

NOTE: Below are personal notes, not official transcripts of the meeting.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING– DECEMBER 6, 2010

7:30 PM MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 770 COOPERTOWN ROAD., DELANCO, NJ 08075

ROLL CALL: Hinkle__x__ Jass__x__ Lord__x__ Templeton__x__ Fitzpatrick__x__

Also Present: Mr. Schwab, Twp. Administrator__x__ Mr. Denton, Twp. Engineer__x__ Mr. Heinold, Twp. Solicitor__x__ Mrs. Lohr, Municipal Clerk__x__ Ms. Zimmermann, Deputy Municipal Clerk__x__ Mr. Fenimore, Supt. of PublicWorks__x__ Mr. Sacalis, Police Chief.__x__

FLAG SALUTE

SUNSHINE STATEMENT:

Please be advised that proper notice of this meeting has been given in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act in the following manner: Written notice has been mailed to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post and published in the January 5, 2010 editions. Written notice has been posted on the official bulletin board of the Township of Delanco at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2011 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT(CDBG)
APPLICATION suggested Laurel street from Union to at least Walnut.**

Fenimore: old section Rancocas no swails?, many bad sidewalks Ash, Vine

Fitz: concerned with Laurel there are gullies where water accumulates and freezes, one resident fell last year, it's really dangerous, the aprons are six inches higher than curb, there are sink holes.

Fenimore: street is named for engineer, Gallagher

Fitz: it's a mess

Denton: can do Laurel, continue on Poplar, can average 400-700 feet,

Burlington Ave resident: can money be used for streets in bad condition now? Like Washington street?

Fen: Asphalt on Washington already on list, very thin.

Resident of Burlington ave: I noticed potholes

Lohr: will need to authorize the app, it's due December 17

Templeton: committee had considered sidewalk ordinance, it was tabled, may be worthwhile to focus grant on sidewalk repair.

Denton: can do sidewalks, only 80,000.00

Fitz: need from John, Rancocas, Wash, Laurel, Poplar, Orchard

Fen: it's bad, from creek to river

That would be good if get DOT grant, many sidewalks on Ash really bad, maybe Dave can look.

Denton: must decide on location.

Fitz: must be specific.

Does Washington need more than Laurel?

Fen: I would need a lot of asphalt for each hole, if we would pave... Washington is big block.

Fitz: one side has no sidewalk.

Fitz: must make decision.

Fen: can remove one section than repair?

Denton: depends on how much grading is needed.

Fitz: concerned about weather, don't need someone slipping on ice.

Denton: Just did two blocks of second for 97K

Fitz: Laurel between Union and Walnut

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

RESOLUTION 2010-136

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Motion by ___?___ seconded by ___?___ to adopt Resolution 2010-136

Roll Call: Hinkle _Y_ Jass _Y_ Lord _Y_ Templeton _Y_ Fitzpatrick _Y_

*****PROCLAMATION*****

IN MEMORY AND HONOR OF THE DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF RALPH MCCULLOUGH

Fitz: I knew him as Mr.McCullough growing up, then I called him Ralph, he knew everyone in town, kept us on our toes, we miss him, he attended every meeting, township meetings, land use and sewer authority, always voiced his opinion.

Family here to accept proclamation.

Kate reads proclamation.

Always sat in front row, then moved to second row so name tag honoring him placed on chair in second row

ORDINANCE 2010-17

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO PROVIDING FOR AND DETERMINING THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES”

***2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING**

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Motion by Jass___ seconded by Templeton___ to adopt Ordinance 2010-17

Roll Call: Hinkle _Y_ Jass _Y_ Lord ___Y_ Templeton _Y_ Fitzpatrick _Y_

ORDINANCE 2010-18

AMENDING CHAPATER 234 GOVERNING “RENTAL PROPERTY” TO REGULATE LARGE RENTAL FACILITIES

***2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING**

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Resident of Burlington ave: related to inspections, are they yearly?

Heinhold: these are only changes.

Resident: we continue to inspect but when state inspects, we don't?

Also, the costs, 300 renters pay 100.00 per year, and other groups only 50.00?

My neighbors 200.00 per year, there is no discount for renters or landlords.

