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Township Committee – October 6, 2008

Devinney, Hinkle, Templeton, Ouellette Fitzpatrick

Also Present: Mr, Kearns, Twp. Solicitor; Janice Lohr, Municipal Clerk; Karen Zimmermann, Deputy Municipal Clerk; Dave Denton, Township Engineer; John Fenimore, Public Works ; Phil Goffredo, Code Enforcement

\*\*\*PROCLAMATION\*\*\*

PUT THE BRAKES ON FATALITIES DAY – Friday, October 10, 008 – to improve safety on the roadways. (will be posted on township website)

Ouellette: We've changed our agenda around to have reports at the beginning of the meeting for input from department heads and professionals.

#### COMMENTS – ACTING TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Ouellette: We held a special work session with some professionals to gather information regarding the administrative position. We had an individual who came in this evening.

- Met with security people regarding access to different parts of the building. A representative from the alarm company trained police and two office staff members.
- Met with Walter Boyer, Supt. of Schools, regarding their reverse 911 set-up. Mr. Boyer made their ability to contact over 400 households available to the township.
- Met with Township Administrator from Riverside to gather information regarding an administrator's position – door was open.
- JIF safety meeting with Lt. Sacalis and Mrs. Zimmerman
- Mock election ...Mrs. Hinkle will share more in her report.
- Police need a new radar gun. Committee has approved replacement of the damaged unit at cost of about \$2800. Committee approved 100 patches for uniforms.

#### COMMENTS – PROFESSIONALS

Denton:

- Walnut Street – punchlist to contractor who will be back this week to work on that.
- Zurbrugg waterfront – field work for topographic map completed. Plans for Township Committee review will be available next time. This needs to go before DEP. You apply by telephone, but then have 10 days to file plan with DEP so you should have a plan ready.

Templeton: For the topo map, can you determine old shore line?

Denton: Yes, we are planning to use that for the construction line.

Templeton: When I spoke to (missed this) in '07, she stated that state is agreeable to reestablishing old shore line.

Denton: I think there is enough of the old wall there to reestablish that.

Kearns:

-Ordinance regarding traffic at Newton's Landing – spoke with Chief. It should be on for the next meeting.

Ouellette: How about the one-way there?

Kearns: He felt it should be as it was in ordinance.

## COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police Lt. Sacalis:

-Thanks to Township Committee for Put the Brakes on Fatalities proclamation.

-Mock election school group toured police station and got to watch fingerprint evidence being processed.

- Give-aways in place for community day. - Providence House – domestic abuse prevention will be on hand -Will need an officer for parking

-200 block of Burlington and 400 block of (missed) will be closed for a wedding.

-to Ouellette: Can we expand the reverse 911?

Ouellette: Possibly

Fitzpatrick: Do you have anything for Historical Advisory?

Sacalis: Need to get help from (missed this) who was out, but we will work on it.

Ouellette: The one-way on Pennsylvania Ave?

Sacalis: Just the first block. Once or twice a day, the business across the street needs to swing a truck in there. That shouldn't be a problem.

Fenimore: Why don't you just make it a "no left turn"?

Sacalis: We could do that.

Fitzpatrick: We should invite the residents of that street. I thought we were going to send out a letter. It is a safety issue.

Ouellette: Agreed. We had held off because we were kicking around parking permits.

Now we have input from the police chief. I agree that we need input from the residents about what they see living on that street.

Fitzpatrick: The permit doesn't seem to be a good idea because 50% of the people parked on Pennsylvania Ave are from Delanco. They would have no place to park. Hopefully that lot will be improved soon.

Fenimore: I would be annoyed if I was a resident down there.

Sacalis: You would just push everyone down to another area or neighborhood. If they are going to put in a parking lot in the near future, it would be better not to inconvenience our residents.

Fitzpatrick: Our police department could take pictures of those cars parked and send to NJ Transit.

Sacalis: We did show them. They were here to see it.

Devinney: Send the pictures to us so we can forward to River Line. Is there an objection to cars parking head in?

