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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING– JUNE 8, 2009

Devinney (ab)___Hinkle_____Jass___Templeton_____Fitzpatrick_____

Also Present: Mr. Schwab, Acting Township Administrator, Mr. Heinold, Twp. Solicitor; Janice Lohr, Municipal Clerk; Karen Zimmermann, Deputy Municipal Clerk; Mr. Denton, Township Engineer; John Fenimore, Public Works ; Phil Goffredo, Code Enforcement; Lt. Sacalis, Chief Parsons, Delanco Police

SPECIAL PRESENTATION Mr. Gary Lavenia – Burlington County Bridge Commission to explain grant program (passed brochures to Township Committee)
-visiting every municipality

-We do pooled lending which spreads the cost of the bond issue – you pay pro rata share of costs and are guaranteed county double share rating and don't need to pay bond insurance.

-Offer grant writing at no cost to municipal government – should be something that is out of the ordinary that takes special expertise. I recommend that you use that language in your letter of request. We've brought in over 7 million dollars in grant monies. We've done planning grants. I've talked with deputy mayor regarding planning for open space.

-On June 16 at 10 am at Palmyra Cove– special shared services meeting to talk about energy audits and block grant applications. State has approved five firms to do energy audits.

Hinkle: Is there going to be anyone there to help with grants for solar energy?

Lavenia: Yes, from Comfort Engineering. State will be there too. Quick turn-around – applications for grants by June 22. We think that date is going to be pushed back.

Fitzpatrick: Can you explain block grants? Road improvements?

Lavenia: No, just for energy... solar...etc.

Lavenia: Be specific when you ask us to write a grant. Make it something that can't be done in house.

Fitzpatrick: We have representatives from Shade Tree and Recreation. Can they write to you?

Lavenia: No, the letter has to be signed by the mayor with the assent of council.

Fitzpatrick: Do they have the right to approach us?

Lavenia: Yes, we look at every letter. We provide in-kind services for specific projects. We will consider doing work on your behalf at our cost.

Fitzpatrick: Look at Vine Street – you provided services there and then an Eagle Scout turned it into a park.

Lavenia: We are still looking at the other two blocks. I'm also involved in shared services. We provide information regarding other communities and the state. That's what the Improvement Authority is up to.

Fitzpatrick: Thanks for the help in the past. We're fortunate in having Burlington County work with us.

Fenimore: We will be doing our car washing at the county services.

Lavenia: We were required to build as part of storm water management. It's free for municipal vehicles and school buses. It works well. The water is recycled.

Templeton: We have a lease-loan through 2017. Is there a way to take advantage of new interest rates and lower our costs.

Lavenia: When was that?

Fitzpatrick: May be 2004.

Lavenia: For every lease-loan, we review constantly in relation to current interest rates. If it is eligible, you would get a letter from us. We did that for Willingboro, the county, ... we were able to save 18 years. They saved a million and a half dollars.

Templeton: When does that take place?

Lavenia: That pops up in front of our financial advisor constantly. We were close on 2003, but haven't gotten to the 3%.

Fitzpatrick: That letter would go to Sewerage Authority.

ORDINANCE 2009-7 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PIECES OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$145,000 THEREFOR FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND CAPITAL FUND SURPLUS

Fitzpatrick: These funds already exist in capital account. We are allocating them to purchase items we need:

2 SUV's for Police, chipper and dump truck, Richards Ave repair, replacement of computer equipment, digital audio/video camera and secure window for municipal court.

2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ORDINANCE 2009-7

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Templeton: Still a few more steps before these items are purchased. Citizens often question need for SUV's. I'm voting yes to keep us moving.

Passed unanimously

RESOLUTION 2009-80 AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL BUDGET READING BY TITLE ONLY (Technical resolution)

2009 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING Passed unanimously

BUDGET HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Average property tax increase of \$72

BUDGET HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

COMMENTS – PROFESSIONALS

Heinold: (Solicitor)

-Draft ordinance – sex offender ordinance – current developments so we should hold for a month.

