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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – September 13, 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. Fenimore, Public Works; Chief Sacalis, Delanco Police; Mr. Denton, Township Engineer, Mr. Heinold, Township Solicitor

ORDINANCE 2010-10 CREATING CHAPTER 240 GOVERNING “SIDEWALK AND CURB REPAIR” CONTINUED SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Fitzpatrick deferred to Heinold:

Heinold: There were comments for revisions at August meeting; additional comments were submitted to me from Township Committee. There are too many issues to resolve in the time frame. I’m suggesting that you allow it to die and discuss later.

No hearing was held.

Templeton: Do we want to give the opportunity for people who attended to comment?

Fitzpatrick: Let’s discuss it now. From what I understand, each committee member had a comment. Mine was that we shouldn’t adopt this until everything was done at Newton’s Landing. You shouldn’t be expected to maintain what isn’t under repair. Was hoping for a report from Kathy Elliot. That was my concern. We had other comments from Township Committee members.

Hinkle: Shade Tree should look over and discuss.

Templeton: Older established parts of town...shade trees pre 2000 have uplifted sidewalk panels. Sidewalk damage remains. Ordinance had an unfair burden placed on those property owners. Going forward it would create difficulties with residents accepting shade trees. Streetscapes – adjacent property owner would have to replace in-kind which is more expensive. Enforcement – specification – you don’t want to get too detailed – “level surface” “dust-free” and “free of weeds” Any sidewalk in town could be cited. It has to meet a reality test that is fair to property owners.

Jass: You had covered the issues. It’s a difficult process.

Resident of Pennington: Thanks to committee for thinking and discussing before acting.

Resident of Pennington (1): I sit on Shade Tree. It’s premature to say what my ideas are because I don’t want them to sound like an official position of the committee. Suggestions 1. If we place burden on property owner, they need to know what they have to do as per engineering – how thick or how deep a sidewalk should be. We may need some engineering standards. 2. If we are concerned about

leveling, we can't cut a root in case the tree topples over. We may need ramping. The ordinance needs to have many scenarios in it.

Fitzpatrick: May be a good idea to have a subcommittee with Shade Tree representatives.

ORDINANCE 2010-13 CREATING CHAPTER 130 GOVERNING "BACKGROUND CHECKS" SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Fitzpatrick: This is specifically for volunteer organizations....youth sports, partially at their request. George has worked on this.

Jass: Is it usual to do three years?

Heinold: Three years ...uniformly. Haven't seen a state requirement. Are we getting funding from (missed this)?

Sacalis: We have to apply for it.

Templeton: In first paragraph... does it affect fire company with junior members?

Resident: They have to have a background check before they join. Every member of fire and emergency.

Heinold: Any youth program or users of the fields 18 or older. Does that apply to the library? Are they covered under the school?

Lord: We are meeting tomorrow.

Fitzpatrick: They have youth programs. I don't know what programs they have right now. I wonder if Katrina has had one.

Heinold: The idea is there is some connection to the township.

Fitzpatrick: We fund the library in the school building.

Heinold: I don't know where scouts meet.

Fitzpatrick: In the church.

Heinold: Then it doesn't apply, but I think the scouts have their own national requirements.

Fitzpatrick: What about the librarian with her assistants? She is on school grounds.

Heinold: You provide funding.

Hinkle: Janice just said that scout leaders don't have to have background check.

Lohr: You have to do training. Background check isn't part of the process.

Heinold: Is it possible that some troops are doing that on their own?

Lohr: Possible. In Delanco, scouts meet in the church and receive no funding.

Fitzpatrick: We should contact the library. Whoever is involved in youth programs should have it done.

Heinold: There's a distinction between a student staying after school to help out and a child going out on a DYSA trip.

Fitzpatrick: Librarian and her assistants, which are volunteers should have it done.

Heinold: If there are children in a program.

Fitzpatrick: They have story time or chess, but that's over now. If they are having a special program, they should have the test.

Heinold: Is there any school involvement?

