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Township Committee Meeting October 2, 2006

Present: Devinney, DiCarlo (absent), Hinkle, Ouelette, Fitzpatrick

Municipal Clerk Lohr, Administrator Corcoran, Police Lt. Sacalis, Engineer Kathy Elliott, Solicitor Doug Heinold

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Consent Agenda Items:

Ordinance 2006- 15 deleting Section 100-37 “Stormwater Management”, of Chapter 100 “Subdivision of Land” of the “Land Use Procedures” contained in Part II of the Township Code and adopting a new Section 100-37 entitled “Stormwater Management”  
1st reading by title only and set public hearing date for Nov. 13, 2006

Corcoran: Our ordinance was submitted to county for DEP requirements – this is the revision required.

Resolution 2006- 15 contact person for the Employment Practices Liability Attorney Consultation Service – Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

Resolution 2006- 131 authorizing Township Administrator to initiate the RFP/RFQ process for various professional appointments

Payment of Bills:

General	681,086.18
Payroll	64,001.26
Capital	69,781.50
Trust	5,862.96
Housing trust	17.50

Approval of minutes: July 16, 2006

Consent agenda approved

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Meeting open to the public:

Resident of Pennington Ct. – Progress on triparty agreement re: land swap at Newton’s Landing

Heinold: Ball is not in Township’s court. Paths are a county/ Pulte issue

Resident: Received a letter from Pulte regarding bottom of basin – wait a growing season.

Fitzpatrick: asked county to look at the basin and get back to her. Hasn’t heard from Phil Haines.

Resident: Now that it’s cut, what can they find?

Fitzpatrick: Nothing. I wanted him out to see it for other reasons.

Same resident of Pennington: What about the bonds that were pulled?

Heinold: Meeting was held with Pulte, Fitzpatrick, Corcoran, Birdsall and Heinold.

Pulte feels that punch list is a moving target. Now we're waiting for a letter from Pulte's attorney listing: 1) what's complete and ready to be inspected. 2) what they are going to do, and 3) what they aren't going to do.(Kathy will revise)

We're hoping to get issues to a small few. My concern is the farmhouse. Their understanding doesn't match ours.

Resident: Painting contractor was at the farmhouse today. Said he was told to paint inside and out and to spar varnish the porch.

Corcoran: We didn't want to hear about it being too cold to paint.

Resident: Contractor shows up in the building that we own. It was locked.

Fitzpatrick: Is there anything that says you have to be contacted? As of Sept. 30 the lease was up and it was turned back to you.

Resident: Did Pulte give access? We don't leave it unlocked.

Fitzpatrick: How would you suggest we could have repairs done? Are you the contact person.

Resident; Yes

Fitzpatrick asked Heinold to send a letter to Pulte's attorney requesting contacting Homeowners' Association before entering farmhouse.

Resident: Punchlist may seem like moving target because maintenance issues are coming up. There are warranty issues (ex. emergency lighting not hooked up)

Fitzpatrick: That doesn't have anything to do with the Township

Resident of McCay Way: Regarding bond issue: There is a heaving section of asphalt by the pump station. I'd like it put on the record. In back of Shipp's Way, the drains covers aren't screwed in.

I received an email from Pulte's attorney that they would be starting work, but didn't get a chance to communicate it to Jack.

Resident of Shipp's Way thanked Township Committee and mayor for the removal of the line of locust trees that bordered Newton's Landing

Resident of Burlington Avenue: Lives in R-3 zone. Application for garage ran into a wall. Lot is nonconforming as are 89.4% of the properties there.

Fitzpatrick: Planner was in. We are working on amending the ordinances so properties are conforming. You wouldn't need to go to the Joint Land Use Board, just Township Administrator and Zoning Officer. Ordinances will be revised on the recommendation of the planner.

Heinold: R-3 and R-4 zones are the focus of those amendments. What's there now will be conforming. It's hard to write code, with so much existing varying lots.

Fitzpatrick: Steve, do you know this gentleman?

Corcoran: We've spent time together. Ordinances are legally adopted 45 days after the 2nd reading. We'll approve after the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

Resident of Buttonwood Street: Fire commissioners received another letter regarding paying water bill at Newton's Landing.

