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Township Committee Meeting - February 5, 2007

Devinney, Fitzpatrick, Hinkle, Templeton, Ouellette

**Also Present:** Steven Corcoran, Twp. Administrator; David Denton, Twp. Engineer; Douglas Heinold, Twp. Solicitor; Janice Lohr, Municipal Clerk; Karen Zimmermann, Deputy Municipal Clerk; John Fenimore, Supt. of Public Works; Edmund Parson, Chief of Police; Phil Goffredo, Zoning Officer

**\*\*\*SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS\*\*\***

**RESOLUTION 2007-49 HONORING MAYOR KATE FITZPATRICK**

Fitzpatrick noted that the resolution number was for her birth year.

Thanked the people on the Committees on which she has served – Joan Hinkle, Jackie DiCarlo, Fern Ouelette, Ed Devinney, John Brown, and Phil Brackett. Thanked residents for faith and trust. Hopes that she will be back here next year.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

- **READ ACROSS AMERICA – NEW JERSEY**

March 2, 2007 commemorates the birthday of Dr. Suess as part of a nationwide day to promote reading.

- **HONORING VINCENT R. FARIAS, THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS, THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND AUBREY PAINTER OF EDGEWATER PARK**

This proclamation honors the above for their part in resolving the drainage problems at Bogg’s Ditch in December and January.

- **HONORING JOHN FENIMORE, WINSTON CHAFIN, STEVE CORCORAN, KEITH MOHRMANN AND EDMUND PARSONS**

Honors the above for their part in coordinating efforts to resolve the drainage problems at Bogg’s Ditch.

**ORDINANCE 2007-1 TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND DETERMINING THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES” 2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

no comment

**HEARING CLOSED T THE PUBLIC**

Passed unanimously

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**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

**ORDINANCE 2007-2 AMENDING CHAPTER 234 GOVERNING “RENTAL PROPERTIES” \*1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR MARCH 5, 2007**

**RESOLUTION 2007-50 2006 BUDGET RESERVE TRANSFERS**

**RESOLUTION 2007-51 AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO PROCESS REFUNDS LESS THAN TEN DOLLARS**

**RESOLUTION 2007-52 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN AND THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO**

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**ACCOUNT AMOUNT**

GENERAL \$1,075,497.24

PAYROLL 67,967.69

TRUST 59,742.87

HOUSING TRUST 87.50

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES 1/8/07 & 1/22/07**

**APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR USE OF GATEWAY PARK – FEBRUARY 15, 2007**

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Meeting open to the public:

Resident of McCay Way: Regarding 2007-52 – What type of service is being shared between Delran and Delanco?

Ouelette: Salt barn

Resident: Who is requesting use of Gateway Park?

Ouelette: Wedding

Resident: Is there a charge

Ouelette: No

Resident: You need to get permission?

Ouelette: Yes, and also let the chief know

Resident of Shipp's Way: New tax figures were on the NJ Assoc. of Counties website and now they have been removed.

Templeton: Yes, I've run into that too. Sometimes that site goes down. It should be up soon.

Correspondence:

1. Letter from PSEG – 2007 construction plans and are asking for our schedule of road improvement projects. Copy to Mr. Denton

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1. MANSION UPDATE**

Heinold: Still in negotiations. Edits, comments from J2 should be back by the end of the week and will be passed on to Township Committee

**2. PROPOSED PETITION TO REVISE SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA**

Ouelette read from the petition. From state level, suburban districts get smaller share of funds. Statewide petition by some legislators to end this unfair practice. The 50+ Abbott districts get more than ½ of the total state education budget and the rest is spread to the 500+ other districts. This has resulted in massive local property tax increases.

Devinney: Have the petition here to be available to sign

Fitzpatrick: I will take to senior meetings and DYSA

Lohr: Will post notice of the availability of the petition on the website.

### **3. PROPOSED ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 260 GOVERNING “TOWING”**

Heinold: Under the law, we need a codified or bid process to govern towing – needs to be regulated with set fees in place by ordinance. Reviewed other municipalities’ ordinances and will have an ordinance with a fee schedule that can be adjusted by resolution. Had input from Corcoran and Chief Parsons. There will be a monthly rotation in ordinance. In the past, Chief has done a call rotation. Need to update tonnage from 2.5 to 5 tons for Dodge Durango, etc.

Ouelette: Question re: fees. \$100 fee?

Heinold: After the ordinance, companies who want to participate have to submit their credentials and pay a \$100 fee every three years.

Hinkle: Nice job on ordinance –very thorough

Templeton: Administered through police department?

Chief: We get a copy of everything

This became Ordinance 2007-(missed number) 1<sup>st</sup> reading by title only – public hearing set for March 5 - passed unanimously

### **4. PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND DETERMINING THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES” (NON-CONTRACT)**

Ouelette: We’ve been provided with the information we needed which we didn’t have prior to setting the agenda.

