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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – May 17, 2010

ROLL CALL: Hinkle Jass, Lord, Templeton, Fitzpatrick

Also Present: Mr. Schwab, Acting Twp. Administrator; Mrs. Lohr, Municipal Clerk; Ms. Zimmermann, Deputy Municipal Clerk; Mr. Sacalis, Police Chief

****SPECIAL PRESENTATION – SUE COMPTON** RESOLUTION 2010-68
HONORING SUE COMPTON – 2010 PILLSBURY BAKE-OFF GRAND PRIZE**

Clean Communities Project: Marlene Robinson displayed student projects with the assistance of a student and the Township Committee Robinson: We were concerned about the amount of trash in the mini parks which have trash cans. Worked with Walnut Street Impact Club. Students made posters to post on trash cans that John Fenimore will provide for each mini park. There will be recycle cans as well. Holy Cross Environmental Club produced posters as well. We are pleased that students have taken this to heart and are working to keep waterfront clean.

Fitzpatrick: Maybe we should give names of students...

(Student names were read.)

Fitzpatrick: I will take them and we will figure out how to hang them.

Robinson: They are laminated.

Hinkle: Thanks, Marlene, for doing such a good job.

Robinson: Jennifer Hutchinson, the teacher, couldn't be here because she has another job. Obviously what she makes doesn't keep her going. She wanted to be here.

Hinkle: Marlene is a member of the Environmental Advisory Board.

ORDINANCE 2010-7 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO CODE, 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 ORDINANCE 2010-7 *2nd READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Fitzpatrick: This ordinance will be continued to June 21 though the public can make comments tonight.

Lohr: Received a letter from Joint Land Use Board and it was found to be consistent with the Master Plan.

Motion passed to continue the public hearing to June 21.

Question from public RE: Skateboard park - Why is it closed?

Fitzpatrick: It is unsafe

Templeton: Equipment is unsafe as per our insurers

ORDINANCE 2010-8 AMENDING CHAPTER 295-40 GOVERNING "STOP INTERSECTIONS" * Edgewood, Lilac, and (missed one) where they intersect 2nd Street. 2nd READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - no comment

Passed unanimously

RESOLUTION 2010-69 INTRODUCTION OF 2010 MUNICIPAL BUDGET SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR JUNE 21, 2010

Schwab: Summary - copy available and on website. Governor made draconian cuts - lost over \$100,000 in state aid and had increased costs. Offsets - reducing court sessions, group bidding, once a week trash, Joint Insurance Fund saved \$13,000. Good tax collection rate. \$167,000 grant from Green Acres which was earmarked to repay Sewerage Authority. All departments cut by 15%. Negotiated with Public Works - no wage increase. Police committed to 4% increase. Didn't replace an officer. Spread out Green Acres to Sewerage for another year. Only 1 cent rate increase. \$24.00 for house valued at \$241,000. Subject to state approval.

Passed unanimously.

Templeton: Our work isn't done here. We need to keep it moving.

Fitzpatrick: I agree. There are some other items we may consider in this budget.

COMMENTS - PROFESSIONALS COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR - none

COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

Police -

-sign up for nixle.com Police alerts - People heard about the burglaries. Keep your door locked and call if you see anything suspicious.

-Livescan was supposed to arrive today.

Lohr:

-Recycling schedules are here and won't be mailed out. Let people know they are available here and they can pick them up.

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Lord:

- Library Fundraiser – Riversharks in July - \$5 of each ticket to library. Appreciative of Newton’s Landing and Dietz and Watson contributions
- School Board adopted budget with changes as per Township Committee
- Rec is working on summer camps

Hinkle:

- Shade Tree – Tree City USA for 2009 – 2nd year- it’s a lot of work. We have a sign .
- Boggs Ditch – NJ Transit will maintain the culvert. Burlington County is cleaning out culvert under Burlington Ave. Still working on this issue.
- Bench ordered for Robin’s Lane.

Templeton:

- Environmental Advisory Board – Audubon Society has signs we can order for trails that Audubon has identified in Delanco. EAB is working on signage. We’ll have signs all over for Tree City and picking up litter and birds.
- Budget – Proposals that have gotten media attention – 2½ % cap if it passes is hard to live under since few things stay under that cap. Difficulty is to work a budget for this year and look at next year’s expenditures. You may have to make drastic cuts. Township auditor had suggested not as lean a budget to help accommodate the 2½% . Looked at school budget, our budget, and trying to stay within the cap for the 2011 budget. We all put a lot of time in this. Commend all of the staff in the township for the hard work.

Jass:

- Memorial Day parade
- Summer Camp – extended from morning and afternoon sessions – both are filled – 22 for each session. Older children already filled at 22. In these times, inexpensive to have children occupied in a creative way.
- Edward Diggs – Historic Preservation – presentation Wed. June 2 in the municipal building – light refreshments. New showcase in municipal building

Fitzpatrick:

- Budget – Marlene and I met with finance committee of school board. Board cut \$75,000 and reducing debt service by \$26,000. Difficult for them to make additional cuts since they had cut programs and staff. We were satisfied with the outcome of that. Township Committee agreed.
- May need a new Emergency Management Coordinator – almost a full-time position since it requires paperwork and training. Will reach out

to county.

-Senior Meeting - Musical group presented

-Public Works - town clean-up went well. Had a lot of people bringing things out - more than last year.

-NJ Clean Committees- Delanco School won \$1000 scholarship and a bus will go down to Atlantic City. Delanco student has been selected as the ambassador.

-Mr. Wood who will be 106 will be our grand marshal for the parade.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

ACCOUNT AMOUNT

GENERAL \$ 63,668.07

PAYROLL 61,585.45

TRUST 25,909.50

DOG TRUST 850.00

PUBLIC DEFENDER 183.00

ACCUMULATED ABSENCES 2,952.96

MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE 18,529.62

Appointment of M. Murphy appointed as Crossing Guard

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS:

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Resident of Pennington Court: Two questions: Stop sign ordinance...I recall discussion of No left turn onto Pennsylvania Avenue. Is that still something you are considering? Issue when the gate comes down.

Fitzpatrick: There was a lot of discussion. Residents came out and we decided not to change the traffic flow.

Resident: What is a dog trust?

Lohr: Registration fees for dogs and cats go in there and we pay for animal control from there.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CORRESPONDENCE - none

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by Maureen Barrett