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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – APRIL 19, 2010

ROLL CALL: Hinkle Jass, Templeton, Fitzpatrick – Lord was absent
Also Present: Mr. Schwab, Acting Twp. Administrator; Mr. Denton, Twp. Engineer; Mr. Heinold, Twp. Solicitor; Mrs. Lohr, Municipal Clerk; Ms. Zimmermann, Deputy Municipal Clerk; Mr. Fenimore, Supt. of Public Works; Mr. Sacalis, Police Chief; Mr. Goffredo, Code Enforcement Officer

****SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY DIETZ & WATSON** @8:30**

The order of the agenda was changed; they started with 2010-5

Fitzpatrick: Paul Dragos won an award for his outstanding safety record from Joint Insurance Fund. He repositioned lights on the ambulance so they wouldn't blind drivers behind him. He was presented with a plaque.

Amy Johnson was also honored for winning VFW EMT of the year. She also won the state award.

ORDINANCE 2010-4 ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO, SECTION 10-6 "POLICE", SUB-SECTION T. "OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT", PARAGRAPH (3) "CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE EMPLOYERS OR PUBLIC ENTITIES" 2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING
HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
Passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 2010-5 NAMING STREET "ROBBINS LANE" IN HONOR OF DR. MORRIS A. ROBBINS 2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING
HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
Passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 2010-6 AMENDING CHAPTER 295-31.1 GOVERNING "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" MAKING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE ONE OF TITLE 39 WITH VARIOUS TRAFFIC REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO "ABUNDANT LIFE PROJECT" AT BLOCK 2200, LOTS 2.01 AND 3 AND REGULATING THE USE OF SAID ROADWAYS, STREETS, DRIVEWAYS AND PARKING LOTS BY MOTOR VEHICLES
2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY

Passed unanimously

Fitzpatrick: Proclamation for Arbor Day (read it) May

COMMENTS - PROFESSIONALS COMMENTS

Heinold - no comments

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

-still working on budget. We don't know what the state's figures will be

COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police

-Residents will be able to sign up for email or text messages for notices; media blasts can be sent to whole town or neighborhoods.

Was used when there was a flooding concern. Police will be trained this week. It's on the website now. County info will be available too

-will be put on the township website

Fitzpatrick: Automatic emailing from township available now.

Templeton: New vehicles or old?

Sacalis: Still in the process. Will be retiring three.

Jass: Will one be for DARE?

Sacalis: Not sure yet. Vehicle sitting out there is a forfeiture. I'm not sure how we can use it.

2. Public Works

-extremely busy in every direction. Money from FEMA for snow and made some money from county.

-picked up brush all of March - went through 4 sets of blades.

-moving on to leaf pickup. We don't pick up leaves in bags. Trash won't take them. Delran had some loads rejected.

-5.5 tons of asphalt for repairs we did on roads

-ball fields were prepared

-Stormwater Inspection - couple of things to change and then send in new report

-Recycling and Clean Community reports are due

-started cutting grass last week - mower problems - estimate \$2500 for both - one is 7 and one is 15 years old.

-lots of trees down - a huge one on Perkins.

-cleaned pipe out and the end of Union - big log in there - 3 ft long and just about same diameter as pipe. Will get stone for boat ramp and fix up sign.

-Edgewater residents' houses and septic systems are having a problem with pipe that is clogged. Light rail will be involved. They looked with a probe, waders, a grappling hook, and a boat on Thursday. Silt is coming through - moving a little bit.

Fitzpatrick: We've been working on it for a long time. Combined efforts have been successful. Thanks to Joan for working on it for such a long time.

Hinkle: Transit has to open that pipe. John has been great.

Templeton: Denton has submitted a letter that the pipe is undersized.

Fenimore: Looks like that since there is a 10 acre lake there.

Jass: Perhaps we can get the engineer to look at that.

Fitzpatrick: He's doing a report.

Templeton: Log in the pipe on Union...how did it get there?

Fenimore: It was put there. Little stuff we can flush out.

3. Zoning and Code Enforcement

-March 24 complaints - 16 complied - 16 inspections

Approvals in zoning (missed a bit) 3 fence permits. Busy now with grass. Trying to keep a handle on it - 4 inches is the new code. - vacant property on Willow is in foreclosure ...called county to get it cut or we will cut and place a lien. Basketball courts can't be on right of way - 2nd Street. We don't want to be in a legal matter if someone got hurt on the pole.

