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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – October 4, 2010

ROLL CALL: Hinkle, Jass was absent, Lord, Templeton, Fitzpatrick

Also Present: Mr. Schwab, Acting Twp. Administrator; Mrs. Lohr, Municipal Clerk; Ms. Zimmermann, Deputy Municipal Clerk; Chief Sacalis, Delanco Police; Mr. Denton, Township Engineer, Mr. Heinold, Township Solicitor

PROCLAMATION PUT THE BRAKES ON FATALITIES DAY – OCTOBER 10, 2010

ORDINANCE 2010-14 AUTHORIZING GRANT OF EASEMENT TO PSE&G FOR TOWNSHIP PROPERTY BETWEEN INTERSECTION OF BUTTONWOOD STREET & RANCOCAS AVENUE AND RANCOCAS CREEK

PSE&G Representative – (missed his name)

PSE&G: Project started a few years ago. Piping on North Pavilion Ave to Buttonwood goes back to 1902. Some has been replaced in Riverside and Delanco recently. Last piece to be done is on the township lot on the Rancocas. (Showed a visual of the project) It's a 900 ft. installation via horizontal drilling. They can control where it comes up within 2-3 ft. Hoped to do this piece in 2010. Were delayed by permits, etc. Looking at Feb. 2011. Lot from property line from Buttonwood to the creek. New pipeline will be under the river and come out on the surface of Buttonwood about 200 feet north. The bulk of the work will be done in Riverside, but some would be done in the street area of Buttonwood. A small pipe goes under, they make the hole 18 in and then put a 12 in pipe through. Encroaches on township land 10 ft. by 64 ft. Pipe will be 30 ft. underground.

Fitzpatrick: So it will be totally underground.

PSE&G: It would be under the creek and exit the ground 200 ft up this Rancocas (pointing to visual). All the pipe would be underground when we're done.

Fitzpatrick: So there will be no digging on the property.

PSE&G: No. We know where the utilities are and can control the head of the drill.

Fitzpatrick: What happens to the old piping?

PSE&G: Remains in place and is filled with water.

Templeton: How close is it to the waterline that broke a few years ago?

PSE&G: We would be well under it except for the final 20 feet. is it underground?

Templeton: Our report was that it broke under the creek. NJ American Water decided not to repair it.

PSE&G: Existing utilities would be mapped out. The original planning was to drill from Delanco, but we reversed it to make less work going on in Delanco/

Templeton: How large an excavation and long a disturbance for residents?

PSE&G: Road closed to traffic for 2 weeks. Excavation 10 ft. by 64 ft.

Templeton: Can residents still have utilities?

PSE&G: Yes

Fitzpatrick: There would be no access out through Rancocas or Buttonwood. For just two weeks?

PSE&G: Yes, though things can go wrong and it could be three.

Schwab: He has a detour plan.

PSE&G: Rancocas coming in from Burlington would be two-way. Block further north would become two-way. There would be a two-block detour leaving. Houses on Rancocas going east at Buttonwood would have to go a block or two north for those two weeks. Restoration (missed this)

Schwab: Impact for residents?

PSE&G: May not be able to use their garages. Maybe a snowplow couldn't get down. We would handle snow removal during that time.

Hinkle: When do you plan to start?

PSE&G: Permits determine that – middle of Feb. and be done by middle of March. It would be two months for it to settle before putting on the final layer

Templeton: Horizontal drilling – no pneumatic hammers, no blasting?

PSE&G: No, studies have been done. There's no hard rock there.

Templeton: There wouldn't be collateral damage to the homes there?

PSE&G: NO

2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Resident of Rancocas: Here to speak about ownership of the end of the road. I have 60 years of documents of myself and previous owners paying taxes on that land.

Heinold: We reviewed the documentation and title report. As to taxes previously paid, I don't know what to tell you on that.

Resident: I have the original surveys.

Heinold: We have the title company's report and they have been addressed.

Resident: I have a 1912 deed that you don't own it. Her statement (Fitzpatrick) last week was that I haven't paid taxes on the land. I have.

Heinold: Do you have a title report?

Resident: No, I don't need one. I have my deed. You are taking my land.

Heinold: It's not a taking.