These two groups have financial incentives I don't get like pilot programs, special payments from sewer authority, I don't get that stuff.

Hinkle: how many units do you have?

Resident: I have two, but only pay for one, not fair to the 300 people who pay 100 and these other two groups will only pay 50.00

I prefer the cost is 100.00 for everyone.

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Templeton: resident covered everything I wanted to say, should be the same for everyone; Edgewater Park charges 35.00

Fitz: charge same for everyone? We pay more than 35.00 for the inspection.

Resident; many towns nearby like Riverside only does every two years, maybe things have changed.

Fitz: I don't know if inspector comes one time, is there a reduced price?

Lohr: they give reduced price.

Resident: for four units the inspector charges less for one building.

Templeton: inspector will agree to lower rate for 20 or more units but didn't ask if lower price for less than 20 units.

Heinhold: this is less than what was requested as far as number of inspections, they wanted every year, some towns do every few years but they don't have same issues, mentioned Aubrey Fenton's project.

Sewer issue must pay a one time fee to township

Resident; I would like more discussion on this, should be consistent, they are getting many breaks, they are a business even though they are low income.

Rancocas resident: if they get break on fees are they passing to their resident?

Fitz: They are non profits.

Heinhold: rates set, when this ordinance was circulated, mansion developers brought up because of costs of inspections, I think they will bring up again.

Resident of Rancocas: township is middleman?

Heinhold: need to be sure to charge fair fee.

Fitz: rental rates are set, not market rate business, these projects are specific for seniors with moderate income, they are restricted, two largest apt houses here in Delanco have 9, money to be made at Mansion will be on the townhouses, Living Spring is not money making.

Fitz: pretty restricted but private landlords can raise rent.

Jass: if landlord says amount, can add for service charge but with COAH you cant do that, with affordable housing there is no latitude for extra charges.

Resident of Burlington: I can't request a pilot program.

Fitz: you aren't providing affordable housing.

Resident: right, I know they are affordable housing, inspectors only are there for 3 minutes so my 100.00 to do my inspection covers my cost and others.

Heinhold: we consulted with our planner about affordable housing, didn't plan for the fee, they asked for bigger break because of new construction.

Lord: resident makes good point about fee.

Resident of Burlington Ave: that's why should be consistent fee, I understand it is low income.

Fitz: sometimes I call inspector monthly about some units, I get weekly emails, should look at fee for residential because this is for larger units, the landlord is not making money off the residents.

Templeton; should look at full ordinance and make right.

Lord: I'm okay with the 50.00.

Fitz: will review full ordinance after first of the year.

Templeton: taxpayers are funding this, towns are subsidizing these properties for people paying the full freight, 45% of people qualify but they work and pay their bills.

Fitz: will review with inspector to reduce our fee to reduce to landlord.

Motion by Lord seconded by Fitzpatrick to adopt Ordinance 2010-18

Roll Call: Hinkle Y Jass Y Lord Y Templeton N Fitzpatrick Y

COMMENTS – PROFESSIONALS

Denton: (missed this) should be completed by end of month, county grant.

Templeton: lump sum? Can see a final plan?

Denton: yes. Second street almost complete, need to restore grass, happy holidays to all.

Fitz: nice compliments from residents of Second, and Poplar.

Heinhold: looking for funding on waterfront lots, something dec 16, 700.00 dollars.

Agenda resolution for Pulte asking for...landscape inspection. Will send that resolution to HOA so they are aware.

McFadden litigation because of board's denial of (?) across from Gateway Park, through discovery phase will be briefed out with judges maybe two or three more months.

Schwab: best practices checklist, they accepted 83 of our answers(?). Have almost all of 2011 budget requests in

COMMENTS – TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police

For carriage rides, what do we need?

Fenimore: From Cedar to Holly, its different route this year

Fitz: but no one blocks off Delaware, need to put up barriers

2. Public Works

Fenimore doing well with leaves, only minor breakdowns with machine, will pick up brush, will put up Christmas flags, during pouring rain we did 13 streets, usually 8, moving leaves, will try to sweep streets, tell neighbors to put leaves in street so we can complete clean up, will put on township sign, have another bidder for tree work will try to finish all outstanding tree work so fewer complaints, tree people will be hungry during winter for work. Met with county about Boggs ditch, need to get a channel in there.