Heinold: It's Pulte's responsibility

Fitzpatrick: Call the water company and give them Pulte's address

Resident: We did.

Meeting closed to the public

Discussion Items:

1 Manion – Corcoran

Had to fix sprinkler system for state code at Mr. Stein's expense. Also needed to fix elevator at Mr. Stein's expense. A check has gone out less the above costs. There are some leaks that may become an issue. Repairs might be necessary. It was great to have the function there last week.

2. Fiscal Year 2007 Community Development Block Grant Program – Lohr  
Application due Dec. 15, 2006. John Fenimore's input is important. Township Committee needs to authorize engineer to do plan. Grants are \$85,000.

Fenimore: No sidewalk on Burlington Ave. between Iowa and West Ave.

3. Soil Removal at NVR Building Products – Elliot

Spoke with NVR engineer – no objection to removal of 45-50,000 yards of soil

Fenimore: I can use some of it as long as it isn't contaminated.

Fitzpatrick: Let us know the amount and where you want it. Let Kathy know.

Heinold: Resolution 2006- 133 approving soil removal subject to approval of Public Works

Devinney: Be sure it's safe.

Hinkle: Where was it approved for use?

Elliot: They refer to inability to use it as fill due to its structure. It must have been tested.

Correspondence - none

Comments – Township Administrator Steve Corcoran

1. Seeking input from Township Committee and John Fenimore to prioritize streets that needs work so when residents call, he can tell them the status of their street

2. Streetlights are gone from Phase I of Burlington Avenue streetscape.

3. Meeting with PSE&G regarding floodlight for Hickory by skateboard park and to discuss frequent outages at the Municipal Building

Engineer Elliot:

Burlington Avenue has been started

Pine Street is complete

Perkins is in preconstruction – meeting this Friday

Burlington Streetscape Contract II – will be adjusting proposal

Fitzpatrick: Was the tree that was removed from in front of the Getty Station in the Streetscape plan?

Hinkle: They did it themselves.

Sacalis: Two or three trees were removed from where the construction was being done  
Elliot: Not part of the contract  
Hinkle: They had no right to take the tree down.  
Corcoran: We can file a complaint  
Hinkle and Devinney: I hope so  
Fenimore: Pass it along to the county

Police Report – Lt. Sacalis  
Radar on Rancocas.

Fitzpatrick: If anyone has an area for the radar car, let us know.  
Ouelette: Parents are concerned about speeding at Pearson School even though the signs are in place.  
Sacalis: We're trying to get more enforcement

Fenimore:

1. Brush collection is over. Leaf pickup starts last Monday in October
2. Showed sample of drain cover – costs \$110 (+\$50 for metal) per and takes 5-6 minutes to install.

Fitzpatrick: Did you get the message regarding Gateway Park – Women's Club will pay. West Avenue will be paid for by Recreation as will the mansion.

Comments Township Committee:

Ouelette Shade Tree Commission is looking for new members

Lohr: We'll post it on the website

Fitzpatrick: and in the *Beverly Bee*

Hinkle:

1. Enjoyed Monday's event for volunteers and board members at Zurbrugg Mansion. You can see why we're number one in Burlington County.
2. Mock election – new time – 9:00 Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>

Devinney:

1. Also enjoyed function at Zurbrugg Mansion
2. Attended Fire Commissioners meeting – new ambulance approved. Urged all to attend a meeting. Chief's report – 208 responses in 2005, 205 so far in 2006.

Fitzpatrick:

1. Economic Development Committee is working on apartment conversion program. First they need to work with a bank, then with Doug for ordinances. Committee will take over from there.
2. Event at Zurbrugg Mansion – presentation of plaque from Burlington County Times regarding Delanco as the #1 place to live.
3. Met with Doug and Pulte- Newton's Landing – resolution will be coming and we will keep working until we get the job done.

Lohr: Saturday is the yard sale with Sunday the rain date.  
To Sacalis: Please inform officers of increased vehicular activity.

*Notes submitted by Maureen Barrett*