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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING - June 21, 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; John Fenimore, Public Works

**\*\*SPECIAL PRESENTATION\*\*\*** Presentation of Proclamation Supporting Rare Disease Disorder Day to Miss Brenna Welsh, "Miss Eastern Shore"  
All of the proclamations were read.

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  
ORDINANCE 2010-7 \*2nd READING BY TITLE ONLY AND CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

Fitzpatrick: Many changes in Trenton regarding COAH so we have asked the Judge to allow us to continue this ordinance. You may speak at this time, but may want to wait until August 2.

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC HEARING none

Motion to continue passed unanimously

RESOLUTION 2010-76 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL BUDGET READING BY TITLE ONLY

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

BUDGET HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

This just allows the budget to be read by title as opposed to being read in its entirety

RESOLUTION 2010-77 RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2010 BUDGET

Schwab: Lost \$100,000 in state aid and loss of \$125,000 other revenues, increases in pension and health costs. Budget has less than one cent increase due to savings, award of Green Acres grant for waterfront property. 15% savings by departments, and wage freezes for noncontracted and some other employees.

Schwab: Adjustments to salary and wage lines...technical amendment

Lohr: These amendments don't require separate public hearing or notice in the newspaper.

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC none

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

RESOLUTION 2010-78 ADOPTION OF 2010 MUNICIPAL BUDGET WITH AMENDMENTS

Passed with Templeton voting no.

RESOLUTION 2010-79 ANNUAL BUDGET EXAMINATION

Passed unanimously

Templeton:

-This is my fourth budget on committee. Budget is a look at where you've been and where you're going. Thanks to Mr. Schwab for his hard work in putting this together with an ever-changing picture. Thanks to staff for the same. I would have liked to see all the departments have the same deductions - some increased. Would have liked to see more time and consideration for manning of public works and police. Wage freeze - 1% was discussed. Our employees work hard enough and are highly professional. Would have liked them to get the 1%. Part of the budget is for the school district through a third party. While that may be emotionally desirable, the school district and township have separate budgets. I don't want to see back door funding.

Fitzpatrick: The \$5,871 we are funding - three programs. IMPACT Club which is rotary, drama, and (missed one). I felt that this was the money from PILOT. We should be doing this in the future. School cut two sporting programs which DYSA can pick up - girls' softball and boys' soccer. DYSA has submitted \$6000 for the last seven years. That's why DYSA's wasn't cut. They had information to show where the money went. Recreation was cut, but not to a certain degree because they provide programs for children and adults. We don't have a place for children to go at night. Township employees- last year we had a 0% increase. Last year when we had extra funds, we gave them 2%. We would do the same thing this year if we have the funds. We do appreciate everything they do for us. Many people in town are laid off and have no benefits. We have a responsibility to them. Thanks also to Richard.

Hinkle: Department heads - if we had the money to do it, they would all get a big raise. As far as DYSA and Rec - all volunteers.

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Schwab: Thanks for adopting the budget.

COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police - none

2. Public Works

-Stormwater Management - people can't blow grass onto the street.

They will be fined. We swept 30 tons and have to pay for landfill costs. We could save money if there wasn't anything in the streets. Also anything in the street goes into the water we drink.

-Got our new truck

Fitzpatrick: Just had someone from Union Ave ask when that tree will be taken down.

Fenimore: They have a wood border around it and we thought they were going to take it up so I don't crush it.

Templeton: Last week, trash cans came up. Mayor said there is \$6000 for recycle cans.

Fenimore: One of my projects will be a painted line for a cross-walk and to get recycle cans. It's \$600 for a can. There has to be a couple of stations that we can have some recycling done. The trash company empties it once a week, we empty them twice a week.

Fitzpatrick: Maybe if we had the recycling containers, the trash cans wouldn't fill up as fast. Marlene Robinson will put up the signs the kids made.

Fenimore: The basketball court too - that's a mess. I will put up some there.

### 3. Municipal Clerk -none

#### COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Lord:

-Library received a \$2000 grant for Story Time from Target

Hinkle:

-Papers from Fred Weller regarding Boggs Bitch. John, you took (missed this person's name) out there. Do you think we will get cooperation?

Fenimore: They took a lot of pictures. I had taken him before, but he brought someone. I didn't see any covers on storm drains at the cemetery.

Hinkle: Follow up meeting to be held

Fenimore: DEP?

Hinkle: Not yet. RiverRoute meeting here Thursday night.

Fitzpatrick: After dredge meeting, I talked to Charlie Myers. I asked them to come in if they dredge and do Boggs Ditch. He thinks the Army Corps of Engineers did own that at one time. If they are going to dredge there, there is no reason they can't include that little piece.

