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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – October 18, 2010

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

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

ORDINANCE 2010-15 AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF TEMPORARY ACCESS EASEMENT OVER BLOCK 1802.01, LOTS 6, 9 & 10 FOR BOGG'S DITCH ACCESS AND REMEDIATION 2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING

Fitzpatrick: This is in order to take care of some of the trouble with beavers

Hinkle: We expect the permit in the mail tomorrow. We've been working on this since May. They will start within the week to remedy the situation.

Templeton: Is this a one-time deal or recurring?

Fitzpatrick: It provides temporary access

Hinkle: We need access to remove the dams.

Templeton: Dams are on private property. Why are we doing this?

Hinkle: Problems in Edgewater Park.

Templeton: We are going to do this every year? By doing this, are we hooking ourselves into being expected to do this? Or is there a liability issue if we don't do it next year?

Hinkle: No, we don't have the equipment to do it. The Bridge Commission and County do and are acquiring permits so people in Edgewater Park aren't flooded.

Jass: Also NJ Transit with the culvert.

Templeton: I know the history. It's not our property. I wish Mr. Heinold were here.

Hinkle: Heinold wrote a letter to the property owner.

Fitzpatrick: Owner of property wrote a letter and said he would allow township to do this.

Templeton: Is the resident going to come to us and ask us to do this next year?

Hinkle: All he is saying is that you can come to the side of the yard and do that.

Fitzpatrick: The owner didn't ask us to do this. We can continue this hearing until the Nov. 8th hearing so you can ask Doug.

Schwab: Doug wrote the easement so we wouldn't have a liability. It's for public health. Group will continue to work on this long-term. NJ Transit will improve when we get the water level down. There are several entities involved. I recommend that you move forward on this this evening.

Templeton: No expectation that we are doing this again? We did this a few years ago.

Schwab: We will continue moving forward. The group Joan got together will work so that it doesn't happen again.

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – no comment

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 2010-16 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

2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – no comment

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COMMENTS – TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

-Requesting budgets from departments for 2011

-Report for this year will be available soon.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police

-new officer started Monday and is doing a good job

2. Public Works

Fitzpatrick: Talked to John re complaints about brush. They are making another run through town. I saw that they had done some of that today. Then they move on to trees – many to do.

3. Municipal Clerk

-Rabies Clinic – Nov. 6

-Solid Waste Contract - \$1500 increase – recommending that we renew under year two option with South Jersey Sanitation.

Passed unanimously

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Lord:

-Library is having a Longaberger Basket Party on Thurs. Oct. 21 at 6:30

-Joint Land Use – approved two new businesses – a construction business and a landscaping business (phase in)

-Rec – more from Marlene later

-Sports Paradise – canned food drive benefiting Catholic Charities here.

Hinkle:

-received permit for Boggs Ditch

-tomorrow is mock election at 9:00

Templeton:

-Recycle Bank renewal – was anything circulated?

Lohr: They wanted to meet to go over the renewal.

Templeton: I would like to impress that I want them here for a public hearing.

-Met with Mr. Walsh – Insurance – went over salary data that went into JIF. JIF meeting tomorrow if anyone has any issues

-Community Day – Thanks to Marlene Robinson and John Denlinger for staffing the Environmental Advisory Board table.

Jass:

-Rec and Historical Board were at Community Day

-EAB exhibit was interesting – I made some suggestions to Marlene

-Plaque from Historic Presentation to Dobbins Church this Sunday

-Fall Fest – wonderful day- looking for more volunteers – they did a tremendous lot of work. Children had a good time. More people came out in the afternoon. Trails were interesting. Three prizes were given. Mayor, I believe you really got scared.

Fitzpatrick: It was dark and the guys jumped out. They did a good job.

-Met with Mr. Fenton and Janice for Living Springs – ad in the paper

-Dunes subcommittee will meet this Wednesday.

-Historic Preservation changed display in municipal building. Mr. Diggs is now at the library and the trains are here in the corner cabinet.

Fitzpatrick:

-Met with Richard to discuss tax appeal process.

-Attended Community Day

-Performed a wedding

-Walked the 5k run – got the bronze for my age group

-Attended Fall Fest – seemed like fewer people –

Jass: We may move time frame forward . There will be lots of tweaking.

Fitzpatrick: I've waited in line in the past, but not this year.

-Living Springs had ad in paper regarding rental- will accept applications as of Oct.

25. Aubrey Fenton has been asked to attend Chamber of Commerce meeting and I have as mayor – meeting Nov. 5. I enjoyed Holiday Lake as a child and teen.

Sometimes it's nice to see change.

-Oct. 23 –paper shredding at (missed location)

-Leaf pick up starts Oct. 25

-Skateboarding – new ordinance – passed yesterday and one child had a scooter.

Sacalis: No scooters.