Sacalis: RiverLine has objection. They are afraid that people will go too close to the train.

Devinney: They could put a fence there and get a lot more parking in.

Fitzpatrick: They didn't want fencing. It's more of an invitation to youth.

Sacalis: Just a split rail.

Devinney: Something to show where the parking is.

Fitzpatrick: That just encourages it.

Devinney: I'm just trying to get the residents parking space.

Fitzpatrick: They don't complain about parking space. It's the sight.

Templeton: John had suggested "No left turn". That would just be a single sign there. If it was one way out, (missed this)

Fenimore: I'm surprised that the railroad didn't catch that to begin with. Who would be liable if someone got hurt?

Fitzpatrick: Mr. Kearns suggested that a rep from RiverLine attend the residents' meeting.

Ouellette: Nov. meeting – we have students coming in...would it be appropriate?

Hinkle: I think it would be good. We have a limit to the time they stay so they can go to school the next day.

Ouellette: We will invite neighbors in. Mr. Templeton, can you invite rep from RiverLine?

Templeton: Yes, for Nov. 10.

## 2. Public Works –Fenimore

-Street sweeper is back, but we're not quite done with it. They are still saying that bearing is a perishable item. Bearings were \$2900.

-Leaf pick-up starts Oct. 27

-Brush is over

-Removed 11 trees and 15 stumps for Shade Tree. Some were quite big. Shade Tree may need to contract out for some.

-Delran salt – it may be in our best interest to pay them now. It's gone up \$10/ton. We will be saving quite a bit of money to get it now.

Templeton: Do we have any salt from last year?

Fenimore: Delran charges us. We recoup by doing county roads. Last year was a great year.

-Getting ready for Fall Fest.

-Started putting medallions on storm drains as per regulation. These are guaranteed for 15 years.

-Fence at Hickory Street. Lots of people were parking on Hickory. We put a gate in. The amount of trash in there... I don't know what to do. We had a lot of community service people over the summer cleaning up.

Hinkle: They can't dump the cans, can they?

Fenimore: Yes

Templeton: Can we pull some of the streetscape cans so we can put in pads and bolt them in? Ed, what does it take to put in a webcam? Maybe we should talk about that.

Devinney: We will

Fenimore: We spend a couple of hours a week there.

Templeton: It's a pigsty. It's discouraging that it's a few people that reflect on all of the youth in town. It doesn't help when people are voting on school or recreation issues.

Fitzpatrick: The only issue DYSA has is an adult softball team that moves the bleachers and the goal posts. That's the only problem. I think it's an outside league.

Fenimore: No, it's Delanco.

Fitzpatrick: DYSA would rather move them for them.

Devinney: We know who they are.

Fenimore: I was going to move a set of bleachers down for tee ball.

Fitzpatrick: Maybe we should get another set.

Sacalis: I have some information on cameras.

Fenimore: I've gone to recycling course on Thursdays. I hope I can pass the test. It's 100 questions.

Devinney: Do you have to get certified?

Fenimore: Yes, I need 12 credits a year. All the instructors were really gung ho about it. I learned a few little things.

Devinney: It's important. We all need to get more gung ho and save some land fill costs.

Fenimore: Test was going to be 7-9 on a Thursday night, but is now 1-4.

Ouellette: Large pieces of Styrofoam... a lot of that ends up in the landfill. Is there anything in place for that?

Fenimore: Nothing yet. Some towns are recycling carpets. They have a drop off.

Devinney: Are there any large companies like Walmart letting customers not take the packaging? It's common in Europe.

Templeton: I've seen that on the West Coast. They have containers outside of the store for the packaging.

When you surveyed trees and found limbs over ballfield, I wanted to commend you and your crew for always looking up. They were diseased and overhanging the crowds.

Fitzpatrick: There's a problem at West Ave by batting cages.

Fenimore: We know. It's on the list.

Ouellette: Babe Ruth field – residents in the houses there get a lot of foul balls. Can DYSA or Rec look into netting for backstop?

Fitzpatrick: We'll have to take a look at it.

Fenimore: We had the same problem at West Ave.

