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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING/Delanco Board of Health Meeting

- April 5, 2011

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

Also Present: Mr. Schwab, Twp. Administrator; Mrs. Lohr, Municipal Clerk; Mr. Heinold, Township Solicitor, Mrs. Martin, Deputy Municipal Clerk; Mr. Sacalis, Police Chief; Mr. Fenimore, Dept. of Public Works

Moment of silence in memory of John Adler, former state senator and congressional representative.

PROCLAMATION – ARBOR DAY Shade Tree Commission will be planting 2 trees on West Avenue and one on Richards. There will be a short program. Kindergarten and first graders will be involved as well.

ORDINANCE 2011-5*amending Chapter 295 for handicapped parking space at 708 Burlington Ave. 4TH BY READING BY TITLE ONLY AND CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

Sacalis: Visited the resident and urged her to come to this evening's meeting if she wanted to be heard.

Rahenkamp: Resident can be accommodated elsewhere. I've talked with four or five prospective occupants for the restaurant. Parking is an issue. Restaurant will be open in May. There is a space in the back for the resident and one on Holly. Currently the space is zoned for two hour parking for restaurant. Not in favor of having that space be a handicapped one.

Hinkle: The two-hour limit will be enforced when the restaurant opens.

Jass: Does she realize that when that is designated as a handicapped spot, it isn't her spot?

Sacalis: She is aware.

Fitzpatrick: She put that in her letter. I asked MEND to designate parking areas for the tenants when they opened there. They were very helpful.

Templeton: I don't see a demonstrated need that the resident needs a closer spot. Unless that situation changes regarding a distance requirement, I don't see a need to change anything.

Heinold: There was a discussion of letting it die on the table.

Fitzpatrick: We aren't doing anything with that.

**RESOLUTION 2011-40 AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH DENDRITE ENERGY, LLC FOR OPERATING LEASE AND SITE LICENSE OF GENERATOR AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND SPACE (TABLED FROM MARCH 7, 2011 MEETING)

Fitzpatrick: Tabled to May 7 meeting. We have authorized our attorney to get additional information.

Templeton: This was incorrectly reported in the *Burlington County Times* as being adopted.

Fitzpatrick: I called them. He reported on Hawk Island when Marlene was presenting the Dunes trail. He wasn't paying attention to our meeting. The paper did run an article saying that we didn't adopt.

COMMENTS - PROFESSIONALS COMMENTS

Fitzpatrick: Denton's report – application for grant \$250,00 for restrooms, concession, and other facilities for park. Working on Safe Streets for Pennsylvania and on Edwards as well. Will be ready soon. (I missed the last one.)

Heinold:

Judge issued a ruling regarding litigation regarding Rancocas Ave in favor of the township. Planning Board is discussing that at executive tomorrow night.

Sacalis:

-Talked to Women's Club re:-April 30 10-2 event, and Domestic Violence Response team

-Sergeant received award from ASIS security organization for investigation last year– surprised at how big the event was. Apologized for not inviting anyone from committee.

-JIF – Karen retired last month. Nancy is taking over JIF duties. Mike has been working with her. We're on the right track.

– TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

-Budget analysis will be done based on state. Will be on website.

COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

Fenimore:

-Worked on ball fields

-14 boxes of brush have been chipped since February – also a 30 lb. dumpster.

-patching roads

-removed tree that fell in an alleyway. Photos were taken for JIF.

Jass: concern regarding vehicles being driven on field.

Fenimore: Let him know that he can't drive on it. He is trying to drag it. If he drives on it, he won't be able to use the field.

McFadden: This is the second time we've had a problem. He said he was going to drag it no matter what we say.

Fitzpatrick: Rec may want to handle that. You have a policy regarding the fields. You take a deposit.

Leitizio: We talked about the basketball court. We need to add to the ordinance

that you can't drive on the park.

Jass: Can they be locked?

Fenimore: Sure, we can add another lock.

Fitzpatrick: He's trying to do something for the field.

McFadden: Is there a difference between dragging it by hand or by truck. If you prefer that we handle it, we can.

Fitzpatrick: You have a policy and take a deposit. If they did that last year, and you let them use it this year, I don't know. I think Rec should deal with it.

