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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – October 3, 2011

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

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

(Note: I was the only member of the public when the meeting began. Maureen)

Fitzpatrick: Mr. Wood passed away at 107. Attended the service. Church was full. As per Woody, "The time a person spends sailing is not deducted from your lifespan." Was Delanco's Grand Marshall in Memorial Day Parade. Moment of silence.

COMMENTS - PROFESSIONALS COMMENTS

Denton:

-Pennsylvania Ave essentially complete

-Field of Dreams – PSE&G is relocating wires. May need guide pole. Trying to get a schedule from them.

-Sinkhole on Pennsylvania was repaired. Pavement needs to be repaired. Public Service Gas had a problem there and then another one. Waiting for them to compact the soil. They couldn't do it in the bad rain.

Fitzpatrick: Water company put in two meters in for the marina. The patch has settled. Do I need to contact the water company?

Fenimore: Will check it out.

Denton:

-working on getting the pavement on Pennsylvania repaired. We could have done it cheaper if they had been done while the paver was working on Pennsylvania project.

-quotes for pipe /creek (missed some of this)

Fitzpatrick: Easement at Pennington – everything alright? Water line?

Denton: After meeting, it was relocated. I assume it was taken care of.

Fitzpatrick: How far is Pennington? Are we ready to accept?

Denton: No.

Fitzpatrick: Grass and sod is OK?

Denton: Still has to reseed. Specifications call for him to seed twice.

Templeton: Is there an update on PSE&G on poles that Mrs. Jass brought up at last meeting? Are they moving them to their final location?

Denton: I would hope it would so we don't have to widen Creek Road as the county wants us to do. If you go by the county, no, it's not at the final position.

Templeton: Was there a question about the basic cost to move them - \$32,000?

Denton: That's their set price. We are looking into that.

Heinold:

-Rivers Edge – We’ve discussed issues in relations to bonding. Haven’t gotten anything further or progress at the site. We had a number of promises for paving. Promised dates have passed; no new dates. I’m suggesting that committee moves ahead to superior court.

Motion passed unanimously

Heinold: will notify homeowners’ association’s attorney

-Subcommittee meeting on Dunes – Oct. 24th

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

-Mower purchase – best price through Middlesex Regional Services – less than state contract – needs a resolution to join the coop. Has worked out well for many communities in the state. Even the more expensive one through them is cheaper than the state contract.

-Notice from Dept. of Justice grant – not funded in this round, but not denied.

-Bridge Commission program on energy efficiency – We would have to use their engineer and they oversee the bidding process. You pay back as a lease purchase. Costs are relatively high. Instead, we could do with this building’s original bond issue especially with Dave’s people’s help. We will do a quick layout and let you know, but The Bridge Commission’s program doesn’t seem like it would save money and we would lose all control.

-Field of Dreams – Green Acres letter listed many requirements for pay-back. Not sure why they care how long we keep people off the grass. They are interested in every little thing we are doing before they give us a penny.

Heinold: When we got the property from the county, issues that it was under Green Acres. Was told as long as it was in progress, we would get the payment.

Schwab: Hopefully, in the next thirty days, we will get some money.

-Pipeline under creek, ready to do the project, need to have a construction meeting. All was held up with dispute with an adjacent property owner. Project to happen this fall.

Fitzpatrick: Are they going to repave? It’s a mess. Don’t forget to include that.

Fenimore: They should fix before winter.

Templeton: When we had that conversation, residents were concerned. Someone needs to notify the residents there.

Sacalis: Someone should contact New Jersey American Water. Some of those pipes are old.

Fitzpatrick: Got email from NJAmerican Water with new contacts.

Other thing – end of Buttonwood – trees. The trees are going to grow and block the view.

Heinold: I don’t remember what the process was.

Fitzpatrick: We sent a letter.

Fenimore: When I took the tree down, he made a video.

Heinold: Last letter said they had to be removed by a certain date.

Fitzpatrick: Just have a police officer there when you go down there.

COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police

-Proclamation for Oct. 10 as Put the Brakes on Fatality – 556 in NJ last year including pedestrians. Motion passed unanimously

-This week is Safe Kids – Walk This Way to School – encouraging all students to walk to school with their parents on Wednesday. Fitzpatrick will be there.

