

Township Committee Meeting 23 January 2006

Present: Devinney, DiCarlo, Hinkle, Ouelette, Fitzpatrick Municipal Clerk Lohr, Administrator Corcoran, Police Lt. Sacalis

Consent Agenda Items: Ordinance 2006- 1 was removed for discussion at the request of Ouelette

Resolution 2006- 33 supporting the "Buckle Up South Jersey" Seat Belt Initiative Enforcement Grant

Resolution 2006- 34 2005 budget reserve transfers

Resolution 2006- 35 appointing a substitute Fund Commissioner to the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and Municipal Excess Liability JIF

Resolution 2006- 36 appointing 2006 Community Development Block Grant Program Representative

Resolution 2006- 37 authorizing membership in a mutual aid and assistance agreement with participating units

Payment of Bills: General \$51,891.31 Payroll 96,045.94 Capital 62,966.61 Housing Trust 4,589.89

Approval of minutes: 12/19/05 and 1/2/06 Approval of department reports

Appointment of Marlene Jass and Michael Templeton to the River Route Advisory Committee for 2006.

Appointment of Joseph Busler to the Delanco Historical Preservation Advisory Board  
Consent agenda approved

Discussion Items: 1. Ordinance 2006- 1 amending Chpaters 295-4 and 195.32 of the township code 1st reading by title only and set public hearing date for Feb 6, 2006 - This is for a new no parking zone on the inner curve of the bend on Willow Street. Committee is acting in response to residents' requests and the difficulty getting emergency vehicles and snow plows through with cars parked on both sides.

2. Proposed ordinance addressing "sex offender residency and other limitations"

Committee has reviewed ordinance and has questions for solicitor - to next agenda Feb. 6

3. Request for tax relief for certain COAH (affordable housing) units by Kent Pipes.

DiCarlo: Is it normal for most townships to do this? Fitzpatrick: They are already getting 40% off. I asked Lynn Davis if MEND properties get an additional break Lohr: Not to my knowledge Devinney: Shouldn't be a special exception. Has to be based on numbers.

It's not practical. Ouellette: COAH is supposed to be a help - not a free ride. This isn't in the best interest of the COAH program. Concerns should be addressed to the state level

DiCarlo: Shouldn't do it if we don't have to. I'm not ready to make a decision tonight.

Fitzpatrick: I was going to call a vote next. Hinkle: I read the report submitted by Pipes.

It was not a good report - lacks information. His rentals aren't low; they are quite high.

He says he's not breaking even. We shouldn't do this. Fitzpatrick: The consideration they have been given is enough. Hinkle: I'm still against it. Motion to deny Pipes's request

passed unanimously. Letter will be sent to him.

Two additional appointments (oaths administered): Steve Schofield to Shade Tree

Commission for 5 year term Joseph Busler to Historical Preservation Advisory Board

Meeting open to the public: Resident of Burlington Ave. As landlord, reported back to Township Committee regarding letter from Randy Johnson mentioned at last meeting.

Corcoran: Fire inspection is part of the new fire ordinance passed last year. Resident:

Rental and fire inspections are identical except fire inspector uses smoke to check smoke alarms. Randy acknowledged redundancy. Letter was actually received in error as owner-occupied units aren't required to be inspected unless the tenant changes. Fire inspectors are certified by the state. Are rental inspectors? Fitzpatrick: we can't stop him from inspecting. It's required by the state. We're required by ordinance to inspect as well. Randy wants to work with committee to avoid double bill. Corcoran: Rental inspectors are certified by the state though certification is different than that of fire inspectors. Fitzpatrick: State requires additional inspection if there are more than 4 units every five years. In the past, Township has waived inspection in that year. Resident: Can they do it at the same time? Now I'm paying \$135 for one unit. Fitzpatrick: Reviewed the ordinance after the last meeting. Township has been lax in the past. At some point, may inspect every other year, but we don't see it now.

Resident of Pennington: Website has now been updated with new committee members' names, but is still wrong. Information about trash and holidays isn't right. Hinkle: I agree Lohr: The calendar we mail with your tax bill is done way in advance. It's hard to get the trash pickup right because the company changes holidays. Right now, we have to go through a webmaster to put things on the site.

Resident of Buttonwood Ave: Received a letter concerning a shed in his yard that was approved by Township Committee 20 years ago. Hinkle: I remember Resident: I'm being fined \$1000. It would take a crane to move it. Hinkle: My memory is that the shed is against zoning. Is it in good repair? Painted? She will talk to the zoning officer.

Fitzpatrick: Let Joan handle it. Corcoran: My response when it was brought to my attention was, "Are you nuts? It's been there forever." Fitzpatrick: Most requests to Township Committee are reasonable. We try to be fair.

Resident of Burlington Ave: Update on website? Devinney: We're moving the project forward. I've done some websites in the past. We have a plan and it should be up in the not too distant future. Fitzpatrick: We're waiting for training. It would be great if it could be done online as other training I've received so we could train members of other township groups.

Meeting closed to the public

Correspondence Lohr: 1. Brochure regarding Census 2010 for elected officials 2.

Meeting at Human Services Building regarding Community Development Grants though it isn't our year to apply. Fitzpatrick: 1. Seminar at BCIT regarding GIS 2. Letter from Judge Sweeney, assignment judge, he's been received a lot of routine questions so he's opening a day to begin dialogue regarding some common misunderstandings.

Comments - Township Administrator Steve Corcoran 1. Washington Fire Company has identified a safety issue on the 800 block of Rancocas Ave. It's narrow. Wanted to know what could be done. Fitzpatrick: Talk to Bill Birdsall or Jay. We have an easement and were going to apply for another grant to do the work. 2. JIF - fees vs. claims for Delanco - we take out what we put in. Incentives to township departments have a big impact. 3. Tax collection rate is 97% - an all-time high.

Police Lieutenant Sacalis: 1. JIF - checklist for what we want to do this year.

Comments Township Committee: Oeulette: No comment

DiCarlo: 1. Recognized Joe Busler for volunteering 2. Library Spring Tea theme "Spring Foolery Tea" on April 1 3. Pearson School to have Ladies Night Out. Call for details 4. County Library Board acting to make Delanco Library a wireless center in February

Devinney: 1. Attended seminar for newly elected officials and will attend one on JIF 2. Website in progress

Hinkle: 1. Sewer Authority has five year capital improvement plan \$100,000 to keep everything in good shape. Have had problems with infiltration. Plan worked well in the past.

Fitzpatrick: 1. Jan. 24 Beverly to honor two long-term government members ( I didn't catch the names.) 2. School Board Meeting a pleasure Krista Ouelette was named "Student of the Month " for responsibility. 3. School construction is \$800,000 under budget - planning to address some items on the wish list

Next meeting February 6, 2006

Notes submitted by Maureen Barrett

#### Township Committee Meeting 9 January 2006

Present: DiCarlo, Hinkle, Ouelette, Fitzpatrick  
Municipal Clerk Lohr, Administrator Corcoran, Deputy Clerk Zimmerman, Chief Parsons, Engineer Jay Kruse, Solicitor Doug Heinold

#### 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