-Affordable Housing Ordinance is up for later discussion

Denton: (Engineer)

-Richard Ave. – waiting for county approval. Need to remove six trees which have damaged sidewalk. State doesn't pay for replacement trees. Shade Tree needs to be aware of that. Maybe some of the trees could be saved.

-Walnut Street – expecting response this week.

-New applications – only accepting 2 this year. Center for Place – applying for extension of the street scape along Cooper. Applying to widen Pennsylvania Ave to make it safer for pedestrians and provide parking.

Fitzpatrick: Are there any additional grants through stimulus for roadwork?

Denton: Haven't seen anything.

Jass: Zurbrugg tests?

Denton: Contacted six different labs for prices...Accutest \$950 for results for 8-14 days. Can be here sooner for double the price. (missed name) in Westmont. Unclear from both of them what's included. Richard may be able to do this administratively.

Schwab:

-Items are in the discussion section.

Sacalis: (Police)

-Eric Hoffman (missed the rest)

-JIF inspection upcoming. Thanks to Karen for compiling reports.

Fitzpatrick:

- Letter from Freeholders regarding integrity in law enforcement project.

Sacalis:

-Looking into this.

Schwab:

-\$4300 for this year. Gives police cars access to database from their cars. Original equipment was purchased through grants a few years ago.

Fitzpatrick:

-Four year contract for \$150 a month in addition to the \$4300.

Sacalis:

-I'm looking into whether that will be going up each year.

Fenimore: (Public Works)

-Very busy – clearing storm drains... rescuing animals down storm drains.

-Clean up – dumpsters were half-full. Will try again in September.

Fitzpatrick: I thought a good date would be after the yard sale.

Fenimore: I still have the dumpsters over there.

-Field on West Ave. Lots of vandalism again. Someone broke the new plastic bench by jumping on it. Someone is doing doughnuts again on the field.

Fitzpatrick: Can't we fence it in?

Sacalis: We need the residents to call us when they see something.

Fenimore: Thanks for the flowers.

Zoning – Goffredo:

April 9 complaints – all resolved. Zoning – one permit and one to JLUB
Thanks to John for taking care of trash at dead end on Kansas Ave.
May – 33 – 19 in compliance Zoning – 1 application to JLUB, 1 permit, and 1
application approved. Newton's Landing issue will be taken care of by Mr. Rahenkamp.
Fitzpatrick: What about Poplar?
Goffredo: it was cleaned up.
Hinkle: They cut the grass, but left the edges high.

Township Committee

Hinkle:

-Nearing the end of the energy audit – can't get the solar without it.

Templeton:

-Budget – asking committee to reconsider the 2% pay increase for the employees. I'd like that reinstated in the budget. I think it's something the township can afford and it is fair and equitable considering other contracts.

Fitzpatrick: In October, we can do that if the funds are there by way of bonus or raise. I talked to Richard about that. It's possible.

Templeton: It demonstrates some leadership to do this now. It's a matter of fairness for the employees. They need to be treated right. The increase that Township Committee received,

Fitzpatrick: We cut it to one amount for Township Committee and a different for the mayor.

Templeton: But you got a pay raise.

Fitzpatrick: Fern got the same amount last year. If the only way the employees know they are appreciated is by a raise... We're not going to keep beating on this, so I'm going to move on.

Hinkle: I want the public to know that we get paid \$300 a month.

Jass:

-Gary gave my report.

-Local government energy savings resource meeting at Rowan – lots of incentives from (missed this) We need to look into this, because though you get a dollar amount, you may pay more for the time of Richard and Janice and it wouldn't make sense.

-DYSA meeting – soccer registration starts this month – website and posted here. Very successful Memorial Day parade.

Fitzpatrick:

-VFW in Riverside – July 5th parade corner of Scott to honor returning vets from Afghanistan and Iraq. – Looking for people to come out and applaud them for their service.

