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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – April 16, 2012

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

Also Present: Mr. Schwab, Twp. Administrator; Mrs. Martin, Deputy Municipal Clerk; Mrs. Lohr, Municipal Clerk; Chief Sacalis, Delanco Police; Mr. Taylor, Township Planner

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE VACANCY due to resignation as of April 3, 2012 ☐ RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM LOCAL POLITICAL COUNTY COMMITTEE

Pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:16 et. seq. ☐ APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY ON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE – appointed Bill Dillenbeck to fill the unexpired term of Committeewoman Joan Hinkle on the Delanco Township Committee until the certification of the next General Election to be held on November 6, 2012.

Passed unanimously

OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Dillenbeck appointed liaison to Sewerage, Shade Tree, Economic Development, Boggs Ditch, Code Enforcement - Passed unanimously

Marlene Jass appointed liaison to Burlington County Freeholders. Passed unanimously

2012 MUNICIPAL BUDGET – PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

Schwab: State gave us the OK this afternoon to adopt tonight.

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 2012 MUNICIPAL BUDGET – no comment

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC ADOPTION OF 2012 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION 2012-61 ADOPTION OF 2012 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Passed unanimously

BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL PARK DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Scott Taylor, Taylor Design

-Third round county grant opportunity (\$250,000) towards acquisition or construction. Phase 1 consisted of 4 soccer fields and parking. Phase 2 - Restroom and pavilion. This evening we are looking at a slightly modified plan with input from Rec and DYSA.

Changes: (copies of plans were distributed)

Dillenbeck: Is the fact that the road won't be moved going to impact that?

Taylor: No, it's an easement for the homeowners and any utilities they need.

-Easement to marina will remain in place so a plan was made.

-Expanded parking lot was rotated along the easement. 46 turf expansion spaces on Creek Road could be used, but would be kept to a minimum due to cost, aesthetics, and storm water management.

-Large multipurpose field was proposed – moved that field and added as an outfield playover – combined field. Could include any of the rectangular field need. Cal Ripken Babe Ruth League field is possible and can be pitched at 46 or 50 ft.

-Trying to avoid building additional parking. Shared parking between soccer and baseball. County has been looking for some traffic study along Creek Road. We're trying to get the county to defer engineering or study for improvements there.

-Through grant program, the Cal Ripken field would be built with irrigation.

Lighting of tournament size soccer field would be included. Then we would light the parking lot as well.

Fitzpatrick: Lighting at soccer field was recommended by Rec. We were originally thinking of lighting the ball field. Phil MacFadden made a good point that lighting a soccer field is more realistic and useful. A resident who lives across the street questioned the lighting issue and how that would impact him. By moving the lights back to the second field, it moves it away from him. I think it's a good idea to do the lighting. Thanks to Phil for the recommendation. Our main goal is to get the baseball diamond in.

Jass: Concern about lighting... twelve lights on the perimeter of the parking lot. Reason for that?

Taylor: 1000 watt bulbs will be used in the fields such as in Citizens Bank Park. Parking lot lights might be 175. It will be recessed and distributed unlike the lights in the county's Pennington Park. More light fixtures yield more distributed light and less glare. It's possible that it would be reduced by three or four fixtures.

Rather err on the plus side.

Jass: There is opportunity and flexibility to maneuver prior to going out to bid?

Taylor: County wants a pretty good idea of what you are going to build.

Jass: How much flexibility do we have?

Taylor: Several months before you would go out to bid. If we were funded for a particular field, we could go back and talk with the county about changes at the local government policy level.

Dillenbeck: This has been a long time coming.

Open to the public:

McFadden of Rec Commission: Concerns in reference to lighting. I have concerns, but have to look at the benefit of the township. If we got the \$250,000, we could complete the two ballfields, the fencing and numerous other small projects out there. Delanco hasn't had lighting. Children and coaches need time to practice. Delanco is known for soccer. My proposal is that it rolls as is.

Fitzpatrick: Subcommittee came up with a good plan. We look forward to receiving this grant. We have received \$375,000 so far. We can continue to submit other grants as they become available. This is the third phase.

Jass: any questions from committee regarding the funding? \$97,180 would be the additional share.

Fitzpatrick: For county grants, the municipal government is not required to provide funds. Township Committee doesn't have to come up with any money. If we can do the whole project, I would say definitely do it.

Jass: And we have our open space money.

Taylor: My experience is that county looks more favorably on towns that have successfully implemented prior round grants. They like sweat equity – that a township has money in –it helps our chances considerably.

Jass: Hope the county notes that our project enhances Pennington Park. If township does get the property along the creek, we still have the access.

Resident question(me): Can the 1000 watt light bulbs be turned off after the games are finished?

Taylor: Yes.

Jass: Are there apps that can turn the lights out?

