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Township Committee NOVEMBER 19, 2007

Devinney, Hinkle, Templeton, Ouellette Fitzpatrick

Also Present: Steven Corcoran, Twp. Administrator; Janice Lohr, Municipal Clerk;

Karen Zimmermann, Deputy Municipal Clerk;

ANNOUNCEMENT AND INTRODUCTION OF WALNUT STREET SCHOOL
ELECTIONWINNERS
OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO WALNUT STREET SCHOOL STUDENTS

RESOLUTION 2007-135 TO EXTEND SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT
WITH SJ SANITATION THROUGH THE HISTORIC RIVERFRONT
NEIGHBORHOOD SOLID WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM – Passed unanimously

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION - NEW JERSEY AMERICANWATER COMPANY

Nick (missed last name): Here to see if you have any questions. Caution that we are meeting with town on Wednesday at 2:00 with technical folks. 95% of pipes are underground so breaks occur frequently due to weather or change in traffic – dirty water results from pressure. Advise just to run taps from 2-3 minutes to clear the line. Within hours, we can isolate the break. Break was in the river. Water to Delanco now from a couple different areas. Any question?

Fitzpatrick: Company has access to reverse 911 – why didn't you use it? Why didn't you take more responsibility?

Nick: Have reverse 911, working out kinks, only used it once. We only know of main breaks when we get calls – only got four calls. Opted not to use reverse 911, but will be using it a few months in the future.

Fitzpatrick: If something happens to Edgewater Park line, what happens?

Nick: Don't know specifics – meeting on Wednesday will address. People in town won't be out of water.

Hinkle: Does it affect pressure for fire department?

Nick: yes

Hinkle: Will be fixed shortly?

Nick: Yes, pressure not a problem now. Required to provide 20 lbs of pressure

Devinney: Second line parallel to first in the river... any thought to bringing that online?

Nick: Heard that too.

Devinney: Can that be fixed as well?

Nick: Sounds like a good idea

Templeton: Was here making calls. Couldn't get to anyone in your company. Received conflicting information – water was OK; water should be boiled. Went around for an hour trying to get an answer. First alert went out 12:18 – second at 1:.. – we were calling at 4. We never did get an answer. We operated on our own and sent a flyer.

Nick: For boiled water, we would be out on the streets. We would have to be out there by law. I will give a 24 hour critical number – an internal phone number – that you as council to call. You can call me as well.

Templeton: We couldn't get past the operator when we identified ourselves as members of this council.

Hinkle: Company for sale?

Nick: Yes, but won't be sold as quickly as we first thought. Nothing will change re operations – company will go from German owned to owned by U.S. stockholders.

Ouellette: What triggered this [water main] event?

Nick: When a pipe breaks, it breaks. Not sure how old the pipe was – range from 2 to 60 to 80 to 100 years old. Anything can cause pipe to break.

Ouellette: The other pipe broke four years ago – no repairs done that we are aware of.

Nick: Three sources – 2 pipes in river and wells. We have three back-ups.

Ouellette: Why wasn't the pipe that broke four years ago repaired?

Nick: Will look into – may be able to answer on Wednesday.

Templeton: When will the lines under Rancocas be repaired?

Nick: Don't know

Corcoran: Wednesday meeting – we learn from events. Our emergency management personnel will meet with NJ American Water. We will access and see how we can do better next time. I've learned that we don't have an inventory of our utility vendors – right contact person.

Resident of McCay: What is in place for you to tell there is a break?

Nick: People calling re: pressure and dirt in water. Urge people to call us. Second way is pressure in our system – monitored 24/7. We didn't catch this because the drop wasn't that significant for us.

Resident: First report was 12:14. What time did NJ American Water address and notify?

Nick: Main shut down at 5?

Ouellette: Main shut off at 12:30-1:00 – I received a call from a parent who was picking students up early.

Resident: Does company test water or water of homeowners?

Nick: No, run taps to flush out. Last February we had 400 main breaks – they happen frequently.

Resident of Buttonwood: Water could come down the line on Burlington Ave from Palmyra...

Nick: It's all interconnected. We can switch some valves.

Resident: Water comes from Beverly to tank in Riverside. Water comes from there. Now there are three lines going to Riverside.

Corcoran: Question of what line feeds where come up. We should have information on Wednesday. For two or three years, we've been fed from Cinnaminson.

Resident: If it's coming from that way, we don't know that as a fire department.

Resident of Burlington: Do you need state permit to fix the lines under Rancocas?

Nick: Probably not now. It's our property. We probably needed them when we built them. There may be a need.

