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**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**

- May 16, 2011

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

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

**\*\*\*SPECIAL PRESENTATION \*\*\* RESOLUTION 2011-58 -**

**RESOLUTION 2011-59 - Two students were honored for initiating and running a book club at the Pearson School.**

**BUDGET HEARING FOR RESOLUTION 2011-56 - AMENDING THE 2011 BUDGET HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR RESOLUTION 2011-56**

**HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

Passed unanimously

**ADOPTION OF 2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET: RESOLUTION 2011-60 ADOPTION OF 2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET WITH AMENDMENTS**

Passed with Templeton voting No.

Templeton: Budgets are forward looking documents. I appreciate for Mr. Schwab for the complete information for decision-making. My objection is that for the last two years we've held employees to near 0 pay increases. Two years ago they received a 1.5% at the end of the year. This year that has been consumed by payments to the health benefits plan. My objection is increase in benefits for the township committee members-up to \$30,000 for health benefits. It doesn't seem fair.

Fitzpatrick: We provided 2.5 % two years ago and did 1.5% this year. We covered their health benefits increase so they wouldn't have to pay that part.

**RESOLUTION 2011-61 SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET**

Passed unanimously

**ORDINANCE 2011-18 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 91 GOVERNING SITE PLAN IN SECTION 91-8 ENTITLED LANDSCAPING, SCREENING, AND LIGHTING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 100 GOVERNING SUBDIVISION IN SECTION 100-41 ENTITLED LIGHTING AND UNDERGROUND WIRING OF THE ORDINANCES ENTITLED PART II LAND USE PROCEDURES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DEFINITIONS AND AMENDING STANDARDS FOR STREET LIGHTING AND SITE**

LIGHTING.

\*PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE 2011-18

A public hearing and second reading by title only was held on the above entitled ordinance at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco on May 2, 2011. Changes to Section I (17)(2) of the ordinance entitled Laser Source Light were recommended and the section shall now read as follows:

I (17) (2) Laser Source Light. The use of any type of laser source light or any other similar high intensity light for outdoor purposes is prohibited.

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC no comments HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC  
Passed unanimously

2010-11 DEFEATED SCHOOL BUDGET REVIEW:

Fitzpatrick: Decision was that school budget would be reduced one penny and those funds would come from the bond for the school addition so no programs or positions would be cut. That was the suggested amount of decrease by the school board.

RESOLUTION 2011-62 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO CERTIFYING THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL BUDGET TO PROVIDE A THOROUGH AND EFFICIENT SYSTEM OF SCHOOLS IN THE LOCAL DISTRICT

Passed unanimously

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR GENERAL COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

none

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

COMMENTS - PROFESSIONALS COMMENTS – TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR Schwab  
-no comments

COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police

-request for two handicapped spots on the 400 block on Buttonwood Street

Hinkle: Are they permanent?

Sacalis: Yes

Templeton: Is that two spots?

Sacalis: Yes, it's a father and a son.

Lohr: We need an ordinance to move forward according to our current system.

Templeton: Are the spots directly in front of the residence?

Sacalis: Yes

Sacalis: Thursday at 1, the FBI will be coming to do the Scam presentation

Fitzpatrick: I gave flyers to the seniors.

Templeton: Who organized this?

Sacalis: (Couldn't hear the answer.)

2. Municipal Clerk - none

#### COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Lord: School Board reorganization – Dennis Bryski is President, Phil Jenkins, Vice President. PTO also reorganized – Sue Hoffman and Cathy Kane are co-presidents. Mrs. Benke – kindergarten staying at 38 with a possible of 7 over the summer.

Hinkle:

-Member of Burlington County Military Affairs – joint base at McGuire is the only one in the country.