-Cameras – Waiting for call-back. Company will come in and consult. System is \$4500 - \$8-9,000

Jass: Any other townships that utilizes that?

Sacalis: I will find out. The cost is \$39/month to go wireless

-Radio day (missed this)

-Street lights –surveyed Creek Road – recommending three addition street lights. Lots of street lights in town are out. Our guys reported them. We are following up and on top of it. We're paying for them, and they are out.

Jass: We need to call and make sure that we aren't paying for them.

Templeton: Talked to lineman who happened to be on the street. The new lights have an extraordinary failure rate – 30%. PSE&G has to pack them up and mail them to California. They are from China.

Fitzpatrick: Should we contact PSE&G and have them come in?

Fenimore: George should.

Fitzpatrick: Contact Kevin Meara and Kevin Baxter.

Fenimore: Problem with extra pole on the little bit of grass we cut. George suggested that the pole be placed to be seen better from around the bend. We had to check the sewer. It comes out on an angle.

Templeton: Meara's number is __ (missed the number) _____ Tell him Mike sent you.

Jass: They should look at the tire tracks.

Templeton: I've seen some creative driving techniques. You might want to protect the pole.

Jass: Could it be on the side where the power house is?

Sacalis: It's a possibility.

Jass: Can you ask them a timeframe?

Sacalis: (missed this)

Oct 29 Prescription Drug take back 10-2

Fitzpatrick: Can you do a flyer for that? If I could have something to take to the Seniors meeting

Sacalis: Last meeting we had a presentation by Mr. Knox about having a police chaplain. We would like to move forward with that. Vineland has one.

-Regarding using specials as part-time police officers. We do have a provision for for temporary ones. Our guys are in favor of it.

Fitzpatrick: I thought we used specials years ago.

Sacalis: There are restrictions on what they can do, but are still a benefit in this economic climate.

-Background Checks – grant to pay for them – 55 applications which should be enough for our volunteers. DYSA is doing a spreadsheet of the coaches. See Eric. Rec is a unique situation and we are going to cover them.

Templeton: When the Riverside Bridge is closed, there is a sign on the Delanco side.

What happens on the other side?

Fitzpatrick: Nothing.

Sacalis: John had a sign made for us. The Bridge Commission owns the bridge. Riverside Police believes it isn't their job. Bridge Commission is sending a police officer out and coning.

Templeton: It's two miles too late.

Fitzpatrick: If there was a sign at Bridgeboro and Fairview...

Sacalis: Maybe they should (missed this)

Templeton: If they have enough money to give loans, they can buy a couple of signs. Last Friday traffic was backed up on that jughandle to Home Depot.

Fitzpatrick: It's scary.

Sacalis: There is no shoulder there.

Templeton: How do we get the Bridge Commission to put up the signs?

Fenimore: The mayor needs to send a letter and ask them to install a flapper valve.

Sacalis: It's over the banks now. A letter from the Committee could be sent to the Bridge Commission.

Fitzpatrick: I'm going to call and cc Riverside.

Fenimore: They always take better care of Riverside than Delanco.

Sacalis: We always (missed this)

Fenimore: My sign was floating down the river and I got it out.

Templeton: We could do a joint letter to Bridge Commission.

Fitzpatrick: It's a pain when you are coming home late and you are tired and you have to go all the way around.

2. Public Works

-Final brush pick-up.

-Cut all our properties.

-stumps on Orchard were removed for handicapped person

-Town Clean Up Day- filled a dumpster and a half. Two dump truckloads of TV's and computers. 52 tires and a ton of metal. Will have twice a year. Money came from Clean Communities grant.

-Keith called because someone had changed their oil, left the filter, and dumped the oil in the street. Cleaned it up.

-Someone dumped cinder blocks and paint cans in with bottles and cans at public works.

-Half of my leaves are out front. Willingboro and Riverside brought theirs over. Cleaning up so the ground is hard for this year's leaves.

-Mower - The cheaper one isn't the one that we have. That one is a zero turning - it tears up the grass and digs in. We demo'd it and we couldn't get it through the field.

Jass: Can the yard be locked up?

Fenimore: It is, but people have keys. Will remind them to lock up.