Fitzpatrick: Are we going to discuss how it was handled in house at that meeting?

Ouellette: Yes

Templeton: Reason that meeting isn't open to the public?
Corcoran: Personnel matters
Templeton: Emergency management meeting not open to public?
Corcoran: Decided not since some personnel might be discussed.
Templeton: Can you explain that?
Corcoran: Involves actions of personnel
Templeton: Public not involved?
Corcoran: Sure we will report back.
Fitzpatrick and Hinkle: Check with solicitor
Ouellette: start open to public and can go into executive session.
Devinney: Pass by solicitor
Ouellette: Can start with public – as far as any decision I made, I serve the public. If we are discussing the role of personnel, that is a matter for the committee. Can we renote?
Lohr: No, you open in public and pass a resolution to go into executive.
Ouellette: That's what we will do. All are welcome to attend the 2:00 meeting on Wednesday.

DISCUSSION OF TOWNSHIP RECREATIONAL NEEDS

Fitzpatrick: Would like to run by what Rec discussed at Nov. meeting. Took questions that Scott Taylor's office had asked me to take to Rec. One question: Are additional facilities needed? Yes, 2 soccer, 1 baseball, and rec center. Has Rec done a survey for all residents? No, working on survey. Asked parents for suggestions through school as well as solicited volunteers? What programs and where are they held? Yes, (listed activities here) but limit on number who can attend. Other activities you want to offer? After school – arts classes, and programs for teens. Trends to plan for? Preschool, teens, activities other than sports. Movie nights – outside in summer, once a month, dances once a month. Marlene, help me out. Rock concert – big hit and enjoyed.
Student Mayor: Soccer field runs over baseball field... move the field over
Templeton: If we had a rec center, where should it be?
Student Township Committee : Pennington Park
Devinney: Nobody wants water polo?
Lohr: Anything you wish the town had?
Residents in attendance – pool.
Devinney: Up the ante – indoor pool

Resident of Burlington to students: If there was a rec hall, would a lot of kids use it?
Student Mayor: Lot of the older kids.
Hinkle: If we had ping pong or pool
Fitzpatrick: Looked into renting a building at Burlington and Vine – big windows. How would you feel about attending there?
Student Mayor: Probably, right, Mom ?
Student Township Committee : There aren't a lot of places to hang out in Delanco.
Templeton: What would you like to see?
Student Township Committee : Fields, stuff to do
Templeton: Like what?
Student Township Committee (couldn't hear)

Resident: Used to have things at the school. Two nice halls that could be used. Used to have a dance every Friday night in the school.

Fitzpatrick: Rec is considering doing that again. Wednesday night was for high school and Friday nights. We need chaperones.

Ouellette: If come up with ideas or hear ideas from classmates please come back and visit us.

Devinney: When they go back to school, they could poll their classmates.

Student Mayor: Kids who ran who didn't win wanted a place to ride bikes.

Student Deputy Mayor: Bike trails in Pennington Park

Student Mayor: Not close.

Hinkle: Isn't Heritage Trail going to be a bike trail?

Resident: No safe way for children to get to Pennington Park without taking them there.

Resident: Need bike trail

Rec: Purchase Jacob Sales across from 7-11 – draw from 7-11 would be the key thing. Building is large enough for dances. Look into grants

Hinkle: Lot of money out there. We should start working on it.

Resident: Run a campaign through school – survey on township website. Doesn't cost anything. Would draw traffic to website.

Resident (me): Free surveys through the internet. Could send you the link?

Student Deputy Mayor: Any open fields for older people to play golf. Don't they like that.

Hinkle: Like a putting green

Student Deputy Mayor: Yes

Resident and member of Rec: Survey should work in conjunction with Rec.

Resident: Should run Rec, School board, and member of Township Committee – could make it a fun activity.

Fitzpatrick: Will see how we can set that up.

Resident: Hard to get workers to work [the events]

 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

DiCarlo: Speaking of having things in the open...I'm the chair of Historic Preservation Advisory Board – wasn't notified of new member. This is my first notice.

Fitzpatrick: My mistake. He had applied for another position and this position was open. I'm sorry I offended you.

Member: That doesn't make me feel very good.

Hinkle: We still want you.

Fitzpatrick: I don't know that any chair has ever been told about new board members. It's never been a policy.

DiCarlo: I don't need to approve and he is certainly welcome. This is my first notice of this and I am floored.

