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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING– APRIL 7, 2008

Also Present: Mr. Corcoran, Twp. Administrator,___Mr. Denton, Twp. Engineer___Mr. Kearns, Twp. Solicitor___Ms. Zimmermann, Deputy Municipal Clerk___ Mr. Fenimore, Supt. of PublicWorks___ Mr. Parsons, Chief of Police___ Mr. Goffredo, Code Enforcement Officer _____

PROMOTING OFFICER DONALD NESBITT TO SERGEANT - DELANCO

TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARMENT EFFECTIVE MARCH 31, 2008

OATH GIVEN TO SERGEANT NESBITT BY THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR, MR. WILLIAM KEARNS

Ouellette: Officer Nesbitt has been with our department for some time. It's a pleasure to be able to promote from within.

Parsons: Detective for last two years. Lots of training – earned criminal Justice degree while working.

Fitzpatrick: Delanco police department is one of the finest in the area. Help in a number of ways. Officer Nesbitt spoke to seniors about safety. Officer Hoffman spoke to Interact regarding internet safety.

Officer Nesbitt was sworn in as Sergeant – oath administered by Mr. Kearns.

****PROCLAMATION – ARBOR DAY, APRIL 25, 2008****

Hinkle: April 25, Friday Time TBA – program at Walnut Street School to plant 3 big trees – 650 lb. roots.

Passed unanimously

CONSENT AGENDA:

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ACCOUNT AMOUNT

GENERAL \$498,900.04

PAYROLL 53,327.31

TRUST 14,054.44

HOUSING 7,307.50

RECREATION 3,650.00

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1/14/08, 1/28/08, 2/11/08, 2/16/08, 2/23/08, 3/1/08

RESOLUTION 2008-52 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT – DELANCO POLICE ASSOCIATION

-removed at Ouellette's request since he hadn't received a copy of the agreement.

Ouellette: Can we have that at the next meeting?

Fitzpatrick: Who is preparing the agreement?

Ouellette: Matter of the review.

Kearns: Haven't seen anything problematic thus far.

Rest of CONSENT AGENDA Passed unanimously

ABUNDANT LIFE MASS PUBLIC ASSEMBLY APPLICATION

Passed unanimously

RESOLUTION 2008-55 AUTHORIZING A FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO BE HELD AT THE ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP ON FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2008, AND ON SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2008 –

Ouellette: Fire marshall and police department have been involved.

Devinney: I've been attending fire commissioners' meeting. Randy Johnson has been involved and is satisfied.

Kearns: Fire officials have looked at it. They want a licensed company to do them.

Passed unanimously

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Resident of Pennington Ct: Mowing at Newton's Landing and the bonds. Met with Scott Taylor and Kathy Elliot. Fence was put up. Everything is going ok?

Corcoran: Yes

Resident: Have other Newton's Landing bond gone into maintenance? Does Delanco have the streets?

Ouellette: That is my understanding.

Resident: Does that mean John has responsibility for fixing street signs?

Corcoran: Under maintenance, some items will be under that for two years.

Resident: We would notify the township?

Corcoran: Yes.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CORRESPONDENCE - Zimmerman

1. Letter expressing interest in Environmental Advisory Board
2. Letter re Historic Preservation Board
3. Letter re: State cuts - suggestions and questions. Author signed petition.

School election is April 15 – BOE Meeting April 9 in cafeteria

Fitzpatrick: Application for Bill Hamlin(spelling?) for Historic Preservation Advisory Board – recommended that we appoint him. The board took it upon themselves to solicit people and interview them.

Resolution 2008-57 to appoint Bill Hamlin to Historic Preservation Advisory Board.

Passed unanimously

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Ouellette: We need to go to executive for about 10 minutes. We received another version of redevelopment agreement this afternoon. We need to discuss this as a committee with counsel. Then we will come back out to public session.

Township Committee returned from executive and began with the discussion items and rest of meeting:

Discussion:

1. MANSION UPDATE

Corcoran: Mold remediation and engineering study are complete. Copy of report distributed to committee and interested party.

2. ZURBRUGG MANSION UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK/ABOVE GROUND TANK REMOVAL

Corcoran: need \$8,560 to remove oil tank. Asking committee to approve contract for that this evening. We don't qualify for coverage, but do qualify for \$10,000 grant. Need to do this.