Ordinance 2007- 4 1<sup>st</sup> reading by title only – public hearing set for March 5, 2007

Devinney: Small changes from previous year

Fitzpatrick: Part of housekeeping that’s done every year

Hinkle: Very close to what we did last year

Templeton: OK with me

Passed unanimously

### **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT ON DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Resident: Is this to protect people who break down against gauging or when the police tow a vehicle?

Ouelette: Many folks want to do business here. Sets a rotation

Heinold: Provides transparent process what the fee schedule is. Case last year says you have to have a rational basis for calling the people on your tow list. If there is a problem, we can kick them off the list.

Resident: Doesn’t prevent resident from calling his own company?

Ouelette: No

Resident: Modeled after other towns?

Heinold: Edgewater, Marlton...

Resident: How many companies in town?

Parsons: Three, but none in town.

### **MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

#### **COMMENTS – PROFESSIONALS:**

Heinold: Redevelopment – need for a historic architect. Can we do a request for proposals?

Ouelette: I think we should move on that so we can include that as part of negotiations.

Heinold: Steve met a Frank Furness expert.

Ouelette: Put it on the agenda for March 5

Denton: Taking over inspection of Rivers Edge site this week

## **COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS**

### 1. Police

-Delanco Website – can print a vacation check and also have added a police blotter under the police section of the website. Won't mention names, just the area so people are aware.

### 2. Public Works

-Removed 17 trees

-Took bids for paving of lot next to basketball court and for the driveway by concession stand at West End

-DVH – will regrade the ball fields in the first two weeks of March

### 3. Zoning and Code Enforcement

-Monthly report for January– 12 complaints – posted 7 warnings – sent 5 through the mail. 6 of 12 full complaints. Other six are pending.

-19 pending from last year. 6 complied. 6 pending – rental inspections were 5 of them Approved permits – no denials in January

-Working on having Rivers Edge basins made safer – open storm drains – kids could climb in there. Fences should be put around them. They did receive the certified mail.

-Boat on Burlington Ave. Resident on notice to move it.

-PSEG Larchmont and Pennsylvania will be heard on the 23<sup>rd</sup> in court here.

Ouelette: Ordinances we passed last year. What's the time on them?

Goffredo: They have 10 days unless it's a paint complaint. You can't paint now. I put them on notice to have it done in the spring. We strive for compliance. Better to have the money go into the home rather than court.

Ouelette: I need to ask my question a different way. Are the ordinances we passed active?

Goffredo: Yes.

### 4. Municipal Clerk

-met with county election officials – some of 4<sup>th</sup> district will go to new 6<sup>th</sup> district, some of 4<sup>th</sup> will go to 3<sup>rd</sup>. Newton's Landing, most of Coopertown will vote here in the Municipal Building for primary and general. School at school; fire at fire. Changes will be published in the Beverly Bee and on the website. They will also be on the mailed sample ballots.

Resident: Will we get new voter's cards?

Lohr: Will check

## **COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

Fitzpatrick:

-DYSA reorganization – dates for registration posted on website and bulletin boards

-Recreation – volleyball in new gym Wednesdays from 7-9

-EMT with rest of Township Committee – Robin Mohrman will fill in for chair and cochair

-Continue to meet with Township Committee regarding Mansion

-Flower Show trip available

-Forgot to mention one Township Committee member she served with – Quinn

Templeton:

- Attended meeting with Corcoran, Birdsall punchlist for Newton's Landing
- Continues to meet with Goffredo for consistent code enforcement
- Regarding Winzinger – Contacted Sierra Club and Pinelands Preservation and brought back strategies to Township Committee

Hinkle:

- Shade Tree reorganization – Matulewicz, president; Barbara Towel, vice president
- Senate Bill 699 – Raised cap on dog licenses (I missed the number here). It may cost more to register dogs and cats in town in the future.
- Attended EMT
- Lippincott Building is down -Will it be filled?

Fenimore: Yes

Hinkle: Looks a lot better. Sun will shine there

Devinney:

- EMT meeting
- Coordination meeting between incoming and outgoing engineers

Fitzpatrick: Delanco Fire Department received grant of \$30,000+ for new radio equipment.

Marlene Jass reporting as Delanco representative to Burlington County River Route

- Update of cross acceptance – Delanco in compliance
- Channel 28 runs 30 minutes videos of towns on the River Route – Delanco video hasn't been presented yet. They will give us CD's that we can put on the website
- Working on a project for a magazine ad for the river route towns.

Ouelette:

- EMT meeting - blessed to have these folks
- magician at Walnut St. School – Mr. Dasher – nice to see so many children interacting- Janet Bnaida has done excellent job as PTO.

*Submitted by Maureen Barrett*