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Township Committee March 5, 2007

**Devinney**            **Fitzpatrick**            **Hinkle**            **Templeton**            **Ouellette**           

**Also Present:** Steven Corcoran, Twp. Administrator; David Denton, Twp. Engineer,; Douglas Heinold, Twp. Solicitor; Karen Zimmermann, Deputy Municipal Clerk; John Fenimore, Supt. of Public Works; George Sacalis, Police Lieutenant; Phil Goffredo, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer

**\*\*SPECIAL PRESENTATION\*\***

**BURLINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL PLANNING**

Ms. Khara Ford, Principal Planner and Mark Remsa, Director

Remsa: Department is here to help you with your issues. Promoting Rt. 130 corridor – branding RiverRoute. Videos of 12 RiverRoute communities will air. Gave T-shirts with logo to Township Committee, etc.

Ford is River Route Coordinator for this area. Background – Office of Smart Growth – had Burlington County. Found this region of Burlington County to be exciting and she is glad to be involved. Working with state commission for state master plan. Negotiation phase of cross acceptance in process. Gathering input from municipalities prior to going to the Office of Smart Growth. Will keep Township Committee informed. River Route Advisory Committee involved. Their executive committee will develop an agenda for the advisory committee for this year.

**PROCLAMATION: AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH – April**

Ouelette: In our area one in 96 children is affected.

**ORDINANCE 2007-2 AMENDING CHAPTER 234 GOVERNING “RENTAL PROPERTIES”**

**\*2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND OPEN TO PUBLIC HEARING**

**HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

Passed unanimously

Ordinance 2007-3 creating Chapter 260 governing “towing”

2<sup>nd</sup> reading by title only

Hearing open:

Resident of Third St: Fees a little high compared to Riverside –Delanco \$75 M-F and \$85 on weekend vs. Riverside \$45 M-F and \$65 on weekend

Heinold: Fee schedule based on what towing companies were using

Representative of Lenny’s Towing of Delran: Thanked Township Committee for well written ordinance

Passed unanimously

Ordinance 2007-4 amending an ordinance providing for and determining the rate of compensation of officers and employees

2<sup>nd</sup> reading

Hearing open  
Hearing closed  
Passed unanimously

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**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

ORDINANCE 2007-5 MODEL ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
\*1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR MARCH19, 2007

RESOLUTION 2007-55 ENDORSING RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT

RESOLUTION 2007-56 DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUND

RESOLUTION 2007-57 APPOINTING DEPUTY CONSEQUENCE MANAGER

RESOLUTION 2007-58 APPOINTMENT OF MANSION ARCHITECT

PAYMENT OF BILLS  
ACCOUNT AMOUNT  
GENERAL \$536,078.76  
PAYROLL \$130,641.95  
TRUST \$76,913.03  
HOUSING TRUST \$1,124.00  
APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
2/5/2007

Passed unanimously

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No correspondence

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. MANSION UPDATE

Corcoran: Selection of Cameron Mactavish of VMA Architects, Walnut Street, Philadelphia. Architect is student of Furness and will review for historical appropriateness. Cost born by applicant. 90% completion on agreement. Spent last Friday working with applicant and his professionals re: scheduling – 28 dates with steps between now and ultimate closing when we would get our payment in hand. Steps should ensure that we and the residents will get what we want. Closing date Oct. 1. Delay due to appeal dates during some of the decisions by Township Committee and Joint Land Use Board. Committee has requested that site plans be posted in the lobby.

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

Resident: Gazebo is cracked and leaning.

Corcoran: Our own inspectors have told us we have an unsafe situation. Specific part of our discussion with applicant. He is researching with DEP to see if existence of that gazebo or lack of it requires a permit. We are going to put additional snow fencing around it. Architect stated that it's not the original gazebo – replaced many times over the years. Waves are making it tilt toward the mansion.

Meeting open to public for other topics.

Residents of Delaware Avenue – question concerning living fence ordinance – definition

Heinold: Pending litigation filed by these residents who were cited for violation of fence ordinance. They were found guilty and again at superior court. Appeal at appellate level. I'd be happy to have a conversation regarding a definition or settlement.

Resident: Opens whole riverfront – many houses have fences.

Resident: We don't know what a living fence is. We planted Christmas trees. We still feel that we conform. Judge Wells read into the ordinance. If he took it verbatim, and hadn't taken the intention of the ordinance.... we're here to get it defined and so that anyone else who lives on the waterfront would know.

Heinold: Happy to have that conversation with your attorney

Resident: Your response was that if we were to cut down to 3 ft. they would conform. You couldn't define it for another resident who wanted a definition.

Heinold: I'm not going to litigate this matter in a committee meeting. I'd be happy to meet with your attorney.

Resident: How do we conform?

Corcoran: You know how.

Resident: We have bushes that are a fraction of what is on the other properties. We've been singled out.

Heinold: Mayor, this matter is in litigation. We can't discuss them here.

Resident: I just want to know for my neighbors. They ask me and I don't have an answer.

Heinold: You will ask for a transcript of this proceeding.

Resident: No, I just want to help my neighbors.

Heinold: This matter is before the appellate division. Direct your neighbors to the zoning officer.

Resident: They will send us back here for definition.

Heinold: No, they will most likely will uphold it.

Resident: Trees planted for privacy.

Heinold: Matter is in litigation

Resident of Richards: Where are you on street repair? Which streets? We have a lot of potholes

Fennimore: It's number two on the list.