RESOLUTION 2007-136 AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR THE CENTER AVENUE AND SPRUCE STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

RESOLUTION 2007-137 2007 BUDGET TRANSERS

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ACCOUNT AMOUNT

GENERAL \$48,730.32

PAYROLL 30,240.96

TRUST 5,981.16

HOUSING TRUST 1,137.50

APPOINTMENT – HISTORICAL PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

Appointment of Bao Radcliffe to HPAB to fill unexpired term to 12/31/2008

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Recess for photos of student Township Committee members. They left at this point.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Resident of Buttonwood: Water company man didn't know much. We're supposed to have a certain amount of pressure for the fire company. More to it than what he is saying.

Ouellette: Fire department will be represented at emergency management meeting.

Resident: I know two things he said are wrong. We put water all around this town and Edgewater wasn't even hooked into town. Probably coming down Creek Rd. into Delcano.

Resident of Union: Representing Women's Civic Group – can't use mansion for tour. Under the impression that we had verbal agreement – flyer and tickets printed. Solution to have someone from fire department there for event.

Ouellette: You will not be able to use the facility. Spoke to Randy Johnson – fire alarm issue. If there was a problem on the third floor, people could get hurt. Can't put himself or people of town at risk.

Resident: Could have been aware before we donated time and money

Ouellette: Following last Monday night's meeting Mr. Johnson got a call from state – meeting.

Hinkle: You called the state.

Resident: He called. That's his job.

Hinkle: In hospitals, etc. If panel goes down, they have a fire watch - have two firemen to walk the floor.

Resident: Can't get paid.

Hinkle: Would they volunteer?

Resident: I wouldn't be one of them. I wouldn't take responsibility for place that isn't qualified.

Hinkle: Why don't you ask the state?

Ouellette: I will.

Resident: Not legal.. insurance won't cover it.

Hinkle: Can't use for Rec carriage rides?
Ouellette: Will find out tomorrow.
Women's Club rep: Can we purchase fire alarms?
Corcoran: fire alarms there.
Women's Club rep: Are we waiting for fire marshall or getting a formal no from committee
Ouellette: Can't supersede the fire marshall. There was a process in place, but we weren't aware.
Women's Club rep: Money from our club activities goes back to community
Templeton: Where did the verbal agreement come from?
Women's Club rep: Mr. Corcoran on Oct 29-30. We could have made other plans.
Ouellette: I found out last Monday night. Communications issue there.
Women's Club: Any one of you want to open your house that's in that location?
Devinney: How many?
Women's Club: Piano player, chorus...
Templeton: How about Newton's Landing club house.
Women's Club: Want a location near the last house
Corcoran: When I first became aware, I reviewed with fire marshall. He said they would have to remain on first floor. Some conditions have changed.
Fitzpatrick: Requested this building for Nov. 26 – conflict that Township Committee may be meeting that night. Meeting at mansion wasn't gong to be a problem. Problem in communication because Janice didn't know the building couldn't be used.
Lohr: Thought first floor could be used.
Ouellette: To my knowledge couldn't use from December of last year.
Fitzpatrick: Who gave us that order?
Resident: Fire marshall got it from the state.
Women's Club: We used it[the building].
Ouellette: in 2007?
Women's Club: No,
Fitzpatrick: Modeling class used the building. Township Committee never received any notification.
Ouellette: I didn't get anything in writing.
Women's Club: How did the modeling class use it?
Templeton: Fire marshall wasn't informed.
Resident of Buttonwood: State told him it is a hazard and he has to enforce it.
Corcoran: Fire marshall told me that someone had filed a complaint about him. I'm befuddled.
Hinkle: We have a place to have it. Mr. Devinney will open his home for us. At least we know if it doesn't go well tomorrow, we have a place.
Women's Club: Thanks to Mr. Devinney.
Resident of Lilac: Public record on money raised in the last ten years – two debibrilators, resurfacing tennis court. outside bulletin board, sign for town, park benches, trees, shrubs, flowers, maintain at municipal building totaling \$15,000. Memorial Day flags, Babe Ruth Day, Gateway Park
Resident of Buttonwood: Fire department does same thing.

Resident of Lilac: (I missed a few) Awards to 8th grade graduation and clothing, Delanco school band, Kevin Russell Fund computer and printer, Rec, CUPHI , Eagles have Landed, contributions \$100 to \$1000 to various funds and families in need. [distributed list to members of public and Township Committee] Nonpartisan group of women all young at heart.

Resident of Edgewood: If state does approve, will Township Committee approve?

Devinney: It's not up to us.

Fitzpatrick: If state approves, we can do a motion tonight...