Fitzpatrick: It's the men's league or Riverside High School. I'll make a note of that for our meeting.

Ouellette: Are the markings for storm drains (\$970) coming from the Stormwater Management account?

Fenimore: Yes.

Ouellette: We have \$3500 budgeted for rock salt. Do we want to purchase that now?

Fenimore: It's \$55 a ton now – going up to \$65.

Motion to purchase at \$55 a ton passed unanimously

### 3. Zoning and Code Enforcement – Goffredo

-August –26 complaints – posted 5 notices. Sent 13 notices. 7 summonses. 14 reinspections and cases were closed. 21 rental inspections. Zoning – 3 fences (missed other two)

-24 complaints 7 warnings 12 notices 31 reinspections

Pending 38 cases. Closed 200+ Zoning – 3 applications approved. 3 fences approved and one denied. Township abatements - public works cleaned up 2 properties.

Fitzpatrick: What about Delview?

Goffredo: Delview Lane – ivy – not weeds – can't site.

Hinkle: What about Pennsylvania Ave?

Goffredo: Didn't show for court.

-Pulte is in court for farmhouse. They are making progress to complete repairs and get change of use as assembly use. They would have to see Ed Schaeffer.

-Winzinger – they dismantled and removed pulverizer. It's gone. They leveled the whole lot on the left side. They need to do some screening and burns. I believe they are going to planning board tomorrow night. They leveled the dirt and there is no storage of cranes visible.

Devinney: They won't recycle there?

Goffredo: They don't have the permit.

Ouellette: The concrete pad?

Goffredo: It's there, but the machine is gone. We were getting complaints on noise. It's not them. It's PJAX

Fitzpatrick: They were demolishing the trailers at Jevic. It went on all day and into the night.

Goffredo: They need to call the police so they can go and check it out when I'm not here.

I will keep an eye on it.

Fitzpatrick: A couple of people have approached me on it.

Ouellette: You said you were not sending certified mail.

Goffredo: Only if required for court.

#### 4. Municipal Clerk Lohr

-Districts 1 and 2 to Pearson – not Walnut Street. Last day to vote Oct. 14

-Rabies clinic – (missed date, but I'm sure it's on the website) from 400-500 dog and cat licenses only 2 people being summonsed

-Working with Kearns on foreclosure of COAH.

#### COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Hinkle:

-Administration meeting

-COAH subcommittee

-mock election for 7<sup>th</sup> graders – toured administrative offices and police department-

Thanks to Janice, Officer Hoffman, Jennifer from court for their help. Candidates' Night Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>. Students will attend Nov. 10 meeting.

Templeton:

-Spending time 1-4 hours per day for the past seven at Municipal Building. It's been educational. Spent time in archive room researching history of some of township property regarding Green Acres and dredging.

-Administrator meetings – interesting to hear from other townships. Each is very individualized. 23 square mile town with 3 public works employees. They had county or federal roads and didn't do brush. Being small allows you to be nimble and do what you need to do.

-Correspondence from Green Acres – Susan Seebold – 2<sup>nd</sup> appraisal came in – turnaround in 20 days.

-email from Pulte (Hunt) regarding trail walk – Pulte approved purchase order to deal with brush and work on path.

-Environmental Advisory Board – looked at Pennington and Zurbrugg – group will look at ROSI list to see if anything else needs to be done.

-Joint Land Use Board meeting tomorrow at 7:30 – Winzinger continuing application and a residential application.

Fitzpatrick:

-DYSA meeting

-Chamber of Commerce dinner – speaker said that building market wouldn't be back on track until June 2009. People would be going back to renting. River communities will benefit due to public transportation.

-Administrators meeting – interesting to see what other communities do. We are searching to see what will work best for Delanco.

-COAH – Marybeth is incredible with a world of knowledge.

-Birdsall invoices – sent a letter.

-reply from Matt Johnson – county won't help develop or fund fields at Pennington. We need to decide whether to accept the loan and plan exactly what we can do in this phase.