Jass: I think the police should enforce it. Do you have a problem with that?

Sacalis: Not if it is posted.

Fitzpatrick: Do you have that in your policy?

Leitizio: Not anymore.

Fitzpatrick: We should provide you with a sign. If you want anything else on the sign, let us know.

Templeton: Is this person doing this as part of a league?

McFadden: It's an outside league and a township resident.

Templeton: It would seem if they aren't complying with your by-laws, it's game over on the taxpayer-owned fields.

Fitzpatrick: Should we amend that?

Heinold: If they are being told that, it doesn't preclude us from taking action now.

There probably isn't anything that says no bonfires, but that wouldn't be appropriate either.

Sacalis: I was in an outside league and we had to sign a contract.

McFadden: They have a contract. We use the one Willingboro uses.

Sacalis: You could add it in there.

Leitizio: The problem was when the guy dragged when the field was wet.

Templeton: It's a privilege for them to use our fields. We have enough trouble trying to maintain our own facilities. You have to draw the line somewhere and it shouldn't be a tire track.

Lietizio: When should we do that? At the end of the season?

Fitzpatrick: You can do that tomorrow. If you told them last year, they have no respect for your rules.

Jass: The league is starting now. You can double or triple the deposit for the abuse of the field this year. They may have to forfeit the deposit.

Templeton: If someone is violating our recreation commission officers, they shouldn't be here.

Fitzpatrick: The fields are used for our town and other groups. They should be kept to the same rules. They knew from the get-go that they couldn't drive a vehicle on the field. I don't think we should have them there. You have the authority to stop them from using this field. You have the support of this committee other than Marlene who wants them to pay a higher deposit.

McFadden: What if they ruin the fields.

Jass: You have the money to pay for it.

Fitzpatrick: Let's take a straw vote.
4-5 in favor of backing up rec.

AMENDING CHAPTER 295 GOVERNING "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"
TO PROVIDE FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE AT 708 BURLINGTON
AVENUE

1. Police
2. Public Works
3. Municipal Clerk

-Changes to the front office – employees have taken over new duties due to consolidation. Physical changes to the office – thanks to Public Works for a professional courteous job. IT guy came in. Richard, Mayor, and Committee were helpful. Hopefully, we can save some money.

Fitzpatrick: Welcome to Kitty.

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Lord: None

Hinkle: None

Jass: April 16 opening day for DYSA

Templeton:

-JIF changes which were mentioned – Tuesday claims seminar. Thursday seminar
-PSE&G changed out 175 light fixtures to remove mercury vapor to get it out of the environment. Was replaced with induction. More efficient, but not much cheaper for us. It's a direct light with equal light to what was there previously. We weren't expecting it until 4th quarter. We had forwarded a list of lights to eliminate. We were looking at trying the next lower tier of lighting, which would have enabled us to save 10%. They didn't act on that request. I'm still waiting for a reply as to why not.

-Municipal Court is on a once a month schedule on the fourth Monday – working well with a full house. A tip – driving with a burned out light will get you an invitation. Amazing how many people don't have their documents with them when they drive.

-School budget briefing – attended the board's public presentation. Economy has squeezed things for the school budget. Vote on April 27 from 2-9pm. There is a lot of information out there. I invite the taxpayers to be informed.

Jass: Superintendent did an excellent job of explaining the special education needs.

Fitzpatrick:

-It was nice to go to it again because there is always something you pick up the second time around. Their expenses went up about \$28,000. Our ratables have

gone down their budget was reasonable. \$875,000 for students who go elsewhere; doesn't include the increase from BCIT. Riverside's tuition went down. People should go to that presentation so you are fully aware of what they have to spend. It's amazing how something can come up at a meeting and they have to approve \$52,000 to send a student to a program.

-Delanco is receiving a Community Action Award for saving the mansion.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Resident of Cedar:

-Garages on Second Street – no supervision. Gentleman there is doing auto-body work and you can smell the paint. Piles of trash outside.

Fenimore: I will be meeting with the zoning officer tomorrow. We don't pay to remove trash from other towns.

Fitzpatrick: Extension 555 on the township number is an anonymous line. Just leave a message.

Resident: There was an underage drinking party with police cars from six towns.

