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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – August 16, 2010

ROLL CALL: Hinkle (absent) Jass, Lord, Templeton, Fitzpatrick

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

*SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY DELANCO ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD -

NJ AUDUBON MAPS – free maps which include areas of Delanco are now available to the public. The library and municipal building have them. Permanent signs denoting the Audubon areas will be posted.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATIONS – DELANCO YOUTH SPORTS BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

COMMENTS – TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

-substituted for Joan for Boggs Ditch meeting – meetings with Congressman Adler's office looking for federal funds (missed next sentence) Sept. 20th is next meeting.

Templeton: Anything about who is actually responsible?

Schwab: Different people for different parts... still working on it.

COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

Municipal Clerk - none

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Templeton:

-Joint Insurance Fund renewal for 2011 – Change to web-based system – met with Mr. Walsh who will come back with clean copies in the next two weeks. Thanks to staff here for help.

-Met with Congressman Adler – one to one – this morning. He wanted to know about dredging. I prepared a letter. He wanted to hear all about it. I shared the history and some possible solutions which would eliminate need for a disposal site here. When we met two years ago, I suggested that DEP budget for longer pipes. Second solution would be to use the hopper barge. Both options would eliminate need for Delanco site. Since Congress writes the check, this morning was a unique opportunity to meet with Adler. Heard nothing from the state regarding ownership. We're hopeful, but we need to have fallback positions in place if the state decides to take the property.

Fitzpatrick: 891 signatures on petition. Susan Deitrich wanted a copy. There is something else we are working on. Did we find that letter?

Lohr: Not yet.

Fitzpatrick: in 1999 we received a letter that they weren't going to dump on the dunes anymore. I have a feeling that they will let Delanco go. They are upset regarding the resolution and the petition. Got a call from Beverly Redevelopment. Beverly wasn't actively pursuing anything to keep them off the dunes. I said they were involved in our meeting. He needs to regroup with his group to work together. Offered our petition.

Jass:

-Historical Preservation – looking into trip on the river.
-Recreation – skateboard park was completed Friday. Waiting for inspection. Rec ordered signs and is looking to JIF for specifics for signs, etc. Stopped by three times and talked to the children because I see young people skating and removing barriers. They are skating without helmets. They are respectful and understand that we need them to respect the regulations. Graffiti on new basketball courts today. Trying to track down the perpetrators. Rec is trying to be vigilant. Mr. Letizio and Mr. McFadden will talk with Fenimore and Sacalis to resolve this. Trashcans are an issue. Some are secured with just one tie. They need to be secured top and bottom. You can still tip them with one. Rec sent an email through Marie that skateboard park would be open. It addressed trash as well. Baseball backstop – adult league – issue with foul balls. Looking at regs from league for distance from home plate.

Templeton: Maybe a solution would be web cameras and some passive surveillance. This is getting really expensive. We spent how much and someone drove his car over the basketball court. We pay for it and young people pay for it when they lose the use of it due to damage.

Jass: Those issues were brought up when I stopped by. And at 7 Eleven. There are just a few who do these things who ruin it for everyone. We're trying to address this in a positive approach and education. School has a problem. They painted the wall and that was spraypainted. John brought in a can with a straw in it.

Templeton: If we get a couple of picture of people...

Fitzpatrick: We need to enforce things. We had talked about a townwatch. It's a perfect time to do it. People might want to volunteer. Rec fields, Delaware Avenue, and schools. Keith Letizio thought it was a good idea. Leaders could communicate with police and they can get there in time. Hopefully, we can hire a police officer or two. Town watch would help – rec and DYSA? They benefit from facilities. I met with John Fenimore regarding trash cans along Delaware Avenue and recycle cans. Posters from kids don't fit on trash cans. Ann Moore suggested doing a stencil of the posters. John is putting up a container for dog waste around Union Ave. He's cleaned up that area.

-I attended Board of Ed meeting at their request – concern is enrollment.

-Contacted county engineer regarding new crossroad on Coopertown Rd. – a disaster – very confusing at an age-restricted area. Asked George, John, Keith, and EMS to be a part of a meeting next week.

-Stopped at skate park too – four bikes – two skaters with no helmets – someone with empty bottles. It's not our job to do that. We need enforcement. We will work to get this right. We have spent thousands of dollars.