Fitzpatrick asked Lord to check at the Library Board meeting tomorrow.

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC no comment
HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
Passed unanimously

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS – PLANNING BOARD (Joint Land Use Board)

With the Recommendation of the Joint Land Use Board:

Class IV- Alternate #1: Larry Anastasi (filling unexpired term to 12/31/2011) Class

IV- Alternate # 3: Andrea Porter (filling unexpired term to 12/31/2010)

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW APPOINTEE TO PLANNING BOARD

COMMENTS - PROFESSIONALS COMMENTS

Denton:

-Zurbrugg stabilization – sent letter to DEP to answer questions; asked for a meeting to manage costs. DEP asked for a lot of unnecessary things.

-Bids Aug. 31 on Second Street – American Asphalt low bid within the amount of grant- recommended

-Poplar St. – Completion of Walnut Street – (see official minutes for amounts)

Lanberg (not sure I heard this correctly.) was the bidder. Sidewalk, curb and some tree removals.

Heinold:

-Poplar St.– conditional award – original contractor didn't complete Walnut St.

Verbal from Topnotch Tree Service that they weren't paid. They are out of time and didn't file a lien. My recommendation is to award the contract.

Denton: Would we pay the bond company or the contractor?

Heinold: There is \$14,000 that wasn't paid to the original contractor for Walnut.

We are going to use that for completion. We have a condition to be sure the county is onboard. We have what we need to move forward.

Templeton: Same situation with Surety Company calling the bond. They were difficult to deal with. How do we avoid that and them next time?

Heinold: If we got a bid from Cretan (not sure this is right)...we have prior experience and documentation.

– TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

-Personnel policy finished up

-Missed this – something about a grant

-Budget (more later)

Sacalis:

-Operation Takeback – expired drugs to police station Sept 25 10-1.

Fenimore:

-Six stop signs up

- New pitcher's mound and home plate
 - Trimmed trees for power lines to shed
 - Removed 9 trees
 - Painted stop lines -30 to go
 - Beehive removal
 - Painted recycling dumpsters – problem with people dumping trash
 - County will take out leaves – takes a month for the site – lots of dust since it's been so dry
 - New dog station at Union – experimenting – people are loading the trash cans with dog bags. People are putting recycling with those bags. Ordered recycling cans to set up by river. Maybe one for basketball court.
 - Cleared brick wall by Columns of ivy
- Fitzpatrick: Did you bring recycling posters children did?
- Fenimore: Yes
- Fitzpatrick: Some for bulletin board and bigger ones stenciled by Ann Moore. It will be like a recycling decal.
- Fenimore: Good spot would be at the stores.
- Fitzpatrick: Vinny's...areas where they litter.
- Templeton: Is there a place for metal at Public Works?
- Fenimore: If you just put it out trash day, it will be gone.
- Fitzpatrick: My neighbor put out an old grill and it was gone in an hour.

Township Clerk

Lohr: Geese – can anything be done?

Fitzpatrick: We had to wait to get into the building.

Hinkle: Be careful.

Fenimore: Wait until they knock down the corn.

Jass: Do we have to supply ourselves with airhorns?

Fenimore: Terrible on the police side.

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Lord:

-DYSA – soccer continues, basketball starting – online registration is working well – over 50% - we may be able to use for taxes.

-Rec. – Skateboard Park and basketball – all JIF issues are met. Rec is aware of trash issues and open to suggestion

-Spoke to Aubrey Fenton regarding Living Springs – CO's late November though they might not have people in. Applications sometime in September. It will be advertized. Very interested in bringing this community into Delanco. If the Living Springs community can help out, they would be happy to. He offered their community room to Delanco groups.

Hinkle:

- Sewage Meeting and combined meeting with Beverly regarding upgrades in near future through US grant program.
- Shade Tree conference in Cherry Hill – expert to come

Templeton:

- JIF – finished up
- Environmental Advisory Board – discussion to work with committee, public works, and police to get a public use policy for the dunes. Vehicles are using the area despite it being off limits and tearing up the trails. People on the trails might keep that under control.
- Work in front of Zurbrugg looks great. We didn't know there was a sidewalk there.

