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Township Committee Meeting October 16, 2006

Present: Devinney, DiCarlo, Hinkle, Ouelette, Fitzpatrick
Municipal Clerk Lohr, Administrator Corcoran, Deputy Clerk Zimmerman, Public Works Super. Fenimore, Chief Parsons, Code Enforcement Officer Goffredo,

Special Award Presentation: Rescheduled to Nov. 13th meeting. John Fenimore (35 years of service) to be honored by the American Public Workers Association (?). Award ceremony Nov.16 @ Atlantic City Convention Center. Award nomination submitted by Mayor Fitzpatrick

Ordinance 2006- 13 amending chapter 110-10 governing “conditional uses” to provide for cellular communication facilities in the I-1 and I-2 zones 2nd reading and public hearing

Joint Land Use Board recommended that cell towers should be limited to I-2 zones.

Ordinance will be amended . Nov. 13th new hearing date.

Motion to amend passed unanimously

Hearing open to the public:

Resident Burlington Ave.: Where are the I-1 and I-2 zones? What is a cellular facility?

Fitzpatrick described the zones; One I-1 zone is the old gypsum plant on the river; the others are next to residential zones. The I-2 zone is mostly the industrial park between Coopertown Road and Perkins Lane. Facility is a cell tower.

Hearing closed.

Ordinance 2006- 13 amending Chapter 110 governing “Zoning” Chapter 222 governing “property maintenance,” and Chapter 218 governing “peace and good order”

2nd reading and public hearing

Fitzpatrick: We’re not adopting this ordinance. Township Committee is reviewing ordinances in town. Asked for community input at the next several meetings.

Hearing open to the public

Resident of Hazel: objected to singling out of boat trailers

Resident of Princeton: over one acre; restricts use of your property

Resident of Rancocas: denies use of sheds on property

Resident Burlington Ave.: Against the ordinance as written. Existing ordinance on the books and have been for year. Follow through with enforcement through summons and fines.

Fitzpatrick: discussion on this in coming months. Asked for resident input for concerns and ideas.

Resident of West Ave.: Question on trailers. Can’t park on the street. Where to park?

Trailers are registered by the state.

Resident of Union: Town needs more ordinances like this; cites properties with uncut grass, deteriorating properties.

Fitzpatrick: Grass cutting - 1 warning, and a fine on 2nd offense.

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Resident: People with trailers need to know

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Lohr: No action. No motion to act. Not adopted.
Fitzpatrick: Reviewing separate ordinances in the coming months.
Ouelette: This ordinance will not come up again.
Hearing closed.

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Consent Agenda Items:

Resolution 2006- -135 providing for the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1985)

Resolution 2006- 136 Refund of 2006 tax overpayment

Payment of Bills:

General	\$66,365.27
Payroll	77,073/02
Capital	47,147.30

Approval of minutes: 8/7/06, 9/11/06, 9/18/06, and 10/02/06

Approval of department reports

Adoption of agenda preparation policy for Township Committee meetings

Consent agenda approved

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Meeting open to the public:

Resident of McCay Way: What was the consent agenda item “Adoption of agenda preparation”?

Lohr: Sets deadline for receipt of Township Committee meeting agenda items 2P.M. Thursday prior to the meeting

Resident: Exceptions?

Lohr: Case by case. This really will help our office run better.

Resident: Streetscape

Fitzpatrick: funds from grant only paid for one side. Some money left over. Several proposals being reviewed to streetscape some sections on the opposite side of Burlington Avenue. Not enough money at present for completion the entire other side of street.

Resident of Delaware: (EAB member) Spoke with Mike Heenehan @ DEP / Green Acres. There is no time limit on the municipal compost site within a Green Acres parcel. Also according to Mr. Heenehan at DEP / Green Acres, Green Acres listing would protect lands from being used as a dredge deposit site. We should ROSI protect the Dunes. This is for your information.

Resident: Rumor that they are going to do away with the Fire Commisioners?

Fitzpatrick: Not true

Resident: What happened to the subdivision at Perkins Lane?

