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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – March 5, 2012

ROLL CALL: Hinkle, Jass, Templeton, Fitzpatrick, Lord (absent)

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; Chief Sacalis, Delanco Police; Scott Taylor, Taylor Design

ORDINANCE 2012-2 CALENDAR YEAR 2012 MODEL ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) *2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – no comment
HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
Passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 2012-3 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 – no comment
HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
Passed unanimously

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT Lucas Wagstaff,
Powerpoint and chart presentation
-Purpose of project – seeing nature, enjoying the view of the river.
-Project is a nature trail at the Dunes at West Avenue
-.6 miles of trails will be completed and I’ll be installing benches, birdhouses of simple materials
-clean up days will be organized before construction and annually to maintain the trail.
-Free-standing markers will be installed for safety coordination
-Funding – local businesses will be asked for donations.
-Workforce will consist of the troop, cub scouts, family members, and members of the community
Jass: Thanks for the presentation. How many markers?
Wagstaff: 5-7
Jass: Please send a note to the township regarding the number.
Fitzpatrick: 18 months ago I talked with you and your mom about projects you might do for your Eagle Scout project. I’m glad you chose this one.
Templeton: How wide will the trail be?
Wagstaff: It is wide enough for EMT, fire trucks to get in.
Jass: Thanks. It’s a benefit to Delanco. The residents appreciate your efforts. The community utilizes this project.

Hinkle: I heard it for the first time and I'm really pleased.

Motion passed unanimously to approve the project.

Wagstaff: Mr. Fenimore has agreed to supply the woodchips.

Jass: Date from Dunes subcommittee – May 5 for opening day for West Avenue Nature Trails at the Dunes.

Templeton: If weather doesn't cooperate, we don't want you to feel you are up against a deadline. When you get it done, you get it done. We appreciate your effort.

Jass: If you need some assistance, let us know. Keep Janice posted of when you are going to be out there.

Wagstaff: Dependent on work and school schedule.

***PROJECT UPDATE – WEST AVENUE NATURE TRAILS AT THE DUNES Scott

Taylor, Township Planner

Steps to formally getting the park open:

- Based on loss prevention report, the main thing is to separate vehicular and pedestrian traffic. ID signage requirements – keep people out of compost area.
- Trails are noted that can open in Phase I - limited as per the requirement of a buffer on the compost area. Trails that John has developed in addition to those proposed by Mr. Wagstaff will be open. Signs will note when you leave Delanco and Beverly borders on the trail. Signs for park rules will be installed.
- Relocation of the gate – fencing configuration to direct people to a specific crossing point.

-This will be under the bid threshold – written specifications will be written for quotes. John is doing the signs. Fence and gate will be out for bid.

Templeton: The big thing Mr. Seville noted was to provide physical separation from the roadway to compost even though it isn't that active. Gate and bridge created some special problems, but those have been solved. I went out and measured again myself.

Taylor: Mr. Seville's comment was that we had addressed all of the concerns.

(Taylor had plans on an easel, but I couldn't see them)

Fenimore: I marked out the 150 feet with orange paint.

Templeton: from the physical...(missed this)

Fenimore: So I know where they have to be.

Taylor: John has been helpful to our staff.

Fenimore: Previous year's leaf mulch was moved to keep them away from the trails.

Jass: This is a unique project.

Fenimore: You don't realize how important the compost pile is. We would be spending a tremendous amount of money as would surrounding towns.

Jass: Dunes subcommittee encompasses JLUB, EAB, Rec. Everyone has contributed so much to this project. It's a jewel. It's a safety issue since the property has been utilized for years. I've seen people with bows and arrows out there. This nails everything down. It's been a long haul – a year and a half.

Templeton: Show where the large name sign is going to be.

Taylor: Off to the side where the stream crosses.

Jass: The gate is more appealing. The panels are on an angle. Some of the things proposed for opening day - EAB has reached out to various organizations – Audubon

Society, Sierra Club, Burlington County Naturalists, Boy Scouts. Looking at having a ribbon cutting ceremony. John is going to do a talk about the importance of composting. We are looking at a geocaching.

Templeton: I've contacted five or six including - Rancocas Conservancy

Jass: DYSA will participate, Women's Club. Suggestions from the community are welcome.

Templeton to Taylor: Sign #6 - Could that read "Delanco Compost Facility." There have been people in the compost site who have said they thought it was Beverly's dump.

Taylor: Yes

Jass: I was out one afternoon. There were people shooting paintball guns and they were from PA.

Do we need approval if we are under the bid threshold?