Jass:

- Trying to be diligent asking kids to clean up on basketball court. Saw George at skateboard park. We remind them that they need to treat the areas like home.
- Historic Preservation – Sunday Oct. 24th – sign for Dobbins Church.
- Went to Living Springs also – nice facility – seniors can stop by and fill out a card
- Mike, on JIF, when we had the CD's to look at, is there a list?

Templeton: All done. There was some financial information in new web-based renewal process that we hadn't taken part in in previous years.

Jass: George, are you going to give the information since the ordinance is passed? Did you do anything with the DARE vehicle?

Sacalis: Yes. No.

Jass: Phil McFadden would do it as a pet project.

Hinkle: Since we talked about Living Springs and Mansion, has fire dept gone through?

Dillenbeck: Not Living Springs

Fitzpatrick: Living Springs was supposed to list with 911 and not have it go to Delanco. Before we get down to the final day, you may want to be sure of it.

Dillenbeck: 911 won't send to a private contractor.

Sacalis: 911 would go to the call center.

Fitzpatrick: Ed Reynolds sent article regarding the day Babe Ruth came to Delanco and some other materials

-Attended backyard bash.

-Attended concert at marina.

-Met with county engineers regarding realignment – Keith Mohrmann sent suggestions. Concern – PSE&G was going to talk to John. Keith indicated that driveways were lowered. They have to replace asphalt. I would keep the light there and add one. Keith said when trucks come around the bend, it's a sharp turn and you can see their tire marks.

Sacalis: Everyone is used to a wide area. A lot of people are coming down for the first time.

Fitzpatrick: If you guys would take a look and make sure we covered all of the issues.

Jass: Are they going to keep the one-way signs?

Fitzpatrick: Newton's Landing is going to have a straight across. It will be a thru way road. They will take out the stop sign.

Jass: When you come from 130 and want to make the left into Newton's Landing, they need to move the one-way sign to the other side.

Fitzpatrick: We are going to put some lighting out there.

Sacalis: They put the dotted lines because it was confusing.

Jass: Where they removed the asphalt at this particular time, will there be signage?

Sacalis: It will be grass.

Jass: Is his light staying?

Fitzpatrick: Yes. We are going to put a light on a pole that has no light. I was concerned about the issues. The guys were patient and assured me that everything was going to be taken care of.

Another suggestion...people coming down from marina the wrong way. Someone suggested moving that sign in so they haven't passed the sign when they make a mistake. There are so many children. George, did you get the speeder?

Sacalis: yes.

Fenimore: The sign has to stay in the intersection. Maybe we could paint some arrow signs in the street.

-Community Day Oct. 9 - if you want a table, contact Terry @ EMS.

-Town-wide Yard Sale - Sept. 25.

I left at this point.

Maureen

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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RESOLUTION 2010-101 AWARD OF BID AND CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SECOND STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT- WILLOW STREET TO UNION STREET & EDGEWOOD AVENUE TO CENTER AVENUE

RESOLUTION 2010-102 RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR POPLAR STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND CONDITIONALLY AWARDED CONTRACT FOR WALNUT STREET COMPLETION

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ACCOUNT AMOUNT

GENERAL \$578,025.05 PAYROLL 91,850.45 TRUST 18,712.35

DOG TRUST 486.50 HOUSING TRUST 6,000.00 RECREATION DEVEL FUND 7,468.00

ACCUMULATED ABSENESE 1,845.60 PUBLIC DEFENDER 183.00

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES

2010-19, 2010-43, 2010-51, 2010-52, 2010-53 & 2010-54

ROLL CALL: Hinkle___Jass___Lord___Templeton___Fitzpatrick___

OLD BUSINESS:

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS MEETING

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CORRESPONDENCE

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL PARK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT
APPLICATION

2. STATUS OF CHANGES FOR REINTRODUCING SIDEWALK ORDINANCE

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by Maureen Barrett