-Yard sale – success

-Community day Saturday

-Dave Rust Wedding Sunday – performing that

-Volleyball on Wednesdays – 7-9

-Chess Club working out well

-Library has link to township webpage.

Ouellette: Volleyball and Chess – flyers for bulletin boards. Can they be combined to one flyer for the township bulletin boards?

Devinney: Sports in town – lots of things going on. Maybe sports could be under a link.

Fitzpatrick: Current events are on the side. DYSA has a link that they will use for registrations.

Devinney:

-Attended administrators meeting – helpful in forming a strategy

-Recycle Bank- coming to Community Day – containers will be there.

-Fire Commissioners meeting + EMS. Fire Commissioners support EMS - \$10,500 that had come out of township budget before. We have great volunteers with back up from the area. How do we proceed in the future? Surrounding towns have full-time people. I'd like to invite Amy Johnson Fire Commissioners in.

Sacalis: Can you let me in on that meeting? I ran a squad for 13 years.

-Devinney: I want to say how much I appreciate our fire volunteers. They do a very professional job.

Hinkle: We finally did get a check from FEMA.

Ouellette:

-Attended DYSA meeting

-Mrs. Hinkle: did a great job putting together the tour.

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

RESOLUTION 2008-135 REFUND OF HOMESTEAD REBATES FOR 2007  
RECEIVED BY TAX COLLECTOR

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Fitzpatrick: Why was appraisal for Zurbrugg taken out of trust account? It should come out of our open space account.

Ouellette: OK

Lohr: We'll reduce trust and add open space trust \$4000. That check needs to be voided and a new check cut.

ACCOUNT AMOUNT

GENERAL \$ 530,412.39

PAYROLL 71,091.93

TRUST 18,937.25

HOUSING TRUST 1,417.50

APPOINTMENTS:

RECREATION COMMISSION – Unexpired terms for Alternate 1 & Alternate 2

Rebecca Bellan & Lauren Moser

SHADE TREE COMMISSION – Unexpired term David Atkinson

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES 2008-58 & 2008-62

CONSENT AGENDA Passed unanimously

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MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Resident of Pennington Court: Recycling bin ...daughter lives in Cherry Hill – family of four uses 65 gallon size. The 95 gallon size – where will we store or hide them?

Fitzpatrick: They collect every week in Cherry Hill.

Hinkle: I thought we were going to go smaller in Newton's Landing

Lohr: Even in Rivers Edge due to storage.

Templeton: What was the last word from the county?

Fitzpatrick: We were going to switch but they were ordered.

Hinkle: We'll have some of each.

Fitzpatrick: When I questioned Ann, she said everyone will be receiving 95 gallon.

County is encouraging them to try for two pick-ups and exchange them out.

Templeton: County will offer exchange?

Fitzpatrick: No, through us.

Templeton: We don't have any small ones.

Lohr: 10% will be small.

Fitzpatrick: 900 large and 35 or 65 medium sized.

Devinney: Timing not the best. County basically.

Templeton: Steamrolled us. We were told there were three sizes – then two sizes – then they were ordered. I think we are going to have a huge problem with people wanting smaller ones and we'll have a lot of Winnebagos that no one wants and be out the money.

Fitzpatrick: I think it was 65 smaller ones.

Sacalis: Do these say Delanco? Can we swap with another town?

Lohr: Maybe we can exchange with phase two orders.

Fenimore: What hurts us is twice a week trash pickup. If you only have it once, people are more likely to use recycle cans.

Devinney: It's likely we'll go there in the future.

Hinkle: We have to give it a chance and fix what doesn't work.

Templeton: Size constraint with older side of town and new developments. People may be able to use two of the smaller ones. I wish county had a supply we could just exchange.

Devinney: That would be really nice.

Resident of Delaware (me) I was wondering why the carriage house had a sale sign. I thought the redevelopment agreement was that it was to be renovated and sold.

Mr. Rahenkamp: It needs 150-200,000 of work inside. We had three offers. In this market, who knows. There is no reason not to put it on the market. It will have restraints.