CONSENT AGENDA: NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2010-91 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR 2009 AUDIT

RESOLUTION 2010-92 REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BOND #1037298 FOR ABUNDANT LIFE LIVING SPRINGS PHASE 1 100 UNIT RESIDENTIAL BUILDING (BLOCK 2200, LOT 2.01 & 3) (REDUCTION #2)

RESOLUTION 2010-93 REAFFIRMING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR WILLOW ACRES, L.L.C. AND RELEASE OF REQUIREMENT TO POST MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE SITE PLAN IMPROVEMENTS AT THE 2407 BURLINGTON AVENUE PROJECT (BLOCK 1802, LOT 6 & 6.04)

RESOLUTION 2010-94 AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE UPON CONDITIONS FOR LAMB CONSTRUCTION, LLC, BLOCK 1702, LOT 3

RESOLUTION 2010-95 RESOLUTION: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE EDWARD AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

RESOLUTION 2010-96 RESOLUTION: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MAPLE AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

RESOLUTION 2010-97 RESOLUTION: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. (letter in support from NJ Transit)

RESOLUTION 2010-98 RIVERSIDE/DELANCO MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT

PAYMENT OF BILLS

GENERAL \$608,133.20 PAYROLL 72,096.79 TRUST 2,721.25

PUBLIC DEFENDER FUND 183.00 DOG TRUST 900.00

UNEMPLOYMENT FUND 588.45 RECREATION DEVEL FUND 31,154.62

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7/19/10

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Consent agenda passed unanimously

The following was removed from consent agenda at Templeton's request:
RESOLUTION 2010-99 SUPPORTING APPLICATION BY THE SALT & LIGHT
COMPANY, INC. TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS,
NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION BALANCED HOUSING PROGRAM

Templeton: What exactly does this resolution do?

Fitzpatrick: Ken Pipes is here if you want to ask him. We have to do a resolution in support of his application.

Pipes: You did pass a resolution. Since it has a CO they are going to fund the buyer instead of the seller (Rahenkamp). Monies would come directly to us instead of through the township which is an expense to the town.

Templeton: So the township has to give approval for each manager of a COAH property?

Pipes: State asks for approval from municipality.

Templeton: So that is what this does.

Pipes: State wants you onboard. County just wants you to know the address and the intent of the project and not be blindsided. State wants you to have the resolution.

Templeton: So the three affordable housing properties there, you will be the owner. So the funding you get from DCA, what is that?

Pipes: About \$300,000. I don't have the figure with me. It allows us to have a permanent mortgage over the 30 years (missed something here.)

Templeton: About \$300,000.

Pipes: Thought it was in the resolution.

Fitzpatrick: Went to Marybeth and it didn't come back yet.

Pipes: Think I sent it to Mrs. Lohr. Criteria they use is that it has to fall in reasonable standard.

Fitzpatrick: This states that we support the project and will get credit for no less than three units. Part of the process to support or we wouldn't get the credit. I did the letter and can email it.

Templeton: You had come in a month ago and requested a PILOT similar to two other ...The triplex is not age-restricted?

Pipes: Not age-restricted. State says a for sale - tax reduction - ex. 60% rent pays 60% taxes.

Templeton: You have other properties in town?

Pipes: Five

Templeton: We found that your properties were tax-exempted. How many are now?

Pipes: Two. We had a settlement.

Fitzpatrick: I want to make clear that your PILOT hasn't been approved. It's totally different from the mansion or Abundant Life. We aren't doing a PILOT like that.

Templeton: I would want to hear Marybeth's report and Doug's.

Fitzpatrick: This is just normal procedure for this. We already did it for John for Creekside, but now he isn't the owner.

Templeton: You've completed the purchase.

Pipes: Not yet.

Templeton: I'm not prepared to support this at this time. I don't see the need to treat this like everything we've done before.

Lohr: I did speak with Doug – no financial obligation. We just acknowledge that these are a COAH site.

Templeton: For family units, municipalities receive the PILOT, right?

Pipes: Right – not the school, it's outside of budget and CAP

Templeton: So school doesn't receive money for children who may be in those units.

Pipes: What you do with it is up to you.

Templeton: Money is already split out. 5 out of every 10 dollars goes to the school.

Pipes: We give you what we are obligated to give you. What you do with it is up to you.

Templeton: That's the flaw – entities that should be receiving monies don't get them. It creates an imbalance where residents who can't seek a PILOT have to carry the whole burden.

Passed with Templeton voting no. Wants more information.

OLD BUSINESS:

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MUNICIPAL BUILDING (Committeemember Jass): Realignment and traffic. We will be increasing traffic by at least 3200 cars a day. Grounds and pillars of the building still have the lime coming through. Mayor, perhaps you could reach out. Concerned about sign on Creek Road and Gateway Park.

Fitzpatrick: We should address (missed this) and the grounds

Jass: Trim the bushes. Perhaps we need a maintenance issue for the building.

Fitzpatrick: Remove some of the obstacles – ivy. We can talk to John about that and get a schedule together.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by Maureen Barrett