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Township Committee May 19, 2008

Devinney, Hinkle, Templeton, Ouellette Fitzpatrick

Also Present: Steven Corcoran, Twp. Administrator, Mr, Kearns, Twp. Solicitor; Janice Lohr, Municipal Clerk; Karen Zimmermann, Deputy Municipal Clerk

**RESOLUTION 2008-74 INTRODUCTION OF 2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR JUNE 23, 2008**

Devinney: Still a work in progress; governor and legislature are still working on what aid they will give

Fitzpatrick: Several cuts that still need to be made

Templeton: Unlike last year where we got locked into what we thought was a preliminary budget, this is a draft.

Ouellette: If you want a copy, leave your name (to public)

Lohr: Some reduced sized versions available in the office

Ouellette: You can pick up a copy at municipal clerk's office

Corcoran: Because of cap waiver of last year, I would like to adjust so those monies are in the proper place. We will note that those line items include the cap waiver.

Ouellette: Works for me, but if folks want the version we have...

Corcoran: Last year we requested a significant cap waiver from Trenton so comparison shows a significant increase for 2007, but it is actually a reduction.

Devinney: I would request that copies of that be emailed to us as well.

Templeton: We discussed getting this budget online for wider distribution.

Corcoran: We will put it online when those 5 or 6 line items are adjusted.

Ouellette: That will be on our website.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

RESOLUTION 2008-75 REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT

**RESOLUTION 2008-76 RESOLUTION ENDORSING RECYCLING TONNAGE
GRANT**

**RESOLUTION 2008-77 AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF RECYCLING CARTS UNDER THE BURLINGTON
COUNTY RECYCLING CART PROGRAM**

Templeton asked that this be removed from consent.

RESOLUTION 2008-78 RESOLUTION CERTIFYING RECEIPT OF AUDIT

RESOLUTION 2008-79 APPROVING REQUEST FOR FINAL RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR BLOCK 1702, LOT 3.01 (Steve Lamb Subdivision)

RESOLUTION 2008-80 MEMORIALIZING AUTHORIZATION OF REIMBURSEMENT OF OPEN SPACE DEDICATED TRUST ACCOUNT APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA Passed unanimously

Lohr: Receipt of audit. I will be sending an affidavit for each of you to sign indicating that you have reviewed the audit.

Resolution 2008-77 AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RECYCLING CARTS UNDER THE BURLINGTON COUNTY RECYCLING CART PROGRAM

Templeton: Price when we discussed this was a little different - \$15/cart now it's \$25.

Hinkle: First year should save \$7200

Fitzpatrick: There are two different sizes – wondering if smaller is cheaper.

Devinney: I'm thinking large isn't necessary

Fitzpatrick: It would take me a month to fill it.

Ouellette: Mrs. Moore said she would get together with Mr. Fenimore and review what parts of town would get what

Fitzpatrick: If it all goes into the same cart in time, maybe we all want a large one.

Devinney: should be some way for citizens to have input.

Templeton: Rivers Edge has space limitation in garages on the large carts. Some houses in older part of town have limitations too.

Devinney: We can still approve the resolution to commit to cost of doing it.

Hinkle: The county is familiar with this program in other towns.

Templeton: What towns?

Hinkle: Mt Laurel and Evensham

Corcoran: and parts of Medford

Fitzpatrick: Survey was done – increased recycling.

Corcoran: Right now we are just talking cardboard and paper. Wonder if it is worth putting on a sticker.

Templeton: Those were my questions.. Cost and how a size is determined

Hinkle: She suggests the larger because they eventually will go to all in one.

Templeton: Who is OCT? Occupational training?

Fitzpatrick: Yes, they pick up.

Templeton: That comes out to annual cost of \$7500. Grant last year was just under \$3000. At Joint Land Use Board, we asked Ryan and they agreed to provide them for Rivers Edge community.

Fitzpatrick: Thought Mr. Kearns was going to do an ordinance for developers to provide.

Corcoran: Can keep it on the checklist at JLUB.

Templeton: Ryan agreed to provide the entire community at Rivers Edge.

Fitzpatrick: If we have our ordinance it will take care of Hovnanian and Creekside.

Templeton: That's almost \$1000 a year less that Rivers Edge pays. Every little bit helps.
Resolution 2008-77 Passed unanimously

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Resident of McKay: What is cost to Delanco on recycle carts? How much per house? and how long to pay back?

(not sure who said this) \$37,000

Templeton: 6 year pay back. Target was 1800

Ouellette: We save tipping fees

Fitzpatrick: If we don't have to pay for RiversEdge, that is a nice chunk of change.

Resident: Does anyone in town call the owner of Jevic to see how our taxes will be paid?

Corcoran: Will cover it under my report.

Resident of Willow: Displeased with letter received.