Fitzpatrick: I didn't stop because I don't think that's my position to tell them. It should be the police.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

CONSENT AGENDA: NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2010-116 PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87 CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1985)

RESOLUTION 2010-117 AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN DELANCO TOWNSHIP AND BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AND THE BURLINGTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS AND 911 CALL SERVICES

RESOLUTION 2010-118 RESOLUTION ENDORSING ADOPTED HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN – Joint Land Use Board approved amendment. We asked that amendment to change Pellegrino site to commercial for construction. There were four units and we don't need to add them anywhere else.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

GENERAL \$296,827.48 PAYROLL 61,692.55 TRUST 2,776.25 GATEWAY BRICK FUND 393.00

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - 9/13/2010

OLD BUSINESS:

Fitzpatrick:

-coming out of Newton's Landing, when you stop there are two lanes. One lane has a straight arrow and one has a left turn arrow. I saw three people turn the wrong way. Emailed county and Morhmann.

Sacalis: I thought that was temporary.

Fitzpatrick: If they keep two lanes, the turn is before you cross. They need to make it straight. It's confusing to people. I'd take the arrow out.

Templeton: Can we get a sign that says Delanco is this way?

Jass: Are they going to rename the street?

Fitzpatrick: That's up to us. We're going to call it Old Creek Road so the people who live there and have businesses there so they don't have to change so many things.

Templeton:

-Zip code for Delanco. We still get tangled up with Riverside. I was wondering if population-wise we could get our own.

Fitzpatrick: I looked into that. Some people on my street and Delaware Avenue didn't even get census information. Postmaster suggested that we change the names of the streets. Delaware Avenue could be Delaware River Avenue. Rancocas could be Rancocas Creek...That meeting hasn't occurred yet. If we did that, we'd have to have a public meeting.

Sacalis: There are many more than just those streets.

Fitzpatrick: We have to think about it. Their Delaware Ave isn't on the river. Ours is and could be Delaware River Avenue.

Sacalis: No reason that Delanco should change all of the duplicating streets.

Templeton: It shouldn't be Delanco's problem to fix the post office's problem

Fitzpatrick: The zip code would be the best way to do it. Write your congressman. If all three towns met, it wouldn't just be Delanco.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Resident of Union Ave:

-Second Street – American Asphalt will be doing paving from Willow to Union.

Handicapped resident finds this area (showed photo) difficult to navigate.

Cobblestones area throws wheelchair to left and the sidewalk is broken here. I talked to Dave Denton about not removing two trees so you could use the money elsewhere. I'm asking if the township could do the sidewalk for access for this resident.

Fitzpatrick: When I talked with Mr. Denton, I thought this section was covered. I will review and send it to everyone. Something tells me that it will be done.

Resident: It would cost \$500-600

Fitzpatrick: Let me send the email around. It probably would be better to stick with the contractor who is doing the job. I thought this was going to be covered.

Whose property is this?

Resident: 204 Willow.

Hinkle: Why is it cobblestone?

Resident: Shade tree had buckled sidewalk

Fitzpatrick: Has anyone touched base with property owner?

Resident: Yes, he would want it done. Owner wants to save the trees. They are the only saving grace in the summer.

Fitzpatrick: How would the committee feel about replacing it?

Schwab: Unit price for sidewalk. I'm looking at plans. The only sidewalks replaced were where trees are.

Resident: There are two on my sidewalk that are marked. I don't know why they are doing it.

Fitzpatrick: Original project was Center to Edgewood.

Resident: Newspaper said the grant was Willow to Union.

Jass: How close were we with the money and the bids?

Fitzpatrick: We had to cut stuff out. How does the committee feel about it?

Templeton: Torn up today.

Lord: If we have the money, it's a good safety issue.

Hinkle: Get a price and I think we can do it

Templeton: Are they replacing two of yours?

Resident: Apron and other side by the corner where there was a tree years ago. It wasn't noted that they were going to replace that. It was marked. Our handicapped

area is in really good shape. Why not put it somewhere else?

Templeton: The cobblestone area is marked. If we could squeeze it in.

Fitzpatrick: We can't squeeze it in. Do you agree that the township would come up with the funds to do the project?

Hinkle: If we could find \$500.

Templeton: If that is what it is.

Fitzpatrick: We don't want to stall the project.

Resident: It would be cheaper to use another guy than the contractor.

Fitzpatrick: I will send around the emails

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CORRESPONDENCE DISCUSSION ITEMS:

FY2011 CDBG PROGRAM Lohr: Letter from Community Development – applications due Dec. 15. Workshop 21st at Human Services – need representative. Talked to John a little bit. It will move along pretty fast. Census Tracts - Voting District 1 and 2 – structural improvements. ADA anywhere in town.

Fitzpatrick: Remind John to be here to make recommendations.

Jass: Can we fix the gentleman's sidewalk?

Lohr: It's not eligible to fix the sidewalk but you can do curbcuts.

(Discussion ensued and determined that it would be eligible, but wouldn't be done for two or three years.)

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by Maureen Barrett