Fenimore: It's time to crack down there.

Resident: The other issue is unleashed dogs. My pit bull was attacked twice last fall. My dog's face was all blown up. Two weeks later a resident on Second Street has his dog off a leash. Last week, he was laughing at me when he let the dog out of his car.

Sacalis: We also addressed this with Animal Control.

Resident: I had two loose dogs outside my house. I called the non-emergency number, but never heard from anyone. No follow-up phone call.

Fitzpatrick: There was an unleashed dog and I brought it in my house. I called the police, but it went in the creek. It belonged to a fellow on Vine Street. Animal Control can be there in an hour.

Resident: Both times my dog was attacked, the owners said the dogs had never done it. The one finally paid the vet bill.

Fitzpatrick: George is doing something. If you call Animal Control and get no response, call the police.

Resident: I'm trying to get the word out to residents. When you talk to someone, they say they can control their dogs.

Fitzpatrick: We can send a letter.

Lohr: We can run another reminder in the Beverly Bee. Most people are responsible.

Fitzpatrick: You may want to let the officers know about specific addresses.

Resident: I've been walking the dog at 5:30 in the morning to avoid it.

Sacalis: Animal Control has five towns. They have to prioritize.

Templeton: There are a lot of people who are scared of dogs. If they knock an elderly person or a little kid or someone who is recovering from surgery, they can hurt them.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 2011-53 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF FUEL FROM PEDRONI FUEL UNDER STATE CONTRACT # 65041 IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A.40A:11-12 AND N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 ET SEQ.

RESOLUTION 2011-54 CANCELING OUTSTANDING CHECK FOR OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

APPOINTMENT – DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK Katherine Martin 3/28/2011-12/31/2011

PAYMENT OF BILLS

GENERAL \$599,595.95 PAYROLL 79,333.98 TRUST 1,923.50 RECREATION DEVEL 5,500.00

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

*OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO DEPUTY CLERK MARTIN OLD BUSINESS: CORRESPONDENCE

Jass: Have we heard anything about the quiet zone for the trains?

Fitzpatrick: NJ Transit – there was a phasing schedule and I will follow up

Lohr: Exit conference on audit – it's important that people covered under Ethics Law comply. When the Committee members attend their volunteer boards, please remind them that they are required to fill out a form. The auditor is looking at it closely. We got a one year reprieve. Next year, the state will be notified of those who do not file.

Hinkle: Attended exit audit – walked away more impressed with our staff and administrator.

Fitzpatrick: The state can fine the individual .

Lohr: Up to \$500. I just read that a town did remove the members who didn't file by the date. We want to encourage our boards to get them in.

Templeton: From boards that receive funding.

Lohr: Fire, library, John, the Chief. Kitty.... I have the breakdown of who has to file if anyone wants to see it.

Coorespondence – Lohr:

1. Letter from county re: COSA - \$19,000 grant to Delanco and Riverside \$4,750 and 75% in kind services as well.

2. Letter from Shadeker regarding concerns re: Laurel Street with pictures
Fitzpatrick: I will contact him and let him know that we did agree and it is a portion.
Lohr: Copy to Mr. Denton
3. Letter from residents of Delaware regarding conditions between Vine and Cedar.

Fitzpatrick:

-Riverside/Delanco Alliance plan – we need to find out from Riverside what our amount is. I think the only thing we get is the DARE program. Summer program?

Lohr: We don't have one here, but Delanco children can attend it.

Sacalis: They give us the supplies for DARE.

Schwab: Last year we didn't get a bill. I will talk to them.

Fitzpatrick:

-This Delaware Avenue was sent to Dave Denton.

Schwab: It's not a right of way. It's a cross easement. It's not a public road, but we need access to them for public services. Drainage is an issue.

Fenimore: We made four trips with tree debris.

Fitzpatrick: We're looking into it. I will stop down and see him.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. BASEKTBALL COURTS

Letizio – Rec Chairperson

-Basketball courts were resurfaced. There was then vehicle traffic. Kids were drawing on them with their bike's back tires. Trash an issue. Talked to kids. That didn't help. They tipped the trashcans. Then we put up a gate. The kids broke the gate. We replaced the gate. We've asked the township to look at hours. There's a recommendation to change it all to dusk.