Resident: You put a line down my land.

Heinold: We're not going to agree.

Resident: I have an out of court settlement from 2004 and there is a driveway there.

Heinold: Dispute was regarding his building a house there. The driveway there wasn't the issue before Judge Sweeney.

Resident: Here's a consent order.

Fitzpatrick: That's a letter.

Resident: It's preliminary. My lawyer just sent for the agreement.

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Passed unanimously

COMMENTS - PROFESSIONALS COMMENTS – TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Heinold: Nothing

Denton:

-Poplar Street sidewalk – removed trees and will begin working weather permitting

-Preconstruction for Second St. – meeting Thursday

-On hold on state money

Fitzpatrick: Received a letter that they just signed this.

Denton: Then we are clear.

Denton: Rivers Edge – pavement and updated punchlist.

Fitzpatrick: Did you send to new managing agent?

(missed answer)

Schwab: State best practices survey – 88 questions – yes to 73, no to 10 and five not applicable. We were able to answer yes to things we intend to do this year. Got input from mayor, committee, and staff.

COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police

-Thanks for proclamation

Fitzpatrick: How did the prescription take-back work out?

Sacalis: Well

2. Municipal Clerk

-departments (missed the rest of this)

-Wednesday – meeting with Living Springs re: affirmative marketing and rents

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Lord:

-Question from Rec from Community Day \$1500

Fitzpatrick: That was included in their budget, but they didn't have to write the check. We did.

Hinkle:

-Met with Homeowners Association of Rivers Edge – legitimate concerns

Templeton:

-Didn't hear about that meeting

Fitzpatrick: They invited us

-Should be passed on the rest of the committee

-Delaware Valley Regional Planning Meeting – developing standards and ordinances related to alternative energy. Released a solar, geothermal, and wind ordinance – passed on to Joint Land Use Board. They were drawn from around the country.

-Attended municipal court – now once a month. Amazing that first three rows on

both sides of the room were filled. Drug offences, shoplifting, alcohol-related crimes. Jennifer Esposito and her staff, police, judge, and staff are extremely professional to people who are here on not their best day and see they are treated fairly. Disappointing thing is I don't think hearing a sentence always has an effect. We wish we could change things. I'd like to commend those who work the court.
-Working with folks on the Dunes access to open the area up to residents.

Fitzpatrick:

-Met with county engineer, Sacalis, and Fire Chief Mohrman regarding the county road realignment – they are working with us on residents' issues. Signage isn't complete. When they remove trees, we will be putting up additional lights since it is confusing. Thanks to George, John, and Keith Mohrmann. They didn't move the stop sign so you can see it. There will be good signage there. It will be recommended that people go out on Coopertown Rd. There will be a final meeting with us.

-Yard sale – great day

-Firehouse Meeting – re: Creek Rd and other items. They had concerns regarding mansion. Delran will be answering Abundant Life's emergency calls. Someone delivered the letter to Edgewater Park. He wanted to know how we did that. Do you know anything about that, Bill (Dillenbeck)?

Dillenbeck: No, there was a conversation, but we stayed out of it.

Fitzpatrick: We have a letter in writing that Delran will receive their 911 calls.

-attended Rivers Edge meeting – had walked with Dave Denton in June to see lack of work done by the developer. Pulte was a piece of cake compared to this. Developer asked for a punch list and implied that our engineer was negligent, but Dave had sent a punch list to them in early July. There have been some changes in their organization. Residents commended George because they see our offices.

-township received commendation from US Census. Thanks to Janice and her staff.

-request from county coordinator re: recycling carts. Are we ready to purchase?

Schwab: The money comes from a grant and shouldn't be affected by cuts. I will find out.

Oct. 9 11-3 Community Day

Oct. 16 2:30 Fall Fest

Hinkle: Mock Election was going to be tomorrow, but is now at 9:00 on the 19th.