Ouellette: By RJS?

Corcoran: Yes and they will do testing as well.

Resolution 2008-60 awarding contract for tank removal and authorizing application to JIF for grant. Passed unanimously

Templeton: Was there a comment regarding being able to recover cost from previous owner?

Fitzpatrick: Yes, time frame of purchase of mansion – agreement was “as is” so it is unlikely that we would be able to recoup.

Templeton: Site plan used for recent work was the one from previous owners 531 Delaware – locations of fill points for the tanks were marked. There was evidence that the tanks were there and that the previous owners were aware.

Fitzpatrick: Would cost as much to litigate as to remove. We should apply for the grant.
Hinkle: Yes.

3. QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT

Kearns: Legislation is proposed that would require all townships to have qualified purchasing agents. League of Municipalities is opposed. Smaller towns don't need to have a separate person. You may want to contact your legislator.

Fitzpatrick: We were sent a resolution by Bill (missed last name) opposing S770 and A1645. I don't know how the state is putting in another position when we are in this position with our budget.

Devinney: Agree

Resolution 2008-59 opposing A1645 and S770 and the attendant reorganization of Delanco Township's purchasing.

4. RECYCLING CONTAINERS

Ouellette: Letter from Ann Moore, County Recycling Coordinator. Requested ordinance on books for new residences to have recycling receptacles as part of CO process.

Corcoran: Can be done – Bill Kearns will prepare.

Fitzpatrick: \$7500 is the cost to us for 1000

Resident: Can you require that they have lids?

Fitzpatrick: Yes

Devinney: After a few years we will be in the black on a deal like this.

Ouellette: Newspaper and cardboard requires crates – 3 years.

Kearns: Since it is a new ordinance, you could require the lids.

Fitzpatrick: I would. How much time do we have to address the crates? At last 1000 homes in Delanco would receive crates. Did a program in Evesham – got two times recycled what they would. If people are aware of what they can recycle and have a container to easily recycle it, they will.

Corcoran: Last week I spoke to owner of South Jersey – they won't pick up anything that is recyclable.

Fitzpatrick: 224 Rancocas. This fellow left them there. Phil, can you go over to tell them?

Resident: I'll tell him. I told a lot of people on my street.

Ouellette: Each crate is \$55 per unit. Phasing this in. Asked for a sample to show everyone. Part of Medford is using the crates also.

Kearns: Will have draft of ordinance for 21st.

5. PETITION TO STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Ouellette: In mid-March we discussed petitions to be circulated. Mr. Kearns has provided us with a sample. I brought a copy here so we can get started with the process of getting the message to our senators and assemblymen. What should we do as a committee?

Fitzpatrick: We need to approve it. Mr. Kearns prepared it.

Kearns: Doesn't need to be approved, but you need to move soon while they are working on the budget. June will be too late.

Devinney: We should put it on the website.

Kearns: Should request that signed petitions be back by April 30.

Fitzpatrick: Should be at every department meeting.

Motion in support of circulation of residents' petition.

COMMENTS – PROFESSIONALS

Denton: No comment

Kearns: No comment

COMMENTS – TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

1. Budget – plan to introduce at next meeting April on 21. Tying up loose ends now.

Ouellette: Scheduled for workshop on April 14th. Sill do that?

Corcoran: Your call. Not essential.

Ouellette: We will hold workshop session to give everyone an opportunity to look at the budget one more time.

2. Draft from Dave Denton regarding Transit Parking – We'd like to get input from NJ Transit to see if we are on the right track, it it's doable or not doable.

Ouellette: Sounds good.

Templeton: When I spoke to (missed name) at NJ Transit, they were willing to supply some materials and labor.

3. Police fuel consumption variation – Sometimes other townships use ours, we track usage of our fuel and retrieve gallons from the other township. This accounts for the spikes.

Devinney: Is there a paper trail?

Corcoran: Yes, one of our officers has to be present and they record the number of gallons. We're going to formalize that as a standard procedure.

Devinney: Cooperating is good – sounds like shared services.

Corcoran: John is obtaining list of shared services.

Ouellette: Got one

Fitzpatrick: Have it.