Corcoran: John and I have talked about this. After budget and capital budget, we can put together a long-range plan over the next several years.

Resident: Bad enough in the winter, but I cut the grass in the street in the summer

Resident of Burlington and Rancocas: I thought that the township had sent out that paper to me. So what is the definition of a living fence? I don't know these people. I just got the letter. Am I in violation?

Heinold: If you have a concern, contact the zoning officer.

Corcoran: If he is busy, I'd be happy to meet with you.

Resident of Delaware (See above): Someone can't read what the ordinance is – they have to call the zoning officer or call Steve to interpret what these words mean.

Fitzpatrick: Jesse DeSantis, one of our officers was named Lawman of the Year by VFW Post and by the county.

Hinkle: Motion to appoint to Shade Tree Commission –Paul Hamlin and Carl Teraski (spelling?). Their appointment this evening allows them to participate in a seminar on Saturday. Invited Township Committee to seminar as well – 10:00 on Sunday in Municipal Building.

Resident: I noticed that other towns are getting free trees. Are we getting them?

Hinkle: Yes, Mr. Mateluwicz is now chair.

#### COMMENTS – PROFESSIONALS

Denton – nothing to report

Heinold:

1. Process that asks a resident who is applying for a permit to go to Homeowners Association first.
2. Required letter re audit. (I missed this)

#### COMMENTS – TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

1. Burlington Ave site is cleaned up
2. Winzinger site – Temporary permits are usually approved as a matter of course. However, Winzinger's hasn't been quickly approved due to intervention by professionals, Township Committee, Edgewater Park. DEP has tightened requirements, and a bond and a certification of the site. It may eventually be approved. We will need help fighting the permanent approval. That's what happened last time. The county rejected it then. Meeting in Trenton with DEP officials pending. Soil tests have been done. Doing everything to delay so DEP will reconsider. We'll have a better idea by the end of this week. You can call me. Have received a permit for landfill disruption. We will need everyone to turn out for the coming meetings in Mount Holly.

#### COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police Lt. Sacalis:

-Can't say enough about Officer De Santis

-DARE training – new officer will be taking over next year.

Fitzpatrick: Raport police officers make with students is remarkable.

## 2. Public Works

- Brush starts this month. Leaves can't go in street except for April 1-15. Brush can't go out more than 48 hours before pickup. Pickup for brush is the last two weeks of April.
  - Storms – 40 tons of salt. Working with Delran is working really well.
  - Bids for blacktop by basketball court and repave driveway at West Ave. - \$6000 for both of them.
  - Bid to reshape and grade the three ballfields – will pass to Recreation
  - one bid to run electric to one of the sheds at the Cooper Street ballfields
  - Columns – ceiling coming down – dangerous with gazebo
- Fitzpatrick: Did you give info about brush to Marie for website?  
Fenimore: Yes

## 3. Zoning and Code Enforcement

- 26 complaints – 17 not in compliance – 1 summons issued
- Year 2006 426 – 7 out of compliance with extensions - re

## COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Fitzpatrick:

- Historical Preservation Advisory Board – members attended program in Riverton – bring photos, letters, documents to be scanned to become part of our history. This program may be combined with something else. Board requested excavation for a dig at old Lippincott Building.
- JIF breakfast – Steve Corcoran is member of executive committee – Steve Walsh there as well.
- Recreation – tickets for Flower Show \$24.50 – see Kate for tick
  - Dinner social on March 23 @\$25 DJ and buffet
  - March 31 – Easter Egg hunt
- Seniors had senior ID program – will have Irish singer and sing-along - Will have a bus trip to King Tut exhibit on May 23 – all welcome
- Troop 19 will selling mulch and will deliver to your home
- Computer round-up March 24 from 9-2 – free – also a seminar on healthier greener Burlington County
- Old municipal building will be offices despite rumors

Templeton:

- Joint Land Use Board – appointed their professionals Taylor Design, Dougherty Engineering, and Denis Germano as attorney. Marlene Jass will serve as liaison to Historical Advisory Board. Board is in investigation phase of redevelopment for Rhawn tract.
- Attended Washington Fire Company Banquet – thanks
- Went to see the Winzinger site in Franklin Township. Met with officials there regarding impact.
- Attended Environmental Advisory Board – broad range of topics under discussion

-Thanks to Phil Goffredo for bringing in other state agencies for investigation of activities on Winzinger site. Also thanked Phil for getting cages and fencing at retention basins in Rivers Edge.

-Thoughts for speedy recovery to two township employees. Thanked other employees for filling in.

Hinkle:

-Thanked Karen Zimmerman for her work in Janice Lohr's absence.

-Passed on a safety tip: Keep your car keys near your bed so you can set off the car alarm if you hear someone suspicious outside.

Devinney:

-Attended Fire Commissioners Reorganization Meeting – election and budget approval – 90 votes – budget approved 2 to 1

-Congratulations to Fire Company for all their fine work

-Attended NJ Future Redevelopment Forum – Redevelopment can cut two ways. It can result in school-aged children, but can have other benefits. Cited example of Milville, and another town (missed name). In the later, 152 high end townhouses resulted in one or two school-aged children.

Ouelette:

-Attended JIF breakfast

-Attended Board of Education meeting – appreciates true discussion and interaction among members.

-Thanked Robin Morhman for filling in for Emergency Management