

The following are notes taken at the Township Committee meeting on July 10. For official minutes, please go to the Delanco Municipal Building at 770 Coopertown Rd.

Meeting called to order at 7:45 pm; Devinney, DiCarlo, Hinkle, Ouellette, Fitzpatrick present. After the flag salute and Sunshine statement, all observed a moment of silence for Lee Veale of the NJ Conference of Mayors. (Not certain of the particulars.)

Ordinance 2006-10: an ordinance to amend chapter 224 of the code of the Township of Delanco entitled "Public Records, Access To" second reading and public hearing. Despite the ominous-sounding title, this is a change to better recoup costs associated with providing copies of public records. I missed the exact amounts, but the new proposed charges seemed reasonable. Mostly, the staff is trying to avoid having to make copies of very large documents that no one ever picks up. (I guess this is a problem?) They are raising the fees slightly, and I believe asking for payment in advance. No public comment; passed unanimously.

Resolution 2006-105 Honoring Detective Gary Pippin. Mayor Fitzpatrick read the resolution aloud thanking Mr. Pippin for 25 years of service to Delanco. Passed unanimously.

Township Engineer Kathy Elliott presented the latest on the Pine Street Improvement project. This is to include Pine Street between Union and Rancocas. Street will be repaired, not replaced, but all sidewalks and curbing are to be replaced and ramps added at corners. Eight mature trees will be lost. We will replace them (with smaller trees) and will try to plant the new street trees inside the sidewalk actually on the homeowner's property. The Township will still have the job of planting and maintaining these "street" trees. It is hoped that this will allow the trees to grow to a larger size without lifting the new sidewalks, while still providing the beauty and shade that enhances the streetscape.

Consent Agenda Items:

Resolution 2006-106 Authorize the execution of the interlocal services agreement between the Burlington County Bridge Commission and the Township of Delanco. This pertains to the Lippincott Building (on Burlington Ave near the bend, I think). The Bridge Commission has granted us money for demolition/cleanup/reuse of this property?? Not sure.

Resolution 2006-107 Appointing Acting Emergency Management Coordinator (Winston Chafin)

Resolution 2006-108 Resolution supporting Assembly Bill A-172 and Assembly Bill A-553. (172 is protect a municipal clerk from lawsuits stemming from the open records act; 553 allows municipalities to negotiate with their employees on health insurance.)

Payment of Bills

General        \$565,034.49

Payroll	134,559.80
Capital	2,582.31
Trust	1,958.00
Housing Trust	9,320.63

Approval of Business Licenses: 2006-31 through 2006-42, 2006-44, 2006-47 through 2006-51, 2006-53, 2006-55, 2006-56, 2006-59

Approval of Department Reports

Consent agenda passed unanimously.

Meeting opened to public. Patricl McElroy of Pennington Court had heard that a trucking company had asked for permission to work in the overnight hours. He was concerned about noise. Mayor Fitzpatrick advised him that the matter will be addressed by the Joint Land Use Board on Wednesday and that he should go to that meeting with his concerns.

Jack Hoefle of Pennington Court asked why Newton's Landing Boulevard had yet to be paved. Was the Sewerage Authority going to be doing work? He was advised that Committee had been talking with Pulte about finishing the street and that they were pressuring Pulte to get on it. They were not aware of any sewerage projects upcoming, but would advise Pulte to check with them. Mr. Hoefle then asked about the path along the creek--who maintains it? Still Pulte at this point.

Marlene Jass of Pennington Court asked about the areas adjoining the retention (detention?) basins behind Pennington. The weeds are getting quite high and are a great tick habitat. Mr. Corcoran advised her that the county only allows mowing of the area twice a year, so that they remain in a natural state. The basins had been planted with something else, but apparently it died and the weeds came in. Ms. Jass expressed concern about the health risks.

Meeting closed to public.

Discussion Items:

1. Receipt of Bids and Engineer's Recommendation for Phase II Burlington Avenue Streetscape Project. We got three bids for this, the lowest from Budd Concrete at \$285K. Both Mr. Heinhold and Ms. Elliott recommended that we accept this bid: resolution 2006-109 doing just that passed unanimously.

2. Curbside Recycling Survey Results. About 85 households in our town are not recycling, as required by law. Poatcards will be sent to these people, reminding them of the rules. They can be fined. Recycling saves our Township thousands each year. Please encourage your neighbors to recycle.

3. Route 130 River Route - Map To encourage visibility of the river area, the Burlington County Times will feature a "Town of the Week." The RiverLine had a train tour of the region for over a hundred developers recently. We expect about 425 housing units in the "Golden Triangle" in Riverside soon. Edgewater Park is planning a medical facility and senior housing. Beverly and Edgewater Park are jointly planning for commercial development around their RiverLine station. The Route 130 group still had our OLD redevelopment map. Mayor Fitzpatrick asked for someone to make sure they got the new one--Mr. Ouellette volunteered. Our current redevelopment map has only two areas: Coopertown Road and the Mansion. We plan no new areas. Committee was adamant that they know this before getting developers all excited.

4. Letter of Support for Endangered Species The Audobon Society has asked NJ townships to write to the Governor to ask him to preserve habitat. Committee resolved to do this.

5. Sex Offender Residency Restriction Map We have the ordinance, now we need a map to enforce it so that police know which properties are affected. Mr. Heinhold will write an amendment to add the adoption of the map to the ordinance.

6. Mansion Update Our request for proposal (RFP) brochure is out. Deadline is September sixth at 2 pm. There will be an Open House tomorrow - only for prospective purchasers. (It isn't a House Tour.) Public Works has really spruced up the grounds. Our "lady of the Delaware" (nice turn of phrase from Mr. Corcoran) will be shown at her best and we hope for many good ideas. We also have a slide show available for prospective purchasers available by email, so this can go nationwide. I think he also said it's on the Township website.

7. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Code to Regulate Brush, Limb, and Stump Pickup Procedures - Introduction by title only 2006-11 Intended to regulate the amount and diameter of brush that the Township will pick up from residents. All voted "yes."

Correspondence: Eric Wolford sent a thank you note for the Bret Harris Award; Ilene (?) thanked the Township for allowing her to be the Grand Marshall at the parade.

Mr. Corcoran reported that our website is being revised to have more content. It will look much the same, but have more info. Should be up by tomorrow. Tax collection rate is very high so far this year (very good for the Township). NJTransit is working with us to increase parking at the train station. There will be temporary parking in a grass area. Later it will be paved.

Mr. Fenimore reported that several trees came down in the recent storms--one on top of a car. There is more brush than ever to pick up--it never stops. We have lots of trees in poor shape that will need work.

Phil Geffredo (spelling?) our code enforcement officer will be at the first Committee meeting of each month and available to talk with residents.

The Perkins Lane sidewalk improvement project will be addressed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Terry Mader