Heinold: We already have that in our code.

Letizio: It's different for each facility. The problems start when it's dark and you can't play basketball.

Fitzpatrick: The girls were sitting on the trash cans when I went by. They can break them.

Fenimore: It's gone. We had it down there to clean up.

Leitzio: We should limit it to just basketball. I asked the resurfacer and he recommended a scrub brush to restore it. That's a lot of area. We need to add – no vehicles. At West Ave, when it's slushy, it gets all rutted.

Hinkle: Would a camera there help?

Leitzio: Cameras can be disabled by spray paint.

Sacalis: Talked with a company. We're looking at something that is web-based. We could look at it from the station. \$5,000 for the hookup and \$10-15,000 for the wireless. Avalon is installing them.

Fitzpatrick: How much did we spend to resurface?

Letizio: Added up to \$30,000. Fence option was a turnstile.
Hinkle: Could be vehicle-mounted.
Fitzpatrick: the investment warrants a security camera
Letizio: Residents say out of town users bring large dogs.
Jass: I've been down there several times and explained that the court will be blocked off. I noticed this weekend there was not as much trash.
Letizio: Three people volunteered to clean it last weekend.
Hinkle: (missed this)
Sacalis: It gets crowded down there. It's been quiet other than the damage and the littering. From our perspective, they seem to work amongst themselves.
Letizio: Car radios are disturbing as well. Neighbors are afraid to call it in. The resident children are afraid to go in.
Templeton: I think a web-based camera is a good idea. It could be (missed this)
Letizio: Why can't we have the offender and the parent?
Fenimore: We had that years ago.
Templeton: The same with the police. They shouldn't have to babysit.
Fitzpatrick: I would look into getting the security camera. I agree with Mike. We can send something home with the kids.
Templeton: It impacts property values in that neighborhood. If you have a nice facility, that's an enhancement. If trash becomes acceptable, it drags down the neighborhood.
Letizio: The surrounding towns cut the courts in half.
Templeton: What's the purpose of the chain?
Letizio: (missed this)
Sacalis: We need to paint it or put some flags on it
Letizio: Can we put a bow-tie gate?
Templeton: and allow access for John.
Jass: Doug, in regard to a live feed, can we post it on the website?
Heinold: We can. It's a public place. You can't have the expectation of privacy.
Sacalis: Whatever system should be expandable for field of dreams. Cameras work wonders.
Templeton: They are on school buses.
Sacalis: We can track through photographs.
Letizio: The county dispatcher has the wrong number for contacting rec.
Jass: When you talk about the camera, I don't know that they have a cable.
Templeton: You might want to do wireless since it's line of sight from here.
Sacalis: Anyone you want to have access would. 7-11 records all 16 cameras.
Templeton: That's what makes court night so interesting.
Fitzpatrick: You need three quotes?
Schwab: For sure. Find out what you need first.
Letizio. I talked to John about locking the fence open to keep them from locking their friends in.
Fitzpatrick: Who is responsible for locking it?

Letizio: If you could enforce it getting locked, that would be great?
Sacalis: I can't guarantee it. It would be better if we were the back-up.
Letizio: I don't want to be doing that by myself.
Fenimore: You're going to close at dusk. Then you lock it.
Jass: Are there standard signs for dawn to dusk?
Letizio: I talked to Smith from the county. He was close to sending his rangers to lock it, and then he changed his mind.
Sacalis: If they do it for us, they have to do it for everyone.
Letizio: After you get the word out, that's the hardest part. They are defiant. Then it goes away.
Fitzpatrick: Find out what they are doing in Riverton.
Letizio: I can get those signs done this week.
Fitzpatrick: Then the police can enforce it if they are there.
Heinold: I think we should do it and try to enforce it.
Letizio: We would like to put new nets up for a tournament, but why do it?
Fitzpatrick: Rec should invite the security camera people to do a presentation.
Sacalis: I will reach out and get some more ideas first.
Letizio: If it is locked, we train them.
Templeton: That goes for all of the areas. If you can get the word out now...
Sacalis: One more thing...There will be a training session for residents between April 12 and May 18. Looking for resident volunteers in case of an emergency.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by Maureen Barrett