Hinkle: In reference to what?

Resident: Cutting our grass He told my wife he did the parade route. That's discrimination. It rained all last week. I got a letter saying my house is in disrepair. I sweep all the time because this township screwed up the street.

Fitzpatrick: You have every right to be angry.

Resident: I take pride in my property. How about the boat that was sitting on Union for a week and a half?

Devinney: Probably because neighbors didn't complain.

Resident: You should see the back of that property. It's a disgrace.

Ouellette: Letters were sent out by zoning officer?

Resident: Yes.

Fitzpatrick: There's a house on Washington where the grass is up to my waist.

Resident of Delaware: Noise at Glenn Foerd – weddings every weekend. I can clearly hear the music – can identify song from my bed with the windows closed “Play That Funky Music” after 11:30. It’s three nights a week. It’s been an ongoing problem.
Devinney: Would appreciate it if my fellow township committee members would join me in a letter.

Kearns: I have a few contacts in city solicitors office. I will contact them and see to whom we should address the letter.

Fitzpatrick: I’m wondering how nobody on that side hears it.

Resident: They point the speakers at us since they think we can’t complain. If they point them the other way, the residents will complain and they will be fined. Chief Parsons said he has gotten a lot of complaints over the years about kids with music on Hawk Island. He thinks now it was probably Glenn Foerd all along. When we first moved in, I was sure it was a kid in a car on the corner. I got up and got dressed to come out and find out where they were so I could call it in. It sounds like it’s right there.

Resident of Pennington: Basins at Newton’s Landing – they were spraying again. It’s a noticeable difference. Most of the vegetation is gone. I assume they will work and then reseed.

Hinkle: We have a letter. It will be a couple of weeks before they can seed.

Fitzpatrick: It will take a long time. They are destroying everything. It will take a year or two for that to be what it should be.

Resident: Previously mowed and maintained path. Paths haven’t been maintained.

Templeton: This is Pulte’s responsibility?

Resident: Yes.

Resident: No money to redo silt fence. Just to put it up.

(had photos) HOA has no land on the creek. Area in front of MEND house hasn’t been maintained.

Corcoran: Two issues – contractor you see is working on specific plan for Pulte – not grass. That contractor wouldn’t be aware of the other responsibilities. It is Pulte’s responsibility. Notify Pulte through your Homeowners’ Association. We can start the nice way and then end up the way we did before if we need to.

Fitzpatrick: Why don’t we just send Phil out there?

Ouellette: Yes, let’s send him out.

Fitzpatrick: Would you have Phil issue summons?

Resident: I appreciate that you would like Newton’s Landing Homeowners’ Association to call Pulte, but it is ultimately the township’s responsibility since Homeowners’ Association doesn’t own it.

Corcoran: Just asking for a phone call.

Resident: We've been doing it for seven years. Pulte doesn't respond.

Corcoran: You are assuming that we would know about it.

Resident: (missed this)

Devinney: You are right. When a citizen complains, it goes to Phil.

Fitzpatrick: Hotline (missed number, but it is on website).

Resident: On monthly basis, that notice about the hotline can be put in *Beverly Bee*.

Fitzpatrick: It has been in, but we will put it in again. It's been available for almost a year. That's the purpose of that hotline so people can call in complaints about their neighbors. There's a log.

Resident: Phil has been very responsive. He's addressed the issues.

Resident of Buttonwood: Pond at Perkins has a lot of weeds. They aren't cleaning it out as they should. That's what draws mosquitoes. Same at Pennington – that's county.

Grass there hasn't been cut. Railroad hasn't been cut either. They're a big outfit. .

Fitzpatrick: That's the Homeowners' Association at River Winds on the pond. He has a list to notify. And New Jersey Transit too.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Dave Rust for Recreation detailing their wishes for recreation regarding Creekside Development
2. Anna Lucas – thanks for support of Junior Girl from Riverside High School to state
3. Ouellette: Everyone got a copy of Jevic letter.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. MANSION UPDATE

Corcoran: Nothing to report

Ouellette: \$1.2 million – have we seen it?

Corcoran: It's in Parker McCay's escrow account.

Devinney: Can it be moved to our interest bearing account?

Corcoran: Yes

2. VINE STREET SIDEWALK REPAIR PROPOSAL

Corcoran: At new pocket park, the sidewalk is unsafe. We're recommending that it be replaced at a cost not greater than \$5000

Fitzpatrick: I looked at it too. That should come out of Open Space funds. It's a shame. Whole street needs to be replaced.

Corcoran: We're going to close gaps on the curblin. We will bring both up so no one drives in there.

Fitzpatrick: That park needs a light. It is dark at the back of it. If we put a light on that street from the new streetscape lights, we could put one on the sidewalk. Our original intent was to put a light in there. I know contractors do the base and PSE&G does the hookups.