-Emergency Management Plan – status, Richard?

Jass: Plaque for Ralph?

Fitzpatrick: I'll do that.

-Met with Burlington County Engineer regarding realignment of Creek Rd. I have a plan here. New road will be close to municipal building. I asked them to provide sidewalk and trees. Freeholders would agree to put sidewalks up to our driveway. A small portion of the road will be one-way and township is asked to maintain that road. On the other side is a property they bought for the road and will sell for industrial use. They will put an easement on that to have trees put in later. John would have no problem with us accepting that road. It would be nice to have sidewalks in and hopefully trees. It would cost us a lot of money to bid on that. I'd like input from Township Committee.

Jass:

-What would it cost to maintain?

Fenimore: Not much...just like any other street.

Jass: Will the county be landscaping the island?

Fitzpatrick: I don't know.

Rahenkamp: Sidewalk would be better on the Powerhouse side. It's safer not to have to cross the county road. You only need it on one side. You can get it 5 ft. That way bikes can go on it. We were willing to assimilate that into the Point.

Fitzpatrick: It's going to be a basin. We don't want any basins.

Jass: I'd like to know what the maintenance schedule would be for the grass.

Fenimore: That's a county road. They take care of it.

Township Committee was in agreement to request the sidewalks and accept the remaining piece of Coopertown Rd.

-Family Services wanted to come in and give us a presentation in regards to what they can do for us for COAH.

-Senior lunch at Kove. Entertained by Walnut Street chorus and jazz band.

-Attended Riverside Athletic Awards – many athletes from Delanco.

-Attended Rotary Awards

-Read letter from Chief Parsons – retiring effective July 1 – served since 1974. Hopes position will go to Lt. Sacalis. Most satisfying part of the job was getting to know the residents.

-Jessica Lunsberg Act – passing on to Doug

Jass: Contract on the generator?

Fitzpatrick: No work done on school's generator. We are looking at servicing them and putting them under a service contract. If school wants to take over theirs, they can.

Jass: Anything on street lights in regards to turning them off

Templeton: Ed and I have maps and lists to propose – want to bring in police and planning board. Identifying 8-10% of the lights to be shut off.

Jass: Hydrant issues at Newton's Landing and Pulte?

Heinold: Letter from NJ American Water – I responded that township wasn't responsible for hydrants.

Fitzpatrick:

-Rec summer camp – registration June 19th. Flyers here – children K-6th grade.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

RESOLUTION 2009-81 CERTIFYING RECEIPT OF AUDIT
RESOLUTION 2009-82 AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT OF AWARD OF
CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
RESOLUTION 2009-83 REDUCE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR RIVERS
EDGE PROJECT, PHASE III AND PHASE IV
RESOLUTION 2009-84 AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION UNDER THE NEW
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANTS PROGRAM-
EDWARDS AVENUE
RESOLUTION 2009-85 AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION UNDER THE NEW
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANTS PROGRAM- SECOND
STREET

PAYMENT OF BILLS
ACCOUNT AMOUNT
GENERAL \$ 580,843.52
PAYROLL 131,203.20
TRUST 1,188.75
CAPITAL 29,707.50
APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR MARRIAGE CEREMONY AT GATEWAY PARK
(Sept. 12, 2009)
APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

I had to leave at this point. -Maureen

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CORRESPONDENCE

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. SUSTAINABLE ENERGY – JOINT MEETING (Twp. Administrator)
2. NEWPROCEDURE FOR TRANSFER OF LIBRARY FUNDS (Twp. Administrator)
3. STATUS OF GREEN ACRES GRANT FOR “PENNINGTON PARK PROPERTY”
ADJOURNMENT
4. Proposed ordinance amending Chapter 110-34.2 governing the planned development
affordable housing 2 zoning regulations.

CORRESPONDENCE

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