Heinold: No

COMMENTS – TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS - PROFESSIONALS

Schwab:

- Monday at 7:30 budget session

- Assessor's report was received

- Received fed grant application- slim chance of getting it, but no chance if you don't apply.

- 1% Jan and 1% July for next two years for police

Denton:

-Utility pole relocation – Verizon has some problems with PSE&G, but worked it out. Will start Friday or Monday. Inspection for electrical connection is scheduled for tomorrow. Phase 2 – hoping to meet with Scott Taylor and county planning board engineer regarding the details.

Fitzpatrick to Phil McFadden: ...Keith took a sample of the sod to be tested?

McFadden, Co-chair Recreation: Fields look horrible. No one should sign off until that grass is green.

Denton: That's what the contract says.

McFadden: I'm concerned about the pump. Someone could put their hands in there. We'd like the contractor to enclose it for safety reasons.

Denton: It wasn't included in the contract. He's not finished with what is going to be there.

Fenimore: what are you talking about?

McFadden: There is an area there where you could put your hand down in there.

Denton: It's typical of an irrigation system. It can be enclosed.

McFadden: We're concerned. We've waited 15 years for this field. I would have them out there to inspect. It looks horrible.

Fenimore: It needs a shot of fertilizer. I looked at another field and it looked the same.

Fitzpatrick: Is it early for fertilizer?

Hinkle: Not the way the weather has been.

Denton: The contractor is going to fertilize, add topsoil, and reseed.

Fenimore: I saw those plastic caps. You can stick your hand in there. It looks like wires. When they aerated, they went right over.

Fitzpatrick: Subcommittee is meeting again on the 13(?) Can you come to that meeting?

Jass: There are areas with fungus.

Denton: We have to give it a chance for spring to come. We will inspect all of it.

COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police –

-Senior Citizens Police Academy to be held on Thursday afternoons from 1-3pm 6-7 weeks from Oct.4 thru Nov. 8 with one trip to Public Safety Center. Previous host township provided a bus for the trip.

Templeton: How many participants?

Sacalis: Whatever we can hold.

Fitzpatrick: I will announce to Seniors at their meeting.

Lohr: We'd just need to let the staff know that the courtroom is not available for those days.

Sacalis:

-Take Back NJ – prescription drugs April 28, Sat. at Municipal Building from 10-2

-Last Thursday – Red Lobster fundraiser by police for Special Olympics

-Street lighting – got a contact for PSE&G – talked to him and emailed him and faxed a list of the lights. The contact called within 20 minutes. He tells me no other town is having the problems we are having. Every time we do this, there are 25 additional lights out.

Jass: They were out on Newton's Landing Boulevard on Sunday night.

Hinkle: You can call yourself with the pole number. I did and they came out and fixed it.

Sacalis: We survey the whole town each month. We weren't getting much response until now.

Schwab: We are asking to switch back to the other lights. We ordered sodium lights for Creek Road.

Jass: PSE&G are tired of us with the field of dreams, the streetlights...

2. Public Works

-took out 2 trees

-men attended JIF classes and did online training. Nancy coordinated everything. She and Mike have done a great job of getting us all together. Nancy is proactive and excited about keeping us moving on training.

-Tree expert spend two hours with us starting at Newton's Landing. He showed us how to properly cut the limbs. He loved his job and was excellent. I'd like to bring him back.

-Fields are easy to get ready thanks to the weather.

-March 31 – clean up will be held at West Avenue. Down along the river will be a challenge. Mike has called Ann. There has to be 10000 bottles and cans down on the back side of the compost. I think the older people need to do that part. There is

so much plastic and stuff. Recycled items can't be contaminated. That's why you need the adults. It will be a challenge. The rest should be easy.

Jass: Where will you concentrate first?

Fenimore: Once we find out what kind of groups sign up.

Fitzpatrick: I know DYSA has a group.

Hinkle: You used to get prisoners to come in. That was very helpful.

Fenimore: I will reach out to them.

Lohr: Is that called "Clean Shores"

Hinkle: We had a complaint. People didn't want prisoners out here.

2. Municipal Clerk:

Lohr: Can we publish in the *Beverly Bee* regarding the May 5 opening? and leaf pick up for first two weeks? And yard sale? We need to decide to meet publishing deadlines.

Jass: I reached out to EMS and fire. April 28th was good for them.

(Discussion ensued. Decision was April 28 for yard sale.)

Fitzpatrick: Women's Club will have a trivia night that night.