Code Enforcement/Zoning - Goffredo:

- 200 block of Cedar – approved for 6 months.
- Many complaints on Burlington Ave regarding cans being left out. Working on that diligently. They have until the following day at 8am. I've noticed it's getting better.
- Europa containers were a problem – ticket was issued to MEND. They hired a school kid to bring in the cans twice a week after school.
- 200 Burlington does have recycling cans now.
- complaint about old municipal building – overflowing – I sent a notice and it was gone. He is going to board for approval for dental office.
- 614 Burlington – failed to come in to do application for cement. – engineer is looking at it for a pad for handicapped. Maybe Mr. Denton will get together with me. Pad doesn't affect the curb. He damaged it and wants to fix it. That's a legal issue.
- March report
- 19 complaints – 1 sign confiscated – 3 properties got first warning – 12 mailings- cutting back on certified mailings – only sent out 2. Had 12 compliances. Issued one summons. Year total 47 compliances – only 10 in violation.
- Zoning – 1 permit and 2 fences.
- Templeton: Matter of person selling flower with huckster permit. Were you involved?
- Goffredo: Yes, summons issued to owner and operator for failure to get approval for converting gas station to flower shop.

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Hinkle:

1. VFW awards dinner
2. NJ Dept of Law and Public Safety Course – got certificate
3. Didn't make RiverRoute Meeting

Marlene Jass (now vice chair of RiverRoute): RiverRoute Advisory Board wants everyone to wear their insignia. Forging ahead with RiverRoute Magazine. Another is coming – looking for an update. Historical Committee can contribute with pictures. Update with developmental areas in county and in Delanco. Papers for Steve to update for the county. Goes from RiverRoute Advisory to state for funding. Promoting the RiverLine. We need help from Delanco. We will be updating the video. Steve, waiting for a copy of the video.

Fitzpatrick: I would like to see the last video.

Ouellette: I caught about three minutes of it.

Jass: We can update different sections or promote areas we didn't before. We could put in sesquicentennial.

Corcoran: Could fit on website. Hawk Island document is on website.

Jass: We have a lot of interesting things happening between the RiverRoute and the Historic Preservation Committee.

Templeton:

-Spent a lot of time at computer going over prospective agreement. It would be nice to have more time to consider this and have JLUB weigh in. New version came in late this afternoon. I've not had the opportunity to review it. We were given a rushed decision by March 31 as per the state. It turned out those requirements weren't there. It makes you wonder where that came from. You don't make good decisions when you are rushing. I would hope that in the days before our next meeting, all of the questions can be answered. It's a permanent impact. We are changing the work of many members of our community on JLUB. The project deserves our respectful consideration. The project in itself renovating the mansion for apartments with market value townhouses - I'm OK with that. We've explored other possibilities to exhaustion. This is our best chance to get some stability there. We need time to iron this out.

-Coming home from work late the other night, I caught one of the freight trains working at 1:00am. About 30 feet away, the noise is impressive. Please pass your complaints along to Mr. Goffredo. Your input helps.

Fitzpatrick:

-VFW 3020 awards banquet- Rodney Hubbs was honored

-Nagging Peter Hovnanian about the name Savannah Mews – will be Crossings at Delanco Station – street names from members of historical Delanco Choral Society.

-letter to county engineer regarding three busy crosswalks to see what they can do to help us get pedestrian signs. Asked them to remove bike path from Coopertown to school so people don't drive or walk in that path. Residents there are concerned that someone will get hurt.

-DYSA – April 13 and 27 – girls having car wash. DYSA requested items they need. President of DYSA will attend Rec meeting. Fields not moving along – truck doing doughnuts there destroying it every time we make an improvement there. If I find out who is doing it, he won't be very happy.

-Library Tea May 2

-Benefit for Jack Towell (Missed date – in May)

-Seniors meet at 12 tomorrow

-Letters from library in thanks for directions

-Stopped by Eagle Scout project

-Think that the project at the mansion is a benefit to town. Will save average household \$161. I think COAH units being together is good for seniors. I'm glad they will have a nice place to live.

Ouellette:

-How much is each resident going to save?

Fitzpatrick: \$161.

Devinney:

-Nothing important to report –it's late

Ouellette: Back to executive session. You are welcome to hang out.

(I went home since it was 9:30.)

Submitted by Maureen Barrett