Templeton: Inappropriate. This motion would apply undue pressure on public safety official. Let the officials make their decisions independently.

Devinney – abstaining

Lohr: You have that approved from a previous meeting. That's a motion that's a fact.

Fitzpatrick: Apparently he's the officer that someone filed a complaint against. He won't sign the letter.

Lohr: This is different – contingent on state.

Devinney: Revising vote to yes Fitzpatrick and Hinkle: Yes. Templeton: for the reason stated no. Ouellette: If state fire marshall approves, yes.

Ouellette: Motion that department of health come in and clear the first floor for mold. [Protests from floor]

Ouellette: I met with Mr. Rahrenkamp in August. We had to open the doors and windows in dining room to get some air in it.

Resident: Study done on the mold?

Ouellette: Haven't gotten a report.

Corcoran: Just received it today.

Resident: Mold everywhere- black mold is the only concern. You wouldn't be able to sell it.

Templeton: Two professionals told us in July and August that we would need to clear it.

Resident: They come in and treat with bleach and water and fan. Other than black mold, it's OK. Anyone going into an old building with allergies would have a reaction to mold.

Resident of Maple: Past president. Upset...membership makes me the most proud – open to anybody. We raise money and keep it in town. Give time and effort to it.

Always felt a spirit of cooperation. What I hear tonight. This sound obstructionist.

Upset and don't understand. Thanks to Ed for opening his home. Good solution for this year.

Devinney: It feels uncomfortable to feel that because some objections are raised that you feel they are superfluous.

Resident: It seems like the end goal is for us not to use the building.

Devinney: Not standing in the way of the work the Women's Club does.

Resident: I've heard there's been pressure on the fire marshall not to give approval.

Templeton: Innuendo is upsetting –

Resident: I hope it's not true.

Templeton: Not true.

Hinkle: I don't understand why someone called the state.

Templeton: Did anyone called Randy after last week's meeting?

Hinkle: I didn't call him.

Ouellette: I called – he had gotten a call from the state
Templeton: Disturbing thing is someone pressuring fire marshall to bend his judgement – I want to find out who’s doing that
Fitzpatrick: No one asked him to compromise his decision.
Templeton: When (I missed this)
Fitzpatrick: I never talked to Randy.
Resident of Buttonwood: He has to report anything that happened in town.
Fitzpatrick: Only time it was discussed was at the meeting last week.
Resident of McCay: Respect health issue – second meeting. You have a report. Read it and decide.
Corcoran: Haven’t had time to digest... very technical. Haven’t had time to copy for Committee. Will contact engineer in the morning.
Ouellette: Would be good to get something in writing.
Fitzpatrick: Activity would take place from 4-5.
Corcoran: I will ask the engineer to confirm by email and forward it to you.

Resident of Edgewood: Public safety – inground pool on Second Street.
Hinkle: No fence. Summons issued – 10 days. I hope Phil has changed that. Little kids in the neighborhood.
Corcoran: Conversation with Ed Schaeffer – talked to state – state doesn’t require fence around pool under construction even with water as determined by CO. Can only proceed under municipal law – summons will be issued.
Resident: Drain the pool. If child drowns, town will get sued.
Fitzpatrick: Temporary orange fence useless.
Resident of McCay: Town in need of ordinance.
Corcoran: BOCA Code supersedes. Will talk to Ed.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CORRESPONDENCE – Lohr

1. Letter from Prosecutor – Gang Task Force – adopt resolution –
2. Letter from Beverly – Gas key for Beverly City housing inspector

Ouellette: What has been the practice?

Lohr: Handled in house –

Hinkle: What is his job again?

Lohr: Works for us part-time on rentals; he is their full-time housing inspector

DETERMINATION ON APPLICATION OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FEES -

Fitzpatrick: What Sheehan proposed last week. My suggestion is to go with developer’s fee. We’re not in the business of buying or building. Fee is less, but a better method for Delanco - \$5000.

Hinkle: Could be less or more

Templeton: In the paper, proposal in Trenton to eliminate RCA’s

Hinkle: Changes every three months.

Lohr: That’s why I asked if we could revisit.

Templeton: I agree, developer's fee.
Devinney: Me too
Ouellette: I agree.
Lohr: Developer's fee for under eight units.
Passed unanimously

CREEKSIDE AT DELANCO – PROPOSAL FOR STORMWATER FACILITY MAINTENANCE AND EASEMENT

Rahenkamp: Application withdrawn. We will do homeowners' association and they will file for whatever tax relief.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. AMEND BUSINESS LICENSE FEES

Ouellette: Copy in packet of what Delran charges – some charge nothing.