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Fitzpatrick:

- Attended Senior meeting
- Attended Subcommittee Field of Dreams
- Attended Fire/EMS Banquet
- photo of George Sacalis at Red Lobster fundraiser
- Kitty was recognized for her certification
- Delanco schools were in County Bell re: Recycling
- Recycle Bank will be at the April 8 meeting. All are welcome to ask questions.
- Historic Preservation Advisory Board – appointment of Michael Horan, a lifelong resident of Delanco. Passed unanimously
- Calendar of events from Recreation is impressive.

Hinkle:

- Shade Tree finalized ordinance –

Templeton:

- Clean up at the Dunes was discussed by EAB
- Attended court session – our court staff and police – an amazing professional performance
- Thanks to Nancy for keeping the training interested and useful so we can reduce injuries. Aggressive training does help. Thanks to Delanco EMS – JIF sees that our folks have maintained their qualifications.

Jass:

- Attended Fire and EMS Banquet - member honored for 50 years of service
- Thanks to Nancy and Mike for wonderful job on JIF – everyone is focusing on the safety issue
- SEM – out for bid on electricity in April

- Boy Scouts will be selling mulch – flyers out in the lobby – 5 bags for \$25 - \$5.75 each
- Attended Cops and Lobsters
- participated in Read Across America
- Rec met with DYSA regarding maintenance. Flower Show trip on Sunday. On Friday library will show Puss in Boots, cooking at the fire house this Saturday.
- March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness month
- March 10 meet the mayor and deputy mayor at Vinnies from 2-3

Fitzpatrick – showed photo from Beverly Bee of family with roots in Delanco. Papers are important to us.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Resolution 2012 – 4 to amend the rate of compensation of officers and employees. 1st reading by title only and set public hearing date for March 19, 2012 with noted changes.

RESOLUTION 2012-46 ENDORSING RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT

RESOLUTION 2012-47 TAX REIMBURSEMENT CERTIFICATION

RESOLUTION 2012-48 RELEASE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR ZURBRUGG SITE STAGE I IMPROVEMENTS, BLOCK 1202, LOTS 1.01, 1.02 & 1.03

RESOLUTION 2012-49 APPROVING THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO'S APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, COPS HIRING PROGRAM (CHP) GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING

RESOLUTION 2012-50 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMPLOYEMENT CONTRACT WITH THE DELANCO POLICE BARGAINING UNIT REPRESENTED BY THE DELANCO POLICE ASSOCIATION

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
GENERAL	\$615,529.84
PAYROLL	100,598.26
DOG TRUST	30.00
TRUST	854.25

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 2/6/12 & 2/13/12

APPOINTMENTS

Marlene Jass – Alternate #1 (Term expires 12/31/2015) Steven Lohr – Regular Member (Unexpired term expiring 12/31/2015)

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Passed unanimously.

Jass:

-While we were talking about recycling, a woman came in with a huge quantity of plastic bags. We have contributed a lot to recycling in this town.

Fitzpatrick: That young lady will attend a week-long symposium in Washington on environmental issues. She was sponsored by Women's Club - \$250 for her trip.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

McFadden, Co-chair and Lohr Treasure, Recreation: Recreation is requesting funds to complete benches and tables in front of the Columns. \$6,219.90

-Proposing a fence for Memorial Avenue. You'll be able to pull in and park diagonally which will provide more parking for attendees. There will be gates for access to the fields, but not big enough for vehicles. It's a safety concern where road continues onto the dirt. There's nothing to stop a car from going right into the T-ball area. It would be good overflow for the Dunes park. \$2,250.00 quote for 200 x 250. The overall project is part of upgrading the concession stand - installing a window so they can announce, installing Hardiplank, and closing off the electrical panel. Total of \$7,500 with what is pre-approved.

Fitzpatrick: Do we need more than one quote?

Schwab: Authorize up to a dollar amount.

Jass: John, how do you see the stone and fencing?

Fenimore: What kind of stone? I'd like to see what it is because we don't want loose stone out in the field. There have been two fences on Memorial Ave. What is the purpose?

McFadden: Keeping Delanco residents from blocking driveways in Beverly, keeping the ball in, safety for the children. There will be a gate for you guys.

Jass: Their concern was that they wanted to put telephone poles there. There were vehicles driving across the field. They are trying to alleviate some of that.

Fenimore: I was supposed to meet Keith, but I couldn't.

McFadden: Only the telephone pole area will be grassed out.

Hinkle: What kind of fence did they have before?

Fenimore: four foot

McFadden: We'd like to hear your concerns.

Fenimore: Phil is right about the T-ball.

I left the meeting at this point.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CORRESPONDENCE

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE "AMENDING CHAPTER 238 GOVERNING "SHADE TREES"

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by Maureen Barrett