Corcoran: If we reduce the number of lights [on Burlington Avenue], we can move one.

Fitzpatrick: On the Vine Street side in the middle, not in the park.

Corcoran: Maybe midway.

Fitzpatrick: What do you think, Janice?

Lohr: Not any closer than midway.

Corcoran: Two ways to do it – move one or install a new one ourselves. We have the pole.

Fitzpatrick: Whatever is most convenient and fastest and most reasonable. IF PSE&G can take one down...

Corcoran: We had three for the new addition. If we are going to remove some, we would have three for the new streetscape.

Fitzpatrick: We need to move four.

Corcoran: If we do that, we have to decide what to do with the bases.

Fitzpatrick: Just a pole

Kearns: For the isolated streetlight – could it be solar?

Devinney: We should check that out.

Fitzpatrick: The three have been wired. Maybe we should just do the solar one on Vine. We should still take the three off Burlington Ave. It would save electricity, break it up a little, there are too many lights. I wonder if they can put a plate over the base. Will someone tell Public Service that we want to remove some?

Corcoran: We have an inventory of all the street lights.

Devinney: It would be a good idea to reduce the lighting. We should consider inviting people to comment.

Fitzpatrick: We should invite the neighbors again. Actually they didn't get invited on that one.

Ouellette: Back to the original question. Paving?

Templeton: Do we have an estimate?

Corcoran: Yes

Replacement of Vine Street sidewalk in front of pocket park. Passed unanimously

Devinney: Thanks to Eagle Scout to- be- Lohr for taking the initiative on this project.

Lohr: Still benches to go in and some other landscaping. He will come back to committee to give a report. It went from an Eagle Scout project to a community project. Ouellette: It has enhanced our community. One person can make a difference through an idea and getting other people involved. A lot of people got involved in that. It's a great thing to see.

3. PERSONNEL POLICY UPDATE AND ORDINANCES

Corcoran: Update required by JIF every two years. Introduction requested this evening.

Hinkle: Is this personnel that we're working on?

Corcoran: This one is primarily that outline by MIL and their recommendations with some adjustments.

Fitzpatrick: Do we discuss this at an open meeting? I have questions.

Corcoran: Yes, Copy dated 5/19/08 is the one we are working with.

Ordinance 2008- 4 adopting Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual

1st reading – public hearing June 9 Passed unanimously

Ordinance 2008-5 indemnification of township employees, officials and appointees

1st reading – public hearing June

4. Creekside – Recreation Fees

Fitzpatrick: I heard that Mr. Rahenkamp had offered to make improvements to concession stand at West Ave in lieu of fees. Called John and asked him to submit something to Rec. Rec would like that. Mr. Rahenkamp would be able to provide that at a more reasonable fee than when we could do. It's a good deal for the town. Rec is very happy with that. Hope that Township Committee will agree to that in lieu of rec fees to the town.

Devinney: Are plans available to view?

Fitzpatrick: John (Rahenkamp), do you have any plans?

Rahenkamp: Waiting for feedback. Half dozen copies left at meeting. Doubles the size of the stand. It's about 20 x 20.

Templeton: What is the rec fee that would be waived? Total or partial?

Rahenkamp: \$37,000

Resident: At end of 2008 it will be \$1590. They will expand kitchen and replace things. Will double storage in rear and second story.

Ouellette: Doubles the size of building.

Rahenkamp: Outside needs work.

Hinkle: Didn't they want a light in the shed?

Fitzpatrick: Still want a light in the shed.

Templeton: We always have someone in the community who can provide services. Do we have to put out a bid? How does this work?

Kearns: Anything above \$20,000. You need to get two quotes. You have extraordinary services which give you an exemption from the bidding process. Things that are under a couple thousand dollars, you just go and buy.

Fitzpatrick: This wouldn't fall under that since it is in lieu of. We don't need to do that. It's in lieu of developer's fee he would have to pay into that account.

Kearns: You need to say, "We accept this in lieu of"

Templeton: That's what I was getting at.

Devinney: Can we make it pending a sketch or plan? Maybe at the next meeting

Templeton: Plan needs to be suitable for building inspector so we don't have to do anything with it.

Fitzpatrick: I'm sure John will take care of all the permits.

Rahenkamp: Yes, I want it done clean.

Resident of Buttonwood: At other end of ball field on West Ave, four and five year olds are going into the woods to go to the bathroom. You need a potty in there. There is a lot of poison in there.

Fitzpatrick: Will bring it up to DYSA.

Ouellette: [back to discussion of concession stand] Table to next meeting.

Templeton: I'd like to see something first.