Jass:

- Bob Bellan tournament was held indoors
- Memorial Day – 1:00 on 29<sup>th</sup> for the parade
- Summer theater and summer camp program sign-ups coming out
- Notice went up at the park that it closes at dusk.
- Letter from a family at Hickory and Oakford – positive about the things we are doing to control the basketball court
- Sept 25 – Historic Preservation working on anniversary – display on decoys and carving demonstration (missed a little bit of this)

Templeton:

-Comments on school budget – disappointed in the turn-out – about 500 votes total with about a 30 vote difference. School budget vote has the disadvantage of being at an odd time of year. It would be encouraging to have a better turn out when public education is struggling. The 2% cap is doable. As you move forward, few things stay within that – food, fuel, etc. The school budget as approved has the school using their bond funds since the state took the reserve. School systems are on a razor-thin margins. There isn't any give. In a few years, their debt service increases another \$110,000. Basically the school is eating the lunch they made for the week on Monday. Let your elected representatives at every level know that our public school systems need a realistic funding mechanism.

Fitzpatrick:

- Agree with Mike. The budget was presented so well. It's upsetting when actual people whose children are in the schools don't come out to vote. All we can do is encourage our neighbors to vote. When we are a town of 4800 and 500 people vote it's disappointing. It's one of the hardest things this board has to do is ask the school board to cut. It's only passed once in ten years. Good schools bring better neighbors.
- Joint Land Use Board letter from Randy Johnson regarding things at Zurbrugg site.

They are after the fact. Were they taken care of?

Jass: Yes, the issues were left to the professionals and Randy Johnson. I don't know the outcome.

Fitzpatrick: I was making sure the meeting occurred and that they were being handled.

-Received notice of inspection of multiple dwellings – amendment to multiple dwelling laws. This would result in these inspections being up to the state. If it passes, it would interfere with our local inspections. You may want to send a note to your state senator opposing this. The state only inspects every three years. One of the most important reasons for local inspections is safety. An annual inspection corrects that. Either the fire alarm isn't working or a railing is faulty.

-From Governor's office – proposal to revisit master plans every ten years instead of every six. Great idea since they cost so much money.

-Letter to block grant program. I resubmitted documents and highlighted to show we were not at fault. It explained our unusual circumstances and wouldn't set a precedent to give us our full grant.

-Summer concert – May 26 at Hawk Island Marina – our own school bands.

-One meeting in June – June 13.

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

RESOLUTION 2011-63 CERTIFYING RECEIPT OF AUDIT

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ACCOUNT      AMOUNT

GENERAL \$ 83,325.84 PAYROLL 58,542.26 TRUST 3,163.75 MUNICIPAL OPEN  
SPACE \$9,836.25

One bill was added about \$54,000 for work done on new fields

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 2/14/2011, 2/28/2011, 3/21/2011 & 4/4/2011

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES

2011-07, 2011-17, 2011-18, 2011-19, 2011-20, 2011-21, 2011-22, 2011-23, 2011-  
24, 2011-25, 2011-26, 2011-27, 2011-29, 2011-30 & 2011-31, 2011-33, 2011-34,  
2011-35, 2011-36, 2011-37, 2011-38, 2011-39, 2011-40, 2011-41, 2011-42, 2011-  
43, 2011-44, 2011-45, 2011-46, 2011-47, 2011-49, 2011-50 & 2011-52

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2011-40 AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH DENDRITE ENERGY,  
LLC FOR OPERATING LEASE AND SITE LICENSE OF GENERATOR AND RELATED  
EQUIPMENT AND SPACE (TABLED FROM MAY 2, 2011 MEETING)

Still deciding on this. We will update as we move forward.

CORRESPONDENCE MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND

QUESTIONS MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Templeton: (To Sacalis) Was there a program at Abundant Life by Officer Hoffman?

Sacalis: (Didn't hear reply)

Fitzpatrick: At our last meeting, we had decided that dedication of the sports complex will be June 11. It will be on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Keith, Marlene, and I are meeting to come up with a program. I wouldn't be surprised if it was done by then by the way it's going.

ADJOURNMENT