Hinkle: thanks for finalizing this.

Fitz: I got letter about re alignment of Creek road, removed arrows but Jass concerned about surface of road.

Jass: asked John Fenimore to look at street

Fitz to Heinhold: need to change name to Old Creek Road, do we need resolution? It's no longer a county road so we need to change name, we maintain now.

Heinhold answer ?

Hinkle: concerned someone will go straight to Tempol.

Fitz: please look at putting up lights.

Fenimore: I was going to meet guy about lights he never showed up.

Fitz: I'll email him, please make sure everything is right there.

3. Municipal Clerk no comments.

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Lord went to first hour of turkey dinner at firehouse, good cause.

Fitz: how many dinners were served?

Fireman Bill: maybe 200 people

Fireman gave out coupons, it was open door policy

Fitz: sorry I missed I was away

Fireman: this was an explorer project, kids served, nice event, want to thank Shoprite who gave us anything we wanted.

Also Santa coming on Dec 15.

Problem with sprinklers at Living Springs after fire inspection

Carriage rides this Saturday

Hinkle: went to rededication of Pennington Park

December 7 - hope you all remember Pearl Harbor (1941)

Civic club is having home tour, advance tickets \$12.00 this Sunday, seven homes starting and ending at mansion.

Jass: went to parade this Saturday night, many pictures on Delanco recreation website, wonderful to see kids.

Went to Pennington Park, opening in April, dog park, boardwalks are beautiful.

Dunes committee met last week, thank you Mike, moving with that project, will look at West avenue nature trails, tried for grant but were rejected because of dredge spoils, won't cost a lot to open, will report Hfab meets this Wednesday at mansion for second time.

Templeton: looking for items to purchase for EMS.

Fenimore bought already.

Templeton how much did you spend?

Fenimore: I forget .

Templeton: looking at respirators, masks, etc.

Thanks to Karen for report.

Missed dunes meeting was working

Fitz: thanks for submitting grant Dave?

Annexes?

Will meet again in February

Reminder to township committee to be sure to complete your course so we can apply for funds

Templeton: can you send an email of what we need?

Fitz: 402 and the 700, I'll ask Ron to send out

Ed Reynolds can teach that course

Went to ribbon cutting for Pennington park, improvements are incredible, can walk over water on boardwalk, I took hayride

Opens on Dec 1?

Went to school play "Hooray for justice", wonderful, lots of talent here in Delanco, letter thanking township committee for their support from Tom Shields, we were thanked on the program, great job by students

Met with professionals about punch list for rivers edge

Met court personnel about the one day a month, so far good

All kids helped me welcome Santa to town

Jass: thank you to firehouse for parade every year

Fitz: Also remember December 7 , can never forget like 9/11

[Editor: I left at 9:09 pm}

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

(“Consent Agenda items are considered to be routine and will be enacted with a single motion. Any item requiring discussion will be removed from the Consent Agenda; all Consent Agenda items will be reflected in full in the minutes.”)

CONSENT AGENDA: NEWBUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2010-137

2010 BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

RESOLUTION 2010-138

AUTHORIZE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY FROM BID RESULTS ON 11/15/2010

RESOLUTION 2010-139

REFUND OF CERTIFICATE OF HABITABILITY FEE PAID IN ERROR

RESOLUTION 2010-140

REFUNDING UNEXPENDED ESCROW ACCOUNTS (STREET OPENING)

RESOLUTION 2010-141

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 (FINAL) FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT FOR POPLAR STREET IMPROVEMENTS

RESOLUTION 2010-142

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 (FINAL) FOR THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECT FOR SECOND STREET RECONSTRUCTION

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ACCOUNT AMOUNT

GENERAL \$ 727,184.85

PAYROLL 136,284.43

TRUST 7,440.00

DOG TRUST 45.00

UNEMPLOYMENT FUND 1,329.92

RECREATION DEVELOPMENT 4,175.00

Motion by ___ seconded by ___ to approve the consent agenda

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 10/18/10

Motion by ___ seconded by ___ to approve the 10/18/10 minutes

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:

- YEAR 2011 MEETING SCHEDULE**

ADJOURNMENT