Templeton:

-Dredge meeting - NJDEP, Corps of Engineers, State Attorney General, Sewerage Authority. Corps is looking to dredge between Turnpike and Betsy Ross Bridge. Two years ago, a meeting was organized by river towns with agencies involved. Corps and DEP had done a survey of

sites. There were seven of them historically. Last week, it was narrowed to Burlington Island, Palmyra Cove, a site in Cinnaminson, and Delanco Dunes. Palmyra Cove and (I missed this) are off the table. Didn't specify timeline. They want to use the areas semiactively every three to four years and do smaller maintenance. State doesn't want any activity to take place on any of the sites - no trails or overlooks, not so much as a birdhouse. I got interested two years ago. I looked in town and county archives - 1944 Dunes awarded to Delanco township. I tracked the history of the property to the 1920's. State is claiming up to the bridge that goes up to the compost. They claim they own the land on top of Delanco's land. I showed a survey from 1927 - measurements match to 1/10 of a foot. I had taken it to Mr. Germano who felt it was strong. Mr. Denton felt the same way. I would like to ask the committee to ask our solicitor and Mr. Germano to send a letter to sort out the matter of ownership before anything is done that would

Fitzpatrick: Did you send it to Doug?

Templeton: I did two years ago from when we were going to put it on the Green Acres.

Fitzpatrick: Motion following review to Susan Deitrich that Delanco Township owns that property and they have no claim to it.

Motion Passed unanimously

Templeton: State Attorney General's office asked for my documents. Hopefully this will come out.

Fitzpatrick: You did provide them that day?

Templeton: I gave the court decree.

Fitzpatrick: Do you want Doug to send the rest of it?

Templeton: No, I will

Hinkle: Did they address what would be coming up?

Templeton: Mr. Matulewicz was there. They do the sampling while it's on the riverbed and check to see if it meets the residential standard.

Mr. Matulewicz asked about airborne elements. Residents had reported illnesses and property damage following the last dredging.

Fitzpatrick: Wasn't that the initial dredging - not maintenance dredging?

Fenimore: They filled the lake at Hawk Island a couple of times.

Fitzpatrick: I question if they would be able to put the dyke there. Two edges of the berm survive. Sand could be used or they could sell it. I wonder if the dyke is already too high for it to be cost effective for them to use it. They haven't been out there to look at the site.

Templeton: For The Dunes, they said they would have to excavate.

Fitzpatrick: We should get that letter out right away. I don't think they can do it.

Templeton: If they own it.

Fitzpatrick: We asked about traffic. They said there would just be a couple of front end loaders and (missed this).

Fenimore: Only a few guys and lots of equipment.

Templeton: I had invited the Delaware Riverkeeper to the meeting. The DEP contacted you and asked that we uninvite them. I felt that was a distasteful intrusion into the business of our town.

Fitzpatrick: I (missed this)

Templeton: We want someone very familiar with DEP and dredging who is on our side of the table at the meeting.

Fitzpatrick: This was about ownership.

Templeton: First half of the meeting was about dredging and how they do it. I did speak with the state about how distasteful I found that. I want to have the information.

Fitzpatrick: I understand that the worst you can do is alienate these people.

Templeton: I don't care. If someone is bringing (missed the number) of tons of sludge through the town, I want them there.

Fitzpatrick: (missed this)

Templeton: It's unfortunate that Trenton can pull strings here.

Jass:

-Report of the Dunes - plan that Scott did - Subcommittee of Environmental Advisory Board , Joint Land Use Board, Recreation, Township Committee, and Public Works were involved. [showed board with current use] Use for compost, trails, Fall Fest, wildlife and beauty of the Delaware.

Resident: Can report be put on website?

Fitzpatrick: There isn't a report, there are plans.

Templeton: Who was not able to attend?

Jass: Attended Jass, Mader, McFaddon, Schmitt

Not able to attend- Janice, Joan, Bill Matulewicz

Templeton: The first time I saw the plan was walking into the door of the meeting with the Corps Public comment seems to weigh heavily on the Corps and the state. Seems to have saved Hawk Island and Palmyra Cove. When they created the nature park, they left 70 acres for dredging and went to 20 acres. Pushback came from people who liked to use the park. DEP wants these acres to remain empty and sterile. Whatever thread of hope we can hang onto is critical because it will be a permanent fixture on the township.

Fitzpatrick: Would be an idea to have every township group to write a letter to the DEP and Corps of Engineers. We might want to write to the Freeholders.

Jass: Nice how we all worked together.

Fitzpatrick: Marlene did that (the plan) at the last minute so we can show how we use that property.

Fitzpatrick:

-Concert Thursday 7-9

-Attended dredge meeting. Mike did a good job describing that meeting.

