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Township Committee Feb. 8, 2010

Lord, Hinkle, Templeton, Fitzpatrick, Jass

Also Present: Mr. Schwab, Acting Township Administrator, Mr. Heinold, Twp. Solicitor; Janice Lohr, Municipal Clerk; Karen Zimmermann, Deputy Municipal Clerk;; \; Chief Sacalis, Delanco Police

ORDINANCE 2010-1 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING CHAPTER 110
IN
VARIOUS NAMED SECTIONS OF THE ORDINANCES ENTITLED PART II
LAND USE PROCEDURES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO TO
IMPLEMENT 2009 MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

*SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 2ND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING
FOR ORDINANCE 2010-1

Heinold: Typo in notice so hearing should be carried so that proper notice can be given – March 1st with new notices.

Passed unanimously

Heinold: I will go in the hallway to answer questions. (left)

COMMENTS – TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Schwab: State budget process postponed to end of March – Therefore we won't know about the budget until later in the year

Fitzpatrick: March 8 budget workshop here at 7

COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police

-Copy of monthly stats to Committee

-County is looking to shut down the police academy – we use it for training for recruits and officers. We will have to send out of county with additional expenses to the municipalities. Suggest to contact freeholders.

Templeton: What is the cost to train an officer?

Sacalis: \$250 per recruit... additional cost for vehicle and possibly overtime. Burlington County had the best academy in the state. It's an ideal spot as well. The academy we went to was free to any officer. Impacts a lot of areas.

Fitzpatrick: Maybe we can all email them.

Fitzpatrick:

John isn't here for public works, but you know they worked around the clock.. They did a great job here in Delanco. Chester Ave. in

Moorestown looked like it hadn't been touched. Nice comments from residents.

2. Municipal Clerk - none

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Lord: No comment

Hinkle:

-Delanco roads were better than any others.

Templeton:

-Stopped in Public Works today - tally of 250 miles on the trucks clearing the streets.

Jass:

-reiterate what everyone has said. They did a good job.

Fitzpatrick:

-congratulations to Mike, Karen, and everyone...George. At JIF breakfast, Delanco won the gold among other awards. Karen came to senior meeting and presented the emergency information on the refrigerator program.

-proclamation not on the agenda - Proclamation for Rare Disease Day (15 million Americans with no treatment for their diseases) - we have a young lady in town who does have a rare disease. We will send the proclamation to the family.

-March 2 Read Across America Day

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

RESOLUTION 2010-40 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCREASE FUNDING TO THE DELANCO PUBLIC LIBRARY

RESOLUTION 2010-41 RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION AMENDING THE TIME AND DECISION RULE

RESOLUTION 2010-42 RESOLUTION TO CANCEL PROPERTY TAX AMOUNT FOR 2008 OVERPAYMENT

RESOLUTION 2010-43 AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 (FINAL) FOR THE NJDOT STATE AID PROJECT FOR RICHARD AVE RECONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS

RESOLUTION 2010-44 RELEASE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR NEWTON'S LANDING ACTIVITY CENTER AND FARMHOUSE

PAYMENT OF BILLS
ACCOUNT AMOUNT
GENERAL \$1,137,002.38
PAYROLL 30,917.35
PUBLIC DEFENDER FUND 150.00
UNEMPLOYMENT FUND 2,659.77
APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS
APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Templeton: Remove 2010-44 for separate consideration please
-I've had some questions regarding completion of trail network. I don't know if this includes that. I've been in contact with Mr. Johnson at the county and received some correspondence from Mrs. Jass. I'm trying to pick up the trail as to why two of the trails are deleted. I'd like to defer to next meeting to find out what happened to those two trails that were to be constructed.

Fitzpatrick: That's fine. March 1 or

Templeton: That looks busy - the 15th?

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Resident of Pennington: Two trails - were they within the 6 acres at the farmhouse?

Templeton: West side from parking lot to county trail. The other goes around the east side and doesn't go near the activity center or pool. I was looking at what was actually constructed and the specs. I was trying to find out what happened along the way. I think they were intended for public access to the Rancocas Greenway. Now, the only access for residents is to go to Pennington and walk back. Savannah Mews project has only one access trail out of that. From the end of Newton's Landing no parking there - limited access to the public.

Original intent was for public access. As decisions have been made, that has been restricted. I'd like to see it go back to its original intent.

Jass: Access on Pennington Court half-way through and you can park on the street. As a Newton's Landing resident at the beginning, Pulte had advertised that the dock etc. was private. Thirty homeowners met with freeholders - the parking lot at activities center area that is private....people would have to park on private property to get access. Freeholders determined they hadn't considered that there would be no connection. You have the letter.

Templeton: Yes, they say the dock is deleted. Letter from Mr. Haines said that it was to be an asset to Newton's Landing and community.

Jass: Hopefully with new project at Delanco Crossings, some of the obstacles...these things will be taken into consideration.

Resident: Access from circle.

Templeton: But no parking. Township has paid a lot of money for these trails which are now less accessible to community as a whole.

With Township, County, JLUB, we can look at the original intent.
Fitzpatrick: Intent is for a throughway to Rancocas Ave - ultimate goal to come around where train bridge is.
Resident: Problem with parking on private property.
Fitzpatrick: County provided parking at Pennington. I believe they amended the plan to delete the trails.

Kevin McLaughlin , president of Delanco Library Board: Thanks for ongoing support and support tonight. Board is working very hard to find alternate sources of funding. There will be fund-raising activities through the year.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Burlington County Heater Replacement Program - income qualifying - up to \$5000

Fitzpatrick:

-Had the letter for senior meeting, but it is canceled for weather.

Templeton:

-Mr. Dillenbeck, you dropped off applications... do you want to add?

Dillenbeck: We need volunteers

Templeton: How long is the training?

Dillenbeck: EMT for 3 months. We have to pay \$600 to go. Fire about the same cost over 6 months. Still a program to pay for fire. They go a few nights a week and some Saturdays and Sundays.

Fitzpatrick: Gave Karen copy of letter. Asked Dietz and Watson re: \$5000 contribution. Asked if she wanted to attend and present.

ADJOURNMENT