Fitzpatrick: I thought movable ones were OK.

Goffredo: These are cemented - not movable.

Fitzpatrick: We allowed the movable ones as long as they can push it out of the way

4. Municipal Clerk

-polls 2-9 at the Pearson School for school budget and board elections

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Hinkle:

-VFW dinner - Achievement Night

-Shade Tree working on Arbor Day and Tree City application

-On Oprah - our million dollar winner - Pillsbury Bake-off- puts Delanco on the map

Templeton:

-Conference hosted by Monmouth, Rutgers - Cousteau Estuary - "Preparing Your Community for Sea Level Rise" presentations from colleges and DEP. Sea level is rising 4mm a year - 12-18 inches a century. Storms over the past 20 years based on 1 ft sea level rise - if this continues $\frac{3}{4}$ of them would be worse than anything we have experienced. This is separate from climate change. Sea level change is a natural cycle.

-Thanks to Schwab, Zimmerman, Heinold, and Lohr - manuals to satisfy JIF to keep low premiums and low deductibles.

-School budget - NJ 19000 students didn't graduate in 2007 - lifetime 4.9 billion loss. If grad rate increased 5%, additional revenue of

(missed this) for our state. 75% of prison inmates didn't graduate from high school.

Jass:

- Rec report during open session
- DYSA opening 183 sign-ups
- NJ Sustainable Energy - out to auction for electricity - May 4-14 with 116 members. We should see at least 5% savings for one year. Includes street lights. We spend \$80,000 on street lights
- Garden Tour on June 12 - composting - see postings around town

Fitzpatrick:

- meet and greet at VFW - new colonel for ROTC at Riverside
- two Easter egg hunts- Fire House and Rec
- Pennington Park field - subcommittee reviewed plans and planner will present at May 3rd public meeting.
- attended dinner in which Amy Johnson was recognized
- April 26 @ 7:30 budget workshop
- Senior meeting - presentation of school board budget
- DYSA's opening day
- Enjoys Delanco events
- Recreation - Naming of field at Pennington - contest for a new name open to residents - one page written summary - Five best would be submitted to Township Committee for final selection.

Presentation by Dietz and Watson

Fitzpatrick: We stopped Winzinger from building a concrete recycling center there by lowering their taxes. We agreed and saved Dietz and Watson from worrying about food products beside that. I asked Dietz and Watson what they could do for Delanco. They said they would help us - contributed \$1000 to library last year and are contributing \$5000 to Emergency Squad.

John from Dietz and Watson: I have the check for the library too. People talk about Dietz and Watson as a company, but it is a family who lives a few minutes from here. Things have worked out well for us here.

Dillenbeck: Our former governor depleted our training funds and this will help a lot.

John from Dietz: We brought food too.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Templeton: Please pull 2010-7 to explain it.

Fitzpatrick: We will pull it

CONSENT AGENDA: NEW BUSINESS
ORDINANCE 2010-7 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 110 ENTITLED "ZONING" TO CREATE A NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING DISTRICT AT §110-34.3 ENTITLED "PLANNED DEVELOPMENT - AFFORDABLE HOUSING - 1" FOR BLOCK 2100, LOT 1, KNOWN AS THE RHAWN PIPE SITE AND BLOCK 500, LOT 2.01, KNOWN AS THE PELLEGRINO SITE 1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR MAY 17, 2010

RESOLUTION 2010-57 LOCAL UNIT CIVIL RIGHTS RESOLUTION A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO'S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS

RESOLUTION 2010-58 REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BOND AT CREEKSIDE DEVELOPMENT (PREVIOUSLY BLOCK 1802, LOT2)

RESOLUTION 2010-59 SUPPORTING CREEKSIDE AT DELANCO, LLC APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF BALANCED HOUSING FUNDS

PAYMENT OF BILLS

	4/5	4/19/10
General	577,675.10	365,356.39
Payroll	113,082.38	65,043.78
Trust	16,500.10	1911.00
		850.00

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - 3/1/10 & 3/15/10

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES

2010-6, 2010-12, 2010-21, 2010-22, 2010-23, 2010-24 2010-25, 2010-26, 2010-27, 2010-28, 2010-29, 2010-31, 2010-32, 2010-33, 2010-34

Consent agenda was approved.