Hinkle: Report two years ago – we agreed with Delran at that time.

Ouellette: Didn't come to any conclusion.

Hinkle: Two years ago, we kind of agreed that Delran had the best.

Fitzpatrick: Thing attached to agenda isn't the same thing I have. This is Willingboro's and it is better than Delran's.

Hinkle: Square feet of floor space seems to be fair. Right now everyone pays \$50 whether you have a deli or Deitz and Watson's.

Fitzpatrick: Some towns didn't charge anything. Delran's more explicit covering square feet.

Hinkle: Rest – not that much different. Marinas would be 100....service stations 100 with bay, just fuel 75.

Devinney: Sliding fee on square footage. I see the logic... like a municipal tax. Concept looks interesting.

Fitzpatrick: Run by Doug and see what he thinks. \$50 for everyone. parade \$200. I want more time to review. I would cross out some items like the parade.

Lohr: I crossed out late fee. We have one established.

Hinkle: To have no fee, how do they keep track?

Lohr: Learn a lot from business application.

Hinkle: If there is a fire, we know who to call.

Ouellette: My reaction, the \$500 is sticker shock. Larger companies contribute in taxes and are good neighbors – Jevic and Deitz and Watson.

Fitzpatrick: Both contribute to every activity.

Fitzpatrick: Keep from \$15,000 up – at \$100 or \$150.

Lohr: Cap at \$150.

Devinney: I might make it 50, 75, 200.

Templeton: Think about for next meeting

Lohr: Need to get something on the books for 2008.

COMMENTS – TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

1. Street signs – missing 94. Stop signs – residents concerned about thru streets from Burlington to Delaware. Normal cross streets would be stop signs – haphazard.

Residents original concern on thru streets is speed. Chief Parsons has heard from residents.

Devinney: Stop signs on thru streets.

Corcoran: Poll on next meeting.

2. Three proposals scheduled for tonight – not a good time since meeting is lengthy.

Three scheduled for December 3, That leaves three open – second Monday in Dec. open.

Fitzpatrick: Have board members whose terms expire been notified?

Lohr: I can send an email out.

Corcoran: Three for tonight moving to Dec. 17th.

Ouellette: We'll try to get agenda together sooner.

Steve, did John give you an update on leaf vacuum

Corcoran: Last week, one thing after another on equipment. Still leaves on trees. We'll have to do some shifting. Will need to adjust the schedule. Left it to John's discretion.

Can't borrow now – all townships in the same boat. New leaf vacuum had plugged hose and is working fine now.

COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

Municipal Clerk:

- date for reorganization – Land Use doesn't set a date until we pick one.

Hinkle: January 7th – Friday.

Lohr: Statute first 10 days.

Fitzpatrick: Friday, Jan. 4 is my birthday. Have done it on the 2nd.

Hinkle: We'll celebrate Kate's birthday.

Lohr: Jan 4

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Hinkle:

-Hope swimming pool problem gets solved.

-Committee should do something for recreation

-Thanks to Janice for help with mock elections.

-Thought the suggestion for indoor swimming pool and golf were great.

Devinney:

-attended NJ League of Municipalities – session on - can affect development . Talked to PSEG reps – asked about sodium lights though there might be a charge. Only needs 1/3 of the electric cost for the same illumination.

Fitzpatrick:

-Senior meeting – presentation in January on sesquicentennial

-attended school play at Walnut Street

-Rec events – Tree lighting Dec. 7, Carriage rides Dec. (missed date) - flyers to go home through school.

-emailed Denton re: grate on Stormwater Management – not required to replace existing ones – only need to label them. New inlets for new construction so we don't have to replace all the drains.

Templeton:

-I was asking what the mandate was for the grates– there was never a mandate. I had asked for that several times in the spring time.

- Still looking for “field of dreams”

Corcoran: Left in your mailbox

Templeton: Just the picture – that doesn’t explain the 3.7 million

Fitzpatrick: I have a binder. I’ll put a copy in your mailbox

Resident of McCay: Sign at Emory and Wolverton – wrong.

Resident of Burlington: Can’t you schedule workshop for Columns?

Ouellette: Check calendars – conflict

Templeton: These are just initial proposals. Keep to existing meetings

Hinkle: Workshop meetings?

Fitzpatrick: Were going to do 26th, but I will be out of town.

Ouelette:

-attended NJ League of Municipalities – attended session re: going deeper in decision-making – asking questions to determine final impact.

Meeting ended at 10:30

Submitted by Maureen Barrett