

The following are notes, not official minutes. For an official transcript, go to the Delanco Municipal Building at 770 Coopertown Rd.

Township Committee October 19, 2009

Devinney, Hinkle, Templeton, Fitzpatrick, Jass

Also Present: Mr. Schwab, Acting Township Administrator, Janice Lohr, Municipal Clerk; Karen Zimmermann, Deputy Municipal Clerk; John Fenimore, Public Works ; Chief Sacalis, Delanco Police

ORDINANCE 2009-16 PROVIDING FOR AND DETERMINING THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES"

\*2nd READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – no comment

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Passed unanimously

COMMENTS – TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

-Budget preparation – requests for budgets out to departments – Their budgets due by Nov. 16th

-NJ Dept of Labor did police department inspection – We need to secure tall shelving and clear off some areas. Procedure guides need to be put together (regarding hazards) – need to be on file. Chief is working on these items for Dec. 1st deadline – extension is possible.

COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

Police

-no accidents on proclamation day

-Fall Fest

-(missed this)

-County highway department - vehicles coming south on Burlington Avenue are getting into the opposing traffic lane to make a left turn. Will work with John and county tomorrow to work on this issue.

Hinkle: We will be getting new stripes on Burlington?

Templeton: Do we know for sure we are getting an overlay? I thought the last meeting someone was going to call the county on the striping.

Hinkle: That double striping is confusing.

Fitzpatrick: People think it is another lane. I did talk to the county about that at one time, but didn't get anywhere.

Sacalis: We'll talk about it tomorrow.

Municipal Clerk

1. –AVR (trash) – contract expire 12/1 – 7 bidders – low bidder must be thrown out due to their error. – failed to submit required forms. Next lowest South Jersey sanitation \$90,826.56– represents a significant savings for the town.

Templeton: I just want to clarify that this is once a week pick up.

Lohr: Prepares us for front loading program – you have to go to one day a week.

Edgewater is once a week.

Fitzpatrick: If we didn't agree to this, we would be (missed this)

Lohr: During this one year, you will continue to use your regular trash can.

Templeton: Municipal trash cans tend to fill up. Public works will need to develop a program to empty them and keep them sanitary.

Passed unanimously

2. MdFadden from Recreation Committee – presentation

-two months ago Kate resigned from Recreation. We miss her and are here to present her with a plaque to thank her for her service.

Fitzpatrick: I spent over 22 years with Recreation. It was a labor of love. It was time well-spent. I enjoyed everything I ever did with Rec.

3. Authorize RFP for professional services for 2010.

#### COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Devinney:

-Thanks to groups who did a great job with Community Day. Kids seem to have had fun.

Hinkle:

-Was a nice day. Worthwhile

-Shade Tree and rep from Cool City. They will be putting notices on doorknobs to let people know where they will be planting 75 trees.

-Mock Election for 7<sup>th</sup> graders on Monday. Interesting group – asked questions and were interested. Will come to Candidates Night and our next meeting.

Templeton:

-Community Day – nice event. Fall Fest Saturday.

Jass:

-Historic Preservation – changing exhibit at the library. Working on (?) project.

Attending seniors lunch once a month to interview them.

-DYSA – Soccer and Riverfront basketball – lots of games

-Fall Fest and Delanco Times – newspaper about the pirates return to the dunes.- games 2:30-4:30 for young children, rededication of field, then event for older children

-Heard Walnut Street school candidates – 10 candidates – insight as to what they would like to do in the school and in the town.

Fitzpatrick:

-Letter from NJ Dept of Transportation – we got a grant for road improvements for part of Second Street.

-Letter from Mrs. Tolivera regarding names. I would like to thank Joan and John – Joan had trees taken down right away so neighbors would know that we are serious.

-Emergency Management meeting here Thursday night.

- email from Marissa K. sponsoring beef and beer to benefit DYSA - see flyer - \$25/person 45<sup>th</sup> St Pub in Edgewater.
- email from Adler's office – VA clinic available in Camden
- submitted application for governor's environmental award – nominated a student who started our plastic bag collection.
- working on budget early this year. Sent notices to departments and committees. Regardless of the state, we need to know what we need. It's going to be a tough year.
- couldn't attend Community Day – 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party with high school friends.

Jass:

- Karen and Janice had a table at Community Day – most interesting thing was Life File you keep on your refrigerator.

Lohr:

- voter registration and census came out.
- Nov. 7 – free rabies clinic – notices going out to cat and dog owners

Fitzpatrick:

- Hope all attend dedication of field and Fall Fest

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**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**RESOLUTION 2009-131 RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO A-3062 AND S-1303 REGARDING**

“INHERENTLY BENEFICIAL USES” Delanco doesn't believe that renewable resource – solar panel fields or wind turbines - are in the same category as a hospital. Such sites need to be considered in light of master plan.

**RESOLUTION 2009-132 RESOLUTION URGING NEW JERSEY STATE LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION TO CORRECT APPELATE DIVISION DECISION CLASSIFYING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AS AN “INHERENTLY BENEFICIAL USE”** Refers to a court decision - Developer can compel a municipality to accept COAH housing even if the township has satisfied its need.

**RESOLUTION 2009-133 AUTHORIZING UPDATE OF NJDEP/GREEN ACRES RECREATION & OPEN SPACE** Removed from consent by Templeton

**INVENTORY (ROSI)**

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**ACCOUNT AMOUNT**

**GENERAL \$278,893.57 + \$116,000+ to pay road construction as per prior agreement**

**PAYROLL 67,388.25**

**CAPITAL 45,386.00**

**TRUST 3,844.50**

**MCPL OPEN SPACE 1,490.00**

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS  
APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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RESOLUTION 2009-133 AUTHORIZING UPDATE OF NJDEP/GREEN ACRES  
RECREATION & OPEN SPACE Removed from consent by Templeton

Templeton: News to me and Environmental Advisory Board that this is being presented tonight.