Ordinance 2010-7(see text in consent agenda)

Heinold: Under COAH process required by state, township has to make third round plan through COAH or court. We are at court. Judge is requiring adoption of these two affordable housing sites. The court is requiring full adoption at this time. COAH is in a state of flux.

Governor has concerns as do municipalities. There have been some discussions. Big overhauls may impact or reduce our obligations. Township wants to be able to revisit so there is a sunset provision and this will become null and void if the regulations change.

First reading and public hearing date set

Passed unanimously

Templeton: I'm going to abstain. I'm told by counsel that I can't vote against it. I don't agree with it.

Fitzpatrick:

- *Burlington, the Beautiful* - Pennington Park will have additions of trail and something at the water area.

-Organizations can have events published by sending it to this magazine by June 2. You can contact me or Marlene.

Jass: As part of RiverRoute, I see EMT is here and if you give me the events, I will see that they are published.

Fitzpatrick:

Mr. Newman is here

Newman: Asking Township to let me keep the basketball backboard back in place. I have a letter from my insurance company.

Fitzpatrick: We will submit a copy of your letter and we will submit it to our insurance company and see if it's OK.

Templeton: How is that pole mounted? Can it be removed?

Newman: It lifts out.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Recreation Commissioner Leitizio: Improvements

-expanded pad at concession pad

-three concrete picnic tables

-split shed at Babe Ruth - ½ for men's baseball league and ½ for DYSA and school. Township and school equipment

-skateboard park is in bad shape and needs to be closed as per our insurance company until repairs are made. Yellow tape around it now. Insurance wanted to know if there was to be a fence around it.

Fenimore: Don't waste your money.

Leitizio:

Fitzpatrick: Police need to enforce that no bikes could be there.

Sacalis: They have been told that it was shut down and bikes couldn't be there

Jass: It's a circus act with trash barrels.

Leitizio: Only locked up barrels left.

Fenimore: Trash there is ridiculous. I could have 15 barrels down there.

Fitzpatrick: That could be what the police could do.

Sacalis: I may only have one car working.

Hinkle: If I see someone throw trash out the window, can I do anything?

Sacalis: Yes, sign a complaint

Leitizio: Spigot will be converted to water fountain. Activities - dodgeball on Wednesdays at 7, (missed one), Memorial Day parade, 5 concerts this summer including Walnut Street band

Templeton: Would the skateboard park be better away from light rail?

Fitzpatrick: The problem existed before RiverLine

Fenimore: I saw someone heading to the RiverLine from there. We're buying recycling cans for there and the river.

Leitizio: Skateboard equipment could go up on Craig's list and money could go into a tennis court.

Fitzpatrick: Kids asked for that park and drew up a design. They worked diligently to get this done. We should let the public know if we decide to do that. If they want it, they can put a team together to clean up the park.

Resident of Perkins Lane: Putting on record problem with groundwater saturation from light rail. We've been here a long while and not had this problem. I admire John. He knows what he's doing. You have a winner here. We don't know where to go with our water issue. We have asked for help from a lot of different agencies and are at our wits' end. I spoke with John Adler at the VFW dinner.

Fitzpatrick: He called me and I gave him Joan's number. Most important thing is to work together. Delanco has no access. We can't do what needs to be done. It looks like relief is coming Friday. If they would keep that clean...Joan is working on another aspect of that problem. It's worse since we had so much snow and rain. Joan and John have been incredible. John has gone on someone's property who let him on there. It need to be redredged.

Hinkle: Adler was concerned. Our engineer is making an extensive report. It's the pipe and some other little things.

Resident: Government's job to represent and help out the citizens. That's why we're here. We've approached Edgewater Park and Adler's office. I don't think Adler was any help.

Heinold: Lots of diversity of ownership of the properties. From a legal standpoint, we could technically do nothing, but the township has repeatedly sought assistance. With the beavers, there is a permitting process.

Resident: It is your responsibility if the water is coming from your town. I did this type of work - foundation. All we have to do is spend a few bucks. That pipe has served Boggs Ditch for years and years. Why can't this issue be understood and fixed for the long term?

I left at this point. Maureen

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE
ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by Maureen Barrett