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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – November 15, 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

\*ANNOUNCEMENT AND INTRODUCTION OF WALNUT STREET SCHOOL STUDENT ELECTION WINNERS \*OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO WALNUT STREET SCHOOL STUDENTS – Resolution to honor Thomas Shields, Walnut Street teacher who worked on the annual mock election program for many years.

\*\*PROMOTION OF POLICE OFFICERS\*\* Both officers have won Officer of the Year Awards from American Legion

POLICE LIEUTENANT -Officer Jesse DeSanto to the position of Police Lieutenant effective November 15, 2010

POLICE SERGEANT - Officer Adam Tilger to the position of Police Sergeant effective November 15, 2010

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO LIEUTENANT DESANTO AND SERGEANT TILGER

\*\*\*SPECIAL PRESENTATION\*\*\* JIF SAFETY COMMITTEE ANNUAL PRESENTATION

Templeton: Serving as representative to Burlington County Joint Insurance Fund as Fund Commission. Our bill is \$170,000 in premiums. JIF wants to have employees understand that safety is most important. The fund looks at medical bills, etc. If workforce is trained well and works safely, you reduce injuries and lost time and create a healthy environment. Delanco has a small work force. Each employee needs to act as his/her own safety officer. Employees have support of the township if they determine something is unsafe. We have a great staff which tends to want to accomplish the job. Sometimes people push themselves too hard – some minor injuries have occurred. Mrs. Lohr, Mrs. Zimmerman, Chief Sacalis, and Mr. Fenimore do the real work of JIF. Thanks to those people for their assistance.

Schwab: JIF goes back to 1987 when municipalities joined together for workers comp and liability because coverage was so expensive. Coverage has been added in separate categories. Costs have steadily increased. Municipal Excess JIF covers larger Public Official and Employee Practice coverages. In the past, premiums were a state-wide rate; in the future each JIF will pay premiums based on their losses. That's why we adopted personnel policies; each employee will be trained. Concept of JIF is to avoid claims.

Sacalis: The higher level you get, the better the premium. Last year we got the gold.

COMMENTS –

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Schwab: Budget – department heads need to submit by next week. Will put everything on a spreadsheet for a preliminary budget by the end of the year with budget meetings scheduled for January. State is still a question.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police

-Thanks to committee for working with the department.

-Hired – new officer (missed his name)

-Nixle.com - register to get email or text messages regarding any traffic or other situations in the neighborhoods

2. Municipal Clerk – Welcome to student members. I am encouraging them to get involved in the community.

COMMENTS – STUDENT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS –

*(I don't include the students' names both to protect their privacy and ensure their internet safety.)*

Students were asked why they had decided to run and how they could help the community. They were asked what issues needed to be addressed. Their responses:

-Equipment for DYSA

-Bring back school sports

-Experience

-Will be fun

-(couldn't hear one)

-Restore activities

Fitzpatrick suggested that students attend Board of Ed meeting and voice their concerns about activities.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Lord:

-JLUB heard application for large sign at Delanco Dental Arts –may be changed to a lower sign. A good signage policy is important along Burlington Ave.

Hinkle:

-Attended Beverly National Cemetery ceremony on Veterans Day. Wants all veterans to be together.

Templeton:

-Attended JIF meeting this afternoon – info for department heads. \$1200 grant to purchase items to improve safety. Deadline is end of November. Mrs. Zimmerman is compiling the list. Snowplow policy from JIF will be forwarded.

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-Dunes subcommittee meeting last week – It’s exciting that DYSA, Rec and other departments seems to have the same idea for recreational use there. Spoke with JIF today about the Dunes following JIF’s tour. Report will be in this week. Moving towards the goal of opening the Dunes at West Ave to the public – at least in phases. Hiking trails, etc. Very excited.

Jass:

-Dunes committee – Dec. 1 meeting – looking forward to JIF report. Rec has been out there and will be making recommendations. Excited about that.

Fitzpatrick:

-Board of Ed meeting – students were honored – certificates for respect. Presented Green Schools program from RecycleBank to Board.

-Letter from Environmental Protection- as of Jan. 1, 2011 – no TV’s, monitors, computers, in the trash. Will get something in the *Bee* as to how they can be recycled.

-Drama Club – trial of the Big Bad Wolf – Saturday night.

Students were excused at this point. Fitzpatrick encouraged them to go to Board of Ed meetings.

Scouts are collecting non-perishable food in the yellow bags they left.

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

CONSENT AGENDA: NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2010-18 \*1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR DECEMBER 6, 2010

RESOLUTION 2010-131 SPECIFYING SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES WITHIN DELANCO TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION 2010-132 AUTHORIZING SALE OF SURPLUS TOWNSHIP PROPERTY

RESOLUTION 2010-133 REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT  
APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2010-134 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH RECYCLE REWARDS, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF A RECYCLE BANK PROGRAM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO

Templeton: No, Recycle Bank made a presentation and promises they haven’t

fulfilled. It's more financially feasible for township to give people in town \$3 each rather than spend \$14,000 on the contract.

Everyone else voted yes.

Fitzpatrick: Three options sent to Recycle Bank

1. Have one donation site for Delanco and split the money with non-profits who apply for funds.
2. Register the email address of the organization and they can get rewards that way
3. Specify three organizations – DYSA, Library, EMS,

Resident (me): How about PTO?

Fitzpatrick: Is PTO a 501 c3?

Barrett: Yes, I looked it up.

Templeton: Is there a deadline for this? It seems by approving this, there is no incentive for them to come back to us on a proposal.

Fitzpatrick: I think they will come back to us.

Jass: We still have homes that just got their containers and were looking forward to their rewards. Big savings on tipping fees.

Fitzpatrick: It pays for itself.

#### AMENDING CHAPTER 234 GOVERNING "RENTAL PROPERTY" TO REGULATE LARGE RENTAL FACILITIES

#### MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

President of Delanco Library Board McLaughlin: Now that the vote has been taken, I would encourage Committee to have Recycle Bank take seriously the public's desire to donate points as they wish.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CORRESPONDENCE – none

Fitzpatrick: Dietz and Watson is donating \$5000 to EMS.

Explorer Scouts having a Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 24 3(I think)-7. Channel 6 may be there.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

☐ DATE FOR 2011 ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING

January 3 at 7:00

Hinkle: Thanks to Janice Lohr for help with mock election

ADJOURNMENT

*Submitted by Maureen Barrett*