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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – December 5, 2011

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

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

There was only 1 other member of the public present at the beginning of the meeting.

ORDINANCE 2011-27 REPEALING AND REPLACING §60-1 AND §60-2 OF CHAPTER 60 OF THE DELANCO TOWNSHIP CODE

HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE 2011-27

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FOR AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE 2011-27

ORDINANCE 2011-28 AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE AT CHAPTER 216 GOVERNING “PARK AND PUBLIC PROPERTY REGULATIONS”

2nd READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Jass: Received email from Jay Cohen – unable to attend the meeting, but had a comment regarding Delaware Avenue street ends. The parking at the ends of the streets ends at 9:00 so it would make sense to have the hours correspond to the parking.

Fitzpatrick: Does anyone have any comments? If we amend this tonight, it won't go on the books this year. That was our intent. We should see how it works out and can amend it if there is a problem.

Jass: That wouldn't be an issue. I'm sure George doesn't have any comments though he isn't here this evening.

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Passed unanimously

Templeton: I support and vote yes in effort to unify regulations so the police have some ease of enforcement, but given the problems that we've had in some areas specified here, the Committee needs to follow up. We can't let these areas become hang-outs where property is vandalized.

COMMENTS – PROFESSIONALS

Denton:

-report on Hickory Street – storm and high tides will cause flooding there- can be improved by modification of backflow prevention system. Floodgate valve gets jammed by debris and is practically inaccessible for maintenance. It could be relocated to street or a new valve and trash wrap could be put in its current place. New tide gate could be installed below Cooper Street. Residents report that water bubbles out of the inlets. Additional work could be done when street work is done. Cost to modify back flow prevention system would be less than \$20,000.

Fitzpatrick: Is that something we could submit as part of a grant? Partial street with that?

Denton: Possibly part of a municipal grant.

Fitzpatrick: We should look into that.

Hinkle: Yes

Denton: Trash wrap – installation through John

At Buttonwood, contractor is almost done. Contractor has agreed to help patch the sinkhole on Pennsylvania Ave.

Templeton: On the backflow, you would still have the problem with water in the fields.

Denton: Yes, that's why you would need it below Cooper Street.

Templeton: You would have to pump it.

Denton: (missed this)

Chairman of Sewerage Authority: Concerned with pumping station being flooded out. It is critical that that is resolved.

Denton: Sump pumps are connected to the sewer system and it overloads it.

Finan: That's true all over town. We are looking at charges for people who use them. If you see five houses and four are pumping in the street, you know where the other one is going.

Heinold:

-RiversEdge complaint is filed – trying to get some of the project done sooner than later

-Dunes finalized at last meeting – Submitted to Green Acres and got a very positive response.

COMMENTS – TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

-Annual contract is expiring with Willingboro – sewerage – service is satisfactory

-new phones went in today – should see a drop in charges

-budget proposals from departments are in

COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Public Works

Fenimore:

-Drainage problem on Hickory is bigger than we realize. We need to run the tv line into Poplar again to see if there are big obstructions in there. We probably have the film from the last time. All the roots were torn out by hand. We could take the \$20,000 out of Stormwater Management.

Schwab: We try to set aside \$20,000

John: will get a proposal. It's a thirty inch pipe. It was 2004 or 5. County has an obligation. The water comes from all over on Burlington Avenue.

Fenimore:

-on second pass on leaves.

-stop sign up

-Christmas flags going up. Broken poles.

Fitzpatrick: Women's Club bought them. I will contact Jackie.

Fenimore: We need six

Fitzpatrick: Will get a dozen.

Fenimore: PSE&G will take poles down and put them back up. He wants us to move the bases.

Fitzpatrick: We have three bases. We want one where the old camera shop used to be, one in front of old municipal building. I'll walk it with you. One base – the women tried to cover it with something. Another one should go on the next block. Don't put one where there is a big light. PSE&G needs to straighten out the huge screws. They need to send someone out.

Fenimore: I'm not comfortable digging that up.

Fitzpatrick: You don't have to. We will have to worry about taking out the ones we won't

use. The light at Gateway Park on the flag is out again.
Fenimore: I will call the electrician. A light is staying on in there.

3. Municipal Clerk - none

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Lord:

- all my meetings are up in the next few weeks
- Grant was submitted for soccer equipment

Hinkle:

- Sewerage chair has shared concerns
- Waiting to hear from congressman regarding a meeting in Edgewater Park regarding flooding at Boggs Ditch. Our congressman is in charge of veterans' affairs. When we get his date, we will pull in others

Jass:

- nothing

Templeton:

- Environmental Advisory Board is pleased with the Dunes being added to ROSI

Hinkle:

- Army Corps of Engineers was at the Dunes measuring for dredge spoils; Mike went down.

Templeton:

- Mr. Weller had spotted two people – one was from state DEP and one from Army Corps of Engineers. They were with surveyors measuring a site. They didn't want me present. I told them they were on Township property. I asked for documentation that they owned that land. They didn't have any. I stayed a half-hour and learned that the Corps has no funding for a project in the Delaware – not scheduled or contracted, but is moving up their priority list.

Hinkle:

- Thanks

Fitzpatrick:

- Mike's email mentioned Paulson – We should check our notes from that meeting.

Templeton:

- I looked and didn't see it.

Fitzpatrick:

- I sent a follow up to (missed it)'s office.

Templeton:

- DEP said that a Mr. Paulson was negotiating on behalf of Beverly and Delanco.

Hinkle:

- Comment was that the trucks shouldn't bother anyone since trucks already come with the leaves.

Fitzpatrick:

- Fire Commissioners are installing new LED lights; swore in fire police Dec. 27 at 7:30 public hearing for budget; there will be an increase this year.
- Carriage Rides at 6 at mansion

- Santa Parade a success
 - Dec. 10 at 12 at Beverly Cemetery – ceremony
 - article in paper – Target providing disaster to NJ residents – would help move things in the event of a hurricane.
 - NJ American Water – speaker bureau – speakers are available for community groups
 - NJ Transit – policing problem referred by neighboring mayor; Raye Hutton replied.
- Keep your ears open and jot things down, so we have a list for the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ORDINANCE 2011-29 TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE OF DELANCO PROVIDING FOR AND DETERMINING THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES” 1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR DECEMBER 19, 2011

RESOLUTION 2011-131 IMPOSING LIEN ON BLOCK 1105, LOT 5.01 – 314 WALNUT STREET

RESOLUTION 2011-132 BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

PAYMENT OF BILLS
 ACCOUNT AMOUNT
 GENERAL(CURRENT) \$595,131.66
 PAYROLL 75,383.31
 TRUST 222.75
 PUBLIC DEFENDER 150.00
 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 11/21/2011
 APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSE – 2011-55
 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 11/14/2011

CORRESPONDENCE

-Green Acres notification for next round of grants

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. 2012 BOYS AND GIRLS STATE SPONSORSHIP
 Templeton: Whomever is sponsored, if it is possible, maybe they could come some night and tell us what they did.
 Hinkle: Good idea.
 Passed unanimously

2. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE OF COURT ROOM AND RELATED FACILITIES – BEVERLY CITY
 Fitzpatrick: Delanco is covered and will have enough officers to maintain order in the lobby and the courtroom.

Passed unanimously

Templeton: Court sessions in our building should be prominently advertised so township residents know about it.

Fitzpatrick: Please put the public hearing on the fire commissioners budget on the township website.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by Maureen Barrett