Resident of Buttonwood: Limb of willow tree needs to be trimmed so you can see to make a left into Riverside.

Fenimore: I'll check it out.

#### MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Lohr: Letter from Henry Kent Smith request for zoning change (missed first number, but I think it was 2100) lot 50.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SOLAR ENERGY OPTION FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING –tabled until second Nov. meeting.

## 2. RECYCLING CART PROGRAM – PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH RECYCLEBANK

Ouellette: We were told it was a two year agreement, but it's a five year agreement.

Fitzpatrick: I'm hesitant. I would do it for a year and see how it works out. You may want to ask them.

Templeton: The agreement makes township responsible for tag loss and ensuring that can and address match up. It seems an additional cost. That's on page two of the agreement.

Fitzpatrick: We need to have Mr. Kearns contact them by letter in areas in which we have questions. We should talk with other communities to see what other problems occur. Five years is too long.

Devinney: Yes, and it's not what we were told.

Rahenkamp: Irresponsible for town to have to pick up those costs. Have them bear the burden.

Devinney: (Read a section) this applies to the county.

## 3. PENNINGTON PARK – STATUS UPDATE OF GREEN ACRES LOAN

Templeton: Left message with Mrs. Murphy at Green Ares – no reply. Contacted Ms. Seebold. Explained that we were still interested. Don't know if Mr. Heinold has anything on it.

Fitzpatrick: We decided not to revise the plan until we knew what the county would do. Now we know. We have to decide if we are going to go for it. Scott Taylor wasn't township planner when he got that deal. He was awarded it. We are obligated to have Scott revise.

Hinkle: It would be too costly to start with someone new.

Fitzpatrick: It would be my decision to move forward.

Ouellette: DYSA was going to give feedback.

Fitzpatrick: We need to invite Rec and DYSA – special meeting with Scott for what we can do.

Phil McFadden for Rec: Not sure what Green Acres involves. It's a loan. We need fields. For the acreage for the price, three soccer fields regardless of loan on our own it would be beneficial for the kids.

Templeton: 22 acres comes to township – county gets some waterfront on Rancocas. The land is coming to us for free.

Fitzpatrick: No, it's \$42,000

Templeton: Essentially for free. \$42,000 isn't for the land, it's for trail work which has already been done. Green Acres requires that you have to build something like a field when you take it.

McFadden: We are playing soccer on a baseball field – no parking. Kids coming between the cars. I don't know why they don't use the school fields.

Fitzpatrick: DYSA didn't want to use the school fields due to field hockey posts.

McFadden: It's bad on a Saturday. It would be beneficial to get the three fields.

Fitzpatrick: Open space tax would pay for the loan. We would be foolish not to take the loan. The loan amount may change since it was based on a \$3 million plan. DYSA is on board. It would be good for DYSA and Rec to meet with Township Committee. I think we need to move forward. I think we need to take the loan.

Templeton: I believe that the loan will change based on scale back plan. Since the land comes to us at 0 cost, I believe we should pay as you go. The \$18,000 in debt service per year decreases what you would take in because you are using the open space tax to pay the debt service. (my battery died and I missed a bit of this). I don't think we should take the loan. The last few weeks have told us that things are in flux. We have to live within our means.

Fitzpatrick: If that loan is lowered, before we right it off, we should look at it.

Templeton: It's still \$18,000 a year – a quarter of the open space tax money you are taking in is going out the window in interest. You looked at \$1.6 million for the field behind here. That was insane.

Fitzpatrick: That wasn't insane.

Hinkle: Why wouldn't we have to pay the county?

Templeton: The county took Palmyra Cove off the table...

Hinkle: That has nothing to do with it

Templeton: Please don't interrupt me.

Hinkle: You don't have anything worth saying.

Templeton: The county took Palmyra Cove off the table for dredging and we have two dump sites here in town. They owe us something.

Hinkle: You're saying we don't have to pay the county. You get the property and then what?

Templeton: We build some fields.

Fenimore: Even if we build a field, you can't use it for a year. We could partner with the school. If you build a field, you have let it establish itself.