COMMENTS – PROFESSIONALS

Kearns: Tax hearings today – about a dozen. Went well

COMMENTS – TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR Corcoran

1. Jevic Trucking ceased operations at 9:30 this morning in Delanco. Will continue until freight in system is delivered. Are shutting down small terminals. 1,000 employees affected in Parsippany and Delanco. Doesn't affect township tax-wise.

2. Bob Hudnell – expected back on Wednesday.

3. Received traffic control for Newton's Landing and Rivers Edge from Denton – sending along to Bill Kearns.

Kearns: Already in contact.

Corcoran: Parking etc.

4. Round Three COAH from Marybeth Lonigan went out to Township Committee by email.

Ouellette: Question for signage on Newton's Landing . Signs are in place?

Corcoran: Yes, was part of site plan.

COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Municipal Clerk

- Polling place for districts 1 and 2 is now Pearson School starting with coming primary
- Because of primary – township meeting schedule is 2nd and 4th week of June as has been advertised.

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Hinkle:

- Fundraiser for Jack Towell – 208 attended. Mr. Towell passed away. Women’s Club did fundraiser and raised over \$15,000.
- Sewerage Authority Meeting – increase in connection fee to \$1725

Templeton:

- There will be a second Joint Land Use Board meeting in May re Savannah Mews regarding COAH. Our COAH counsel and professionals will be attending that meeting on May 28th at 7:00.
- (Fitzpatrick: DYSA meets here that night. I need to let them know that we are meeting in the conference room.

Corcoran: We can put a sign up and leave the door unlocked.)

- Jevic – many people in Delanco have had their lives disrupted. Let’s keep those neighbors in our thoughts.

Fitzpatrick:

- Went to Florida to visit with family
- Did a wedding as deputy mayor for a day.
- Parade Sunday – Larchmont at 1:00 to convene. Ralph McCullough is the grand marshal this year
- (missed last item – it was a meeting)

Devinney:

- Met with PSE&G after many attempts. We finally have a complete listing of street lights so we can see what we can do to decrease the lighting cost – sodium, turning some off. One issue is that you are tariffed on other things besides how much energy you use. You can go down one third on your usage, but the reduction isn’t reflected in the total cost to us. Mike and I are going to continue to work on this. We will have a discussion with our professionals – John and Chief Parsons and open the discussion to the public. Contact Mike or me with your input. We could make a dent in what we pay for streetlights. Towns should use less power and there should be an incentive – it’s another issue to contact legislators about.

-Attending budget summit in Trenton tomorrow with members of state policy makers – state treasurer, DCA commissioners, (many names) Figures I've seen in restoring some of our funding fall far short of what we were hoping for.

-When we were working on Vine Street pocket park, we noticed a tremendous amount of truck traffic.

Fitzpatrick: We had bridge track that. They had a list of trucks that were going through. I have the list.

Devinney: As we watched the trucks on the bend, they can't negotiate it without going over the lines or up on the curb. It is a serious safety issue.

Hinkle: Bill, can't we do something?

Kearns: It's a county road. We'd have to get agreement. In similar regions, you can't do it without showing them another route from point A to point B.

Fitzpatrick: I would think county would work with us due to limit on the bridge.

Corcoran: This came up a few years ago. There are limits on that bridge. That's why they are keeping the log. I seem to recall Ed saying to me.

Resident: 20,000 lbs.

Fitzpatrick: Ed (Parsons) said police had no authority on truck traffic through there.

Devinney: Would it be helpful to have engineer contact county engineer?

Kearns: If you can't restrict the bridge, you can restrict the road.

Ouellette: Which agency handles enforcement of weight?

Fitzpatrick: Can they set up a weigh station?

Kearns: Contact Riverside, Bridge Commission, county,

Templeton: I think an officer can stop and ask to see the bill of lading. You don't need scales or anything.

Corcoran: State did paperwork. They collected huge fines.

Fitzpatrick: We would only need to do once. It was an idea to change that curve at one time, but engineers said that would be the worst. The curve slows traffic.

Templeton: Like that "s" tunnel in Edgewater. Resident said neighbor's basement foundation was starting to deteriorate due to truck traffic.

Hinkle: Has committee sent letter to fire company for what they did for us this year?

Devinney: We should do that.

Ouelette:

-Attending tomorrow's meeting in Trenton. Hopefully there is strength in numbers.

-JLUB received resignation from Roseanne Lameris as of July 3rd. She's been a strength as secretary and has served her community well over the years.

Corcoran:

-Could Township Committee see if county or state could set up a job fair for people who worked for Jevic?

Fitzpatrick: It's a triple town area.

Corcoran: Assuming that 500 in this area are being affected. Would be good to be proactive.

Ouellette: Could use our municipal building here. I will contact county.

Fitzpatrick: College does job fairs too.

Devinney: Good suggestion about BCC

Hinkle: Janice has a good suggestion – county can provide job training.

Submitted by Maureen Barrett