Fitzpatrick: Drainage (missed location of residence).

Fenimore: I think I got her to understand. She spent \$10,000 on her cellar.

Fitzpatrick: Does she have a sump pump?

Fenimore: Yes

Hinkle: New subcommittee Sewerage Authority and two from committee Tuesday,

Oct. 11 at 1:00 to discuss drainage on Hickory. It flooded years ago and then stopped. Is it because of the unusual rain?

Fenimore: Yes. It would be best to meet down there.

Hinkle: There was a call to township regarding flooding at Bogs Ditch. The people are from Perkins Lane. They claim that silt in Boggs Ditch goes on their acreage.

Fenimore: It is silted up. That ditch needs to be cleaned out. It has nowhere to go. People don't realize how important it is not to blow your grass and mulch in the streets. It clogs up the line. It used to be 20 feet wide, but now it's a little stream.

Jass: After the beavers, it was the recommendation through Rae Hutton for it to be checked by them periodically.

Denton: Pipe is undersized. First they were going to put a trash rack over it.

Fitzpatrick: Call Rae Hutton.

Hinkle: Dave, will you call her?

Denton: Yes

Hinkle: People in Edgewater should call their own township.

Fenimore: When they resodded the cemetery, there were no screens on any of the drains.

Fitzpatrick: It needs to be dredged out. I thought it was going to be done.

Hinkle: The only ones who can do that are the Corps of Engineers. No one else has the equipment.

3. Deputy Municipal Clerk Martin- Cindy Goldman started full-time today. She is anxious to jump in and learn things. We're happy to have another person in the office.

Fitzpatrick: It was a nice letter you sent out, Richard.

Schwab: Standard new hire procedure

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Lord: No comment

Hinkle:

-Shade Tree liked new ordinance

Jass:

-Zurbrugg Anniversary - well-attended -425 people. Jeffrey Cohen did presentation on architecture. Trolley to watch case factory. Riverside got 360 people there alone. Delanco should be proud. Everyone pulled together. Babe Ruth had 3,000 people. I don't know of any other event that got that many people. Residents in mansion were happy to participate. Mr. Silverberg put the booklet together.

Templeton:

-Resident from West Ave contacted me regarding train noise. I contacted Conrail management, but didn't get a reply.

Fitzpatrick: Does that have to do with Boise?

Templeton: According to the resident, when they switch cars, locomotives park at RiverWinds. I was asking if they could move down track from residential area.

Fitzpatrick: They would have to go to Riverside or (missed this)

Templeton: They could go to behind Head Start.

Fenimore: They collect cars and have to move up the road.

Jass: We usually have six cars.

Fenimore: It's blocks long. It's most noisy when they are empty.

Jass: I mean the number of cars that are dropped off at Boise.

Templeton: They shuttle them about three times. Getting them to park somewhere else may be impossible, but we will keep at it. The first thing out of Conrail's mouth is that federal law says they can't be inhibited. The times are different. We are the first state to be built out. Everyone needs to be more accommodating of the residences that are everywhere.

Fenimore: There are engineers that do a better job than others.

Templeton: You can tell by the way they blow the whistle.

-Another thing on noise, Glenn Foerd across the river in Philadelphia. I've been talking with Fairmount Park and the head of the Conservation Board. It is subbed out to a caterer. It's a mile away and the noise is disruptive Fridays, Saturdays, and sometimes Sundays. People in Delran and Riverside thought the noise was coming from Hawk Island. There is a new manager at the Conservation group. They are aware of their noisy past. I don't know if a letter could be sent – if Doug might have some input.

Fitzpatrick:

-Booklet from Zurbrugg Anniversary; decoy collections including her Dad's, George Schaeffer – Ed Stickle – (missed one) had their collections

-Oct. 8 Community Day at Firehouse

-Oct. 15 Fall Fest – rain Oct. 22

-Save Routes to School Grant –

Denton: Are we eligible?

Fitzpatrick: I think we tried this, but didn't qualify. If students walk to Pearson from West Avenue to Princeton, the sidewalk is eroded away. They would have to cross Burlington and cross back over.