Fitzpatrick: I thought we were working with the school, but then Rec didn't want to do this.

McFadden: I was under the impression that DYSA couldn't use the field since they couldn't line it, but it is being lined every Saturday. I heard soccer goals were bad. The ones that are being pulled up could be installed there. I have no problem working with the school, but let's put something in writing.

Fitzpatrick: They can say the fields can be used, but then they said it was because of field hockey. I will bring it up at the next Board of Ed meeting. They have to let us know of restrictions.

Fenimore: Remember that a new field needs to sit.

Rahenkamp: It will cost \$75,000 a field. I think you need to take whatever Green Acres funds are available.

Templeton: I was saying to use our own open space money.

Rahenkamp: I am as adverse as you. I agree with you. At 2% , you should take it. It would take too long to accrue the open space money.

Hinkle: What would you do with the road?

Rahenkamp: Leave it where it is.

Templeton: The open space tax brings in \$140- 150,000.

Rahenkamp: Does it include the challenge money?

Fitzpatrick: If they win that case, Rec would need to use the open space money.

Resident of Buttonwood: They can line the fields for two different games.

Fitzpatrick: I will make that suggestion.

Fitzpatrick: What are we doing with Pennington Park? We have to make a decision here.

Ouellette: We're going with soccer fields.

Fitzpatrick: We have to have a revised plan to send to Green Acres. We have to have a vote.

Devinney: Maybe we can borrow somewhat less.

Fitzpatrick: We need to get a plan revised through Doug and Scott with an estimate and the engineer involved.

Ouellette: Motion to direct Mr. Heinold to draft a letter to Green Acres with new plan.

I'd like meeting with Mr. Taylor, Rec and DYSA representative and Ms. Fitzpatrick.

We could contain the cost with the representatives and members of Township Committee. We're looking for a very simplistic approach to fields and roadway.

Anything beyond that would be something for the future. We should be able to minimize Mr. Taylor's time.

Motion to make plan and bring back to Township Committee for final approval.

Devinney: Can we get a better idea of a rough estimate?

Fitzpatrick: Mr. Denton should be in the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously

#### 4. PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2005-4 AND SECTION

#### 60-3.C & D OF THE DELANCO TOWNSHIP LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE COLLECTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FEES

Kearns: Model to bring us to state standards.

Lohr: Repeals our old ordinance and replaces it with the new state rules.

Devinney: New COAH rules don't cover cost of housing. It will fall on property owners. Property taxes are already aggressive. It's wrong

Lohr: cost of 115,000 units to be borne by taxpayers. We're only allowed to collect 2 ½ % on residential.

Devinney: Program doesn't pay its own way,

Lohr: Third round is designed to provide 115,000 affordable units.

Kearns: Commercial obligation changed from number of units to money to a fund.

Sometimes you can do "market to affordable". You reflect the same frustration that you see throughout the state.

Fitzpatrick: The rules are a published book and there are amendments and it's not done yet.

Lohr: This doesn't need to go to Land Use.

Devinney: I'd like to suggest that we have to draft a letter of objection to the rules.

Fitzpatrick: We sent something.

Devinney: It doesn't have to be elaborate.

Motion to introduce and set public hearing. Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. It's pretty boilerplate.

Ordinance 2008-12.

Passed unanimously

Meeting was reopened to the public.

Resident of Burlington: I think the committees need to justify the number of fields. I'm familiar with how Delran operates their AA. Girls play on Saturday, boys on Sundays. You don't have two- three fields at one time. I don't know what your enrollment is. I think you go for what you need – one field with a parking lot. Add to it in the future. The open space tax should only have been for open space. When you use that money for recreation or other things, it's a slush fund so you don't have to fully fund recreation.

Fitzpatrick: The only thing out of open space were for the mansion and we just got that money now. If we lose the developers' fees, we will have no funds to improve recreation in this town and that account may have to be used for that. It hasn't been used for anything.

*Submitted by Maureen Barrett. The meeting wasn't over, but it was about 10:15 and I had an early Tuesday morning.*