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#### CONSENT AGENDA: NEW BUSINESS

Cancellation of previously introduced Ordinance 2010-10 entitled "Creating Chapter 240 Governing Sidewalk and Curb Repair"  
-wording included possibility of requiring sidewalks in the second part. We only wanted to address current sidewalks. Some of the wording was awkward. We wanted to reintroduce.

#### Ordinance 2010- 10 (NEW REVISED)

CREATING CHAPTER 240 GOVERNING "SIDEWALK AND CURB REPAIR"  
1<sup>ST</sup> READING BY TITLE ONLY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR JULY 19, 2010

ORDINANCE 2010-11 AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE AT CHAPTER 224-2 GOVERNING "FEES" FOR PUBLIC RECORDS \*1<sup>ST</sup> READING BY TITLE ONLY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR JULY 19, 2010

Lohr: State regulated – public documents must be made available at their actual cost. Ordinance is required by state.

#### PAYMENT OF BILLS

GENERAL \$12,793.97 PAYROLL \$41,887.86 TRUST 185.50

#### APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Approval of consent agenda: Passed unanimously

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Ordinance 1020-12 authorizing and adopting amendment to redevelopment plan for Zurbrugg Mansion Properties  
Fitzpatrick: We originally approved 24 and added one to 25. They have added and had approved by DCA two more. We approved the agreement so we need to approve so we can send to Joint Land Use Board. Redeveloper will be at our meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup> to give us an update.

Jass: Ordinance question – June 17, 2010 by Taylor – 2<sup>nd</sup> page National Park Service to review site plan.

Fitzpatrick: National Park Service hasn't approved the plan, but we aren't amending the plan.

Jass: Does this get removed from this before we vote?

Fitzpatrick: This is the ordinance

Jass: But it makes reference to this document.

Fitzpatrick: Let me look at that. Developer requested that it be revised. It's premature to make the revisions on the townhouse component.

[read from the document] It's not changing anything until they send

us a plan. For the number change to move forward we have to approve this.

Jass: I don't have a problem, but we should take that out.

Schwab: Take it out.

[They did.]

Lohr: I'll have to have Scott change the document since it's a PDF.

Templeton: Is the plan being changed? Are the buildings being moved?

Fitzpatrick: They have to submit a plan.

Passed as amended - Templeton: Would like to see a clean copy, not at the last minute.

OLD BUSINESS:

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS  
MEETING

Fitzpatrick: Steve, regarding applications to Joint Land Use Board... another applicant. I will send all applications to Joint Land Use Board for input.

Jass: Creek Rd. realignment - Detention basin - fence - Denton talked to Mr. Patel. They would take away the fence if we wanted.

Hinkle: Why was the fence required? Don't they do that as a safety factor?

Jass: This is a huge wire 8 ft. fence.

Fitzpatrick: Are we maintaining it? John, what do you think?

Fenimore: I don't want to see a fence. Weeds grow up around them. If they maintain it, it's better without the fence.

Templeton: The Pointe?

Jass: over 55 - no children.

Hinkle: Children visit, I hope.

Fitzpatrick: What was Dave's recommendation?

Jass: Up to us.

Fitzpatrick: Anyone want a fence?

No's all the way around.

Resident of Union Ave:

-Thanks to committee for the hard work.

-Coming up 130 - a billboard on Delanco property - we don't allow them as per code. I propose we allow a billboard on a US Highway and get some income.

Fitzpatrick: We should see who is receiving the rewards now

Resident: I'm not against it, but if it's on our property...

Resident of John Street: Abundant Life is supposed to be paying taxes for a billboard. It's on their property and there is an assessment on their records.

Resident: Then we should adjust the code.

Fitzpatrick: If it's not on our property, what are you asking for? We'll check.

Jass: In the plans for Abundant Life, they should be taking down that billboard soon.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CORRESPONDENCE - none

Fenimore: How would you feel about having electronic day? Residents can come out. No big screen TV's. They will give you a list. Shredders for residents or businesses - he picks up the first hour at \$300/hr.

Fitzpatrick: Yard sale day?

Lord: Week after.

Fenimore: When should we have it?

Fitzpatrick: We'll figure out the yard sale date.

Hinkle: What's the biggest trash day?

Fenimore: Christmas

Jass: Any other benefit to us other than a free hour of shredding?

Fenimore: Save with recycle. We could put the list out so people can save their electronics.

Fitzpatrick: benefit to community - that's what Clean Communities money is for

Resident of Burlington: County does that too.

Lohr: Don't some towns require proof of residency.

Fitzpatrick: Let's do it.

Lohr: George, anything about prescription drug round-up?

Sacalis: No

Hinkle: (missed where) does this now.

ADJOURNMENT