CONSENT AGENDA: NEW BUSINESS

*APPOINTMENT * Appointment of Forrest M. Samalonis as Delanco Police Officer Effective October 11, 2010

ORDINANCE 2010-15 AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF TEMPORARY ACCESS EASEMENT OVER BLOCK 1802.01, LOTS 6, 9 & 10 FOR BOGG'S DITCH ACCESS AND REMEDIATION *1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR OCTOBER 18, 2010

ORDINANCE 2010-16 1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING
DATE FOR OCTOBER 18, 2010

RESOLUTION 2010-111 AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF GRANT
APPLICATION UNDER THE BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL PARK
DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION 2010-112 AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN DELANCO TOWNSHIP AND EDGEWATER PARK TOWNSHIP FOR
EQUIPMENT AND OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES (removed since agreement wasn't
received.)

RESOLUTION 2010-113 AUTHORIZING SALE OF OUT OF SERVICE AND SURPLUS
EQUIPMENT

RESOLUTION 2010-114 REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT

AMENDING CHAPTER 241 GOVERNING "SKATEBOARDING, ROLLER SKATING
AND SKATE PARK" TO PROVIDE FOR IMPOUNDMENT OF BIKES AND
OTHER NON-PERMITTED VEHICLES USED AT SKATE PARK

PAYMENT OF BILLS

General 502,098.44

Payroll 3,619.35

Trust 6,053.75

Unemployment Fund 148.00

Public Defender Fund 150.00

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - 8/2/10 & 9/20/10

Passed unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - 8/16/10

Passed with Hinkle abstaining

OLD BUSINESS:

Templeton: Called Recycle Bank because the donation point program has been
eliminated. They had talked extensively about this when they presented the
program to us. Emailed Ann Moore. Residents would have been able to donate their
points to community groups in our town.

Schwab: RecycleBank contacted us to renew their contract.

Fitzpatrick: Good timing.

Schwab: We'll see what we can get back.

Templeton: Chief, want to talk about dog's off leashes?

Sacalis: We have an ordinance that dogs must be on leashes and will enforce it. There have been recent attacks on dogs and an owner.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Resident of Burlington Ave: Resident for 45 years. Concerned about robberies in our town. Across from me was a robbery and on the other side. I'm glad the town has decided to hire an officer. I'm concerned that we hired someone with 2 years experience over someone with 20 years. When I come home, I don't take off my coat or put my pocketbook down until I look at every door to see if I have been broken into. I'm concerned about hiring someone with two years experience and am concerned about that decision. I have know George for years and have the utmost faith in him and our officers.

Fitzpatrick: Township Committee asked Schwab and Sacalis to do the interviewing at level 1 and make a recommendation to us. That's what they came back to us with and that's why we appointed the officer.

Resident: I walk into my home and check every door. I've been here since I was two and have to get an alarm system and pay for it. I'd rather have a detective with some experience.

Resident of Burlington (different one): The pit bull attack two weeks ago was very scary. It's the second time it's happened. What can we do?

Sacalis: Animal control is handling it.

Fitzpatrick: They sent a letter designating that as a dangerous dog. Owner can release the dog to animal welfare or request a hearing. If they keep it, they would have to pay \$700 a year to register it.

Resident: I don't want to walk by the house.

Fitzpatrick: The girl who was bitten, it will affect her for years.

Resident: That dog was going under the fence to the neighbors in the past.

Fitzpatrick: The neighbors complained that it wasn't registered and it wasn't. We couldn't do anything else unless someone filed a complaint.

Templeton: Township resident in a passing car got out and helped.

Fitzpatrick: His name was Jim

Dillenbeck: Jim Zoll.

Fitzpatrick: He took Maureen to the hospital and the girlfriend took the dog to the vet. Walk your dog on a leash. If you see a dog off a leash, call 461-1515.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CORRESPONDENCE – Lohr:

Alma Jordan resignation from Environmental Advisory Board. Leaves a vacancy for

12/31/12. John had asked for Marlene Robinson to be put on.

Templeton: We thought Marlene was a member all along. She's been at our meetings.

Fitzpatrick: Accept resignation and appoint Marlene.

Resident: I don't think it's fair to appoint someone without posting it.

Fitzpatrick: It came from the board and she is an environmental expert. It would be unfair to her. If another position comes up... Mike thought she was a member too. It wouldn't be fair to ask her to go through an interview process.

Lohr: Should I proceed with ad for letters of interest for reorganization..

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by Maureen Barrett