Fitzpatrick: Committee will. Wondering if the COAH properties on the Rosner property got additional abatement. Pipes is applying to all the towns in which he owns property.

Meeting closed to the public

Correspondence: None
Comments:

Solicitor Heinold:

- Enterprise Drive settlement on Jan. 16
 - Closing on old municipal building Saturday, Jan. 14
- DiCarlo: What does the new owner do?
Fitzpatrick: It will be office space – dental or doctors

Engineer Kruse:

- Enterprise Drive – Jan. 16
- Burlington to Cooper project to DOT for scope
- Phase I Bridge to Bend – PSE&G installation pending
- Pine St. – to state to check wording for grant
- Perkins Lane – DOT aide \$115,000 proposal
- DOT Transportation Enhancement Phase III – didn't receive funds – no town in Burlington County did
- Willow Street – working on No Parking – as soon as possible – ordinance for next meeting

Township Administrator Steve Corcoran:

- Municipal building closing Saturday if anyone has items still in the building
- Committee has been aggressive about expenses, particularly the mayor. Birdsall will credit town with \$12,300 due to accidental double building for new municipal building.

Police Chief Parsons:

- 304 Holly Street to have reserved parking spot. Resolution 2006- 31

Hinkle: When restaurant went to the planning board, reserved parking was a condition so it shouldn't be a problem.

- Will rental unit placards identify the number of people who are living in the unit?

Fitzpatrick: Will be filed with township on rental and fire inspections

Corcoran: Staggering inspections to even it out to 25 per month. New placards will have occupancy and also info on trash collection in a couple of languages.

Fitzpatrick: Number will also be on township's registration form to landlord

Lohr: Officer can cite on that basis.

Resident of Burlington Ave.: You mean for every change of tenant, I need to get a new registration and inspection even if I just paid for one?

Corcoran: We will try to synch with your lease. We're trying to address a small group of people in response to residents' complaints.

Comments Township Committee:

Fitzpatrick:

-To Parsons: Snow removal from handicapped parking? Do we have an ordinance?

Lohr: We have an ordinance. There may be a requirement to remove vehicles for plowing ...will check.

Parsons: We don't have a problem with snow removal from handicapped spaces.

Fenimore tells us about vehicles in the way of the plows. We run the tags and get them removed.

Lohr: (checking code) 295-20 provides for emergency no parking.

Ouelette:

-Residents have mentioned the "mad painter" graffiti

Parsons: they have painted bridge, Walnut and Pearson Schools, and Mrs. Walsh's fence. Some gang references.

DiCarlo:

-Historical Preservation Advisory Board identified 62 homes over 100 years old and wants to mark them. Would like to mark sites of previous businesses. Requested a line item in the budget. Working on oral history. Have received donations. Will look through the books in the library at Zurbrugg Mansion to see if any are valuable.

Hinkle:

-Sewer Authority Meeting 7:00 on Tuesday – reorganization in February.- opening on Authority – apply by letter

-When are the monuments to be moved?

Corcoran: This week

Fitzpatrick:

-Next meeting is January 23

-By motion to JLUB – Ken Pauline

Notes submitted by Maureen Barrett