Denton: I will check with Janice.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ORDINANCE 2011-27 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING §60-1 AND §60-2 OF CHAPTER 60 OF THE DELANCO TOWNSHIP CODE *1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY & SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2011

ORDINANCE 2011-29 AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE AT CHAPTER 222 GOVERNING "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE" AND CREATING CHAPTER 190 GOVERNING "GRAFFITI" *1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY & SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2011 *was moved to discussion.*

AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 110 GOVERNING ZONING
IN VARIOUS NAMED SECTIONS TO AMEND THE USE, BULK AND BUILDING
STANDARDS IN THE R-6 DISTRICT 1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY AND SET PUBLIC
HEARING DATE FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2011

RESOLUTION 2011-101 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 2011-102 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES –
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FLOOD STUDY

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ACCOUNT AMOUNT

GENERAL \$687,604.60 PAYROLL 91,812.17 TRUST 8,088.00 DOG TRUST 40.00

PUBLIC DEFENDER 150.00

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 9/12/2011

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CORRESPONDENCE - letter of resignation of Tom Lewandowski from Sewerage
Authority Acceptance passed unanimously

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS – none
MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE FOR PARK REGULATIONS AND HOURS OF
OPERATION

Fitzpatrick: Still a lot of things for this ordinance. Richard prepared outline based
on what George and Richard worked on.

Schwab: Reviewed letters. Janice made a list of all the locations instead of relying
on active/passive. We ended up with 5 categories. Instead of saying “parks, we
said “public property” so we could include street ends, public works area, Dunes,
compost site.

Fitzpatrick: I think it’s very thorough. George’s comment is that street ends would
be enforced at curfew time. I am in agreement. Doug, we need to put this in
ordinance form.

Lord: Pearson and Walnut fields – how is that related? Does the school have the
same type of restrictions on their part? You would have to look into that.

Heinold: We may want to do the same for the school property so if they are on the field at midnight, you can enforce. School may have stricter regulations.

Fitzpatrick: They made a report on the vandalism that occurred.

Jass: What do you need for you to enforce?

Sacalis: Complaint would have to come from the school.

Fitzpatrick: Let's see if they have a plan; we can incorporate it.

Sacalis: When I went to Pearson, there was a sign that said that after school hours, the field was closed.

Fitzpatrick: We could incorporate by reference anyway and they could come up with one later.

Templeton: It's a matter of semantics describing street ends. I don't see any difference of street ends and Vine Street park.. Hours to 10:00, I'd like to think that would be enough for the police to enforce something. It seems this year, the street ends have become meeting places for really large groups of young people. We started to have them closed at dusk. It is shifting to 10:00. People do sit down there and enjoy the view. Fishermen go there and that polices itself. Hopefully, this will get some of the distasteful behavior under control.

Schwab: You may need signage. Consider cost.

Fitzpatrick: I don't know that we need to do that right away. We need to publish this in *Bee* and *Positive Press*. We are inundated with signs. Let's get it on the books.

Jass: Can you send it home with the school children?

Fitzpatrick: Maybe Walnut Street – not Pearson. It's mostly teenagers and some from out of town. Our first thing would be to publish it. We would have to send it to the school and they would have to approve it.

Jass: A modified version so they know that you've changed it.

Fitzpatrick: We haven't changed anything. We're just trying to give the police the power to enforce.

Templeton: All the street ends already have a sign. Decal?

Fitzpatrick: Decals should work.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. SOLAR FARM PROPOSAL NEW

Heinold: Proposal was made last month. Under local law, we would need to do an RFB for solar bids. Someone could use our property or roof or their property. We could weigh the proposals considering finances and aesthetics. We would need to consider our current energy program – whether there is an impact if we pull out. We need to consult our tax assessor – change in use may change tax status. As part of the proposal, we are leasing our solar panels, whether that has tax-exempt status? Will reach out to Scott Miller.

Fitzpatrick: Motion to give Doug the power to move forward if everything falls together. Passed unanimously

2. AMENDED REGULATIONS FOR SHADE TREE PROCEDURES – done earlier in the meeting.

3. 2012 COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND EVENTS CALENDAR –

Fitzpatrick: We usually meet the first and third Monday, on holidays, would it be better to meet the 2nd and 4th?

Sacalis: court is the 4th.

Fitzpatrick: June, July, August – only meet one time

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by Maureen Barrett