Fitzpatrick: Residents have been offered to purchase adjacent properties. A letter was sent by the Township to people owning land adjacent to that strip of subdivided lots inquiring if they would be interested in purchasing those lots adjoining theirs.

Meeting closed to the public

Discussion Items:

1. Mansion Update – Corcoran

Two showings this week; one last week. Maintenance issues on roof. Looking for contractor. Winterize the building. Fitzpatrick: Other items

Corcoran: Insulation. Hot (domestic) water shutoff

DeCarlo: When are the proposals due?

Corcoran: Dec. 9

2. FY 2007 Community Development Block Grant Program

Corcoran: Working with Fenimore to prioritize streets listing for projects

Fitzpatrick: Isn't there already a list?

Fenimore: Yes, Kathy Elliot has the list of about six streets

3. Proposed budget "Cap" bills A-344/S-2183 continues exemption for statewide homeland security

Resolution 2006- 137 passed unanimously

Comments –

Township Administrator Steve Corcoran

1. Public Works Plan – long-range plan

2. Jevic Trucking & NJDOT – studying Route 130 and Creek Road jughandle.

Fitzpatrick: All agree there's a problem Resolution to support DOT. All agree

3. Fenimore's working with Delran on winter salt storage. \$50,000-65,000 one time cost to buy into use of their facility. Delran is spending \$270,000 to build a DEP approved salt barn for winter street salt storage. This means Delanco does not have to spend that huge amount, use land, and build it.

4. Burlington Ave. Streetscape - Vine to Buttonwood. Twp Engineer Elliot handling this – trying to use monies from previous low bids to extend streetscape. Bid results come in November. Extend to Union?

Resolution 2006-138 passed unanimously

Chief Parsons:

1. Grass cut at county Pennington Park. Helps with observation of activity there.

2. Kite contest Oct. 21

3. Two STOP signs requested (did not hear where)

Ouelette: requested radar sign between gas station and Pearson School @ request of residents.

Public Works Fenimore:

1. 13 trees removed

2. JIF safety inspection. Very minor administrative (paperwork) corrections.
3. Unbelievable debris found in storm drains, e.g. full bags of ready mix concrete, etc.
4. Leaf pick-up starts soon

Code Enforcement Goffredo:

1. 29 complaints – 5 court summons/ 24 follow ups in compliance.
2. Problem with political signs; large size and too close to curbs.

Fitzpatrick: What's the status of Rahenkamp's land at Newton's Landing?

Goffredo: He's supposed to seed that area.

Ouelette: It was seeded.

Fitzpatrick: What can we do?

Corcoran: Area was seeded. It's a construction site. If seeds work, it should look better. State has changed laws to allow a developer to be under construction for 10-15 years.

Fitzpatrick: Residents don't have that option.

Corcoran: No

Devinney: Property on Walnut and Hazel – 7 cars?

Goffredo and Parsons: checked all vehicles. They are all registered. Most not registered; if driven, owner can be cited. But nothing until then.

Lohr:

1. Tomorrow is the last day to be registered to vote (October 17th).
 2. State long-term care insurance plan – employee option (fully paid by municipal employees) Presentation by insurance rep. voluntary by employee.
- Resolution 2006- 139 passed unanimously

Comments Township Committee:

DiCarlo: Designing plaque for historic homes in Delanco. Tree lighting December 8th. carriage rides December 16th (rain, 18th). Fall Fest October 28th, 2pm-8pm at West Avenue. Haunted trail. Women's Club 5K: 86 runners. Women's Club purchasing brackets for new streetscape light pole banners.

Hinkle: Friday last) Walnut Street school student mock election. Thanked Chief Parson's and Municipal Clerk Lohr for very interesting and informative talk about their responsibilities in our municipal government.

Devinney: 25 mph signs on Delaware Avenue.

Fitzpatrick: student Mock election very well received. Thanked Women's Club for their work in Delanco. Flu shot, November 13, 2-4 pm. Inquired about how to get a separate postal ZIP code for Delanco. Everyone has problems with ZIP code used for Riverside/Delanco/Delran, especially those with street addresses common to both towns. Congratulations to Harry Craythorn for 25 years service (retiring). County under sheriff.

Notes submitted by Mike Templeton