Fitzpatrick: Requested to be updated – notice from the state because we have to add the second lot at Pennington. We are adding Gateway Park and the waterfront.

Templeton: Would have been nice if EAB was informed.

Fitzpatrick: Letter came through Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> and Township Committee.

Templeton: EAB didn't get it. I don't recall seeing this before. The ROSI doesn't appear to be updated. last year we tried to update this – members objected that putting things on the ROSSI list was giving it to the state. Why have those objections disappeared?

Fitzpatrick: We're receiving an acquisition grant for the waterfront. (missed a piece)  
We're dealing with this item (reread the ordinance)

Templeton: You spent a lot of time objecting last year that anyone could use that land.

Fitzpatrick: You read your minutes. There's a motion on the floor.

Passed unanimously

Jass – reason for these parcels is for Green Acres money and has nothing to do with this.

Templeton: I would like to have seen a complete ROSI list. If we had it in 2006...

Jass: This is dated March 1, 2002. Everything is staying the same. We are accepting a grant for Green Acres money.

Templeton: No, the documents are incorrect.

ORDINANCE 2009-17 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S  
DEVELOPMENT OF PENNINGTON FARM PARK LOCATED AT BLOCK 2100,  
LOTS 12 & 12.01 ON CREEK ROAD IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO, ,  
APPROPRIATING \$300,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF  
\$300,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE  
COST THEREOF 1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING  
DATE FOR NOVEMBER 9, 2009

Fitzpatrick: Since this is a loan we will pay from open-space account, why did we need a bond? It was for safety.

Devinney: I'm concerned about spending this money this way. It will cost \$16,000 a year at a time when we are facing difficult times ahead.

Hinkle: That money will be paid by open-space account. We need the field. Yes

Jass:

Templeton: I don't believe it's an appropriate use of the funds - \$65,000 in interest. We can't afford to send that tax money back to Trenton. Open space tax brings in \$100,000 a year. With some planning and good thinking, we can develop a good plan and pay as we

go. Our current debt exceeds \$500,000 a year. Yes, it's for the children, but so is a sound financial future.

Fitzpatrick: Yes, it's a 2% loan. It would be irresponsible not to do it. We need these fields. We already have the account started. I vote yes.

Lohr: 2/3 majority is needed...Mr. Schwab?

Schwab: Not for introduction

#### MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

McFadden: Bond ordinance that was just discussed. I looked at it both ways – years ago township bonded \$465,000 to pay for it. If we accept the loan, the township can't touch it.

Templeton: I saw a drawing for two fields. We're already up to our ears in debt. This is a choice.

McFadden: I'm not on either side.

Templeton: The conversation is what is important now.

McFadden: We need the fields.

Templeton: We own the land now.

McFadden: I'd like to see the fields move forward.

Templeton: Previous planner drew up a plan for \$4 million. At that time, that would have obligated the township to spend \$4 million. When I talked with Green Acres, I came back and said we need to scale this back for when we take possession of this land.

Fitzpatrick: It was a field of dreams. It included a recreation center. I think it was \$5 ¼ million. We couldn't accept that plan, so we revised for soccer fields. David Denton submitted that amount to Green Acres. They said they would give us the \$300,000.

#### MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CORRESPONDENCE – already discussed

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Request to Approve Performance Guarantee as 100% Bonds with no Cash Guarantee – Phase I Residential - Abundant Life/Living Springs Project

Fitzpatrick: I discussed attorney's fee issue with Aubrey tonight. Those monies will be here in a week or two.

Templeton (to Fenton in audience): Is this true?

Fenton: Yes

Devinney: Not setting a precedent so voting yes.

Templeton: Contingent on the funds.

Passed unanimously

2. Report - JIF Safety Committee Templeton – move to Nov. 9 meeting

3. Participation in River Line Quiet Zone Feasibility Study

Fitzpatrick: 8 towns involved.- one town has already done the study. Each town has to pay \$1000. Sen. Allen and Congressman Adler are working behind this.

Devinney: Abstain

Hinkle: Yes

Jass: Yes

Templeton: I think we should explore all avenues to seek a grant from an agency like Bridge Commission. It's a regional issue that affects the whole area. We need to impress upon our leaders how important this is. Yes.

Fitzpatrick: Yes. We will pursue reimbursement for the monies for this study.

#### 4. Receipt of Request for Handicapped Parking Space – all in agreement

Lohr: Chief Sacalis will look at all of the spaces and update at the same time and insert language that will allow this to be done by resolution instead of ordinance later.

Fitzpatrick: We don't want to make him wait.

Lohr: We can have John get a sign and start working on it.

Hinkle: How old of a man is he?

Sacalis: About 35.

#### 5. 2010 Census – Complete Count Committee

Lohr: Need to form a committee to work in the community. Very important as it affects grant status and aid. Important to have people submit their forms.

Fitzpatrick: Suggested that committee consist of district people involved from both parties – four people involved from each district. Up to the committee to be sure they send it in. There will be other help available to help people complete the actual forms. We can invite reps to our next meeting. If we need someone just from Homeowners' Association from Newtons Landing and Rivers Edge. Let's do that for 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in November.

Jass: Mike, EAB is working on a project for Community Day?

Templeton: Just a table.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by Maureen Barrett