Taylor: Yes with some additional cost. If it rains and practice is canceled, certain coaches could turn out the lights with their phones. We're looking at direct aiming and greener fixtures.

Motion passed unanimously

Taylor: Everything is right on schedule for the Dunes opening. John is doing a great job out there

RESOLUTION 2012-62 AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON FOR MUNICIPAL PARK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDS ROLL
Passed unanimously

COMMENTS – TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

-Clean audit – needs a resolution to certify that you have read specific portions.

- DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police

-Nine street lights were out on this survey – big difference from high numbers we had. Of the nine, two were ones that had been repaired last July.

Lord: Are they changing fixtures?

Sacalis: Some

Jass: Got phone call from someone walking the Dunes – almost bowled over by an ATV. Is there a schedule for patrolling?

Sacalis: Depends on who is up there. Will ask Beverly to block out their side.

Jass: Can you get together with John to see those areas where they are riding?

Sacalis: Will do. Have to be careful what you block so you don't cause an accident.

-April 28 – Take Back NJ – prescription drugs – 10-2

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Fitzpatrick:

-Burlington Avenue lights were moved – took three years. They should have instructed John on how to remove the conduits that won't be used.

-Apologize to Demeira family for not attending due to lack of communication at the township. I knew Denise very well – very spirited and had a lot to do with youth sports in town. So sorry I didn't get the correct time to attend. I will write to Jim. I attend every function I can.

-Met with Newtons Landing HOA regarding the basin with Scott Taylor. Taylor is meeting with the engineer for that site. Gave HOA the procedure if they want to

change the structure of the basin. Township Committee doesn't have the authority to make a change since it was originally approved by Joint Land Use Board and at the county level. Suggested that Scott speak to the HOA meeting so they understand what that was meant to be. Pulte kept it mowed when they were still selling units.

Jass: Several changes were made at the time.

Fitzpatrick: Attended Easter Egg hunt.

-Attended Field of Dreams meeting – waiting for PSE&G to put in meter. Septic vs. Sewer – apply for both to give us options. Hope to get detailed list of expenses for Field of Dreams for Township Committee and public to know.

Lord:

-Attended Easter Egg Hunt

-Library movie night on Friday – Rec didn't attend. Apology to Maureen who is on the Board. Book Club meets tomorrow night – book is Chesapeake.

-Attended library board meeting - No business has responded to this year's membership drive.

Dillenbeck

-Thanks to Republican Committee for their confidence.

-Twelve masks for police and EMT. Hoagie sale – April 28.

-Thanks to my wife and son for putting up with me on council again and the other activities I'm involved in.

Jass:

-Welcome to Bill. It's a pleasure to be working with you.

-Sat. May 5 @ 11:00am Dunes opening – Sierra Club and other groups will be there. Shade Tree will have trees, many children's activities, Historical Preservation, Delanco Library, Delanco Rec and other local groups will be there. Activities include: compost tour, guided hikes, activities for children, prizes. Eagle Scout Wagstaff is enhancing the trail – birdhouses, mulched trails.

-Yard Sale April 28

-Opening Day DYSA was Saturday – DYSA made a last minute change to the schedule for the day. Beautiful event. Plaque for Denise will be embedded on a large stone to memorialize her.

-Program for Women in Transition at Moorestown Y. Flyer will be posted on bulletin boards.

-Historic Preservation will be changing displays. Swearing in of new member. Project this year – plaque on the Zurbrugg Park.

-Tables and benches were installed on Delaware Avenue. Thanks to Rec for a great job.

CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 2012-63 ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

RESOLUTION 2012-64 AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH EQUITY ASSOCIATES, LLC

RESOLUTION 2012-65 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON FOR THE PROVISION OF SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING SERVICES FOR THE YEARS 2012 THORUGH 2016

RESOLUTION 2012-66 AUTHORIZING CONSOLIDATION OF BANK ACCOUNTS FOR RECREATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION 2012-67 REFUND OF TAX LIEN HOLDER INTEREST OVERPAYMENTS

RESOLUTION 2012-68 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A-2717 EXTENDING THE TIME PERIOD FOR MUNICIPALITIES TO COMMIT TO EXPEND COLLECTED DEVELOPMENT FEES AND PAYMENTS-IN-LIEU OF CONSTRUCTING AFFORDABLE UNITS

APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR USE OF RIVERBANK PARK (ZURBRUGG)
Van Eck for Marriage Ceremony – June 23, 2012

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 3/12/2012 & 3/19/2012 (These were pulled at Dillenbeck’s request for separate vote. They then passed unanimously)

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS
APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Member of Delanco Recreation Lohr: Recreation is looking to do parking at West Avenue fields. Met with Mr. Denton who said it was doable. With the concession stand and the nature park, parking would be a good addition. Now people park sideways and pull right up to T-ball field. There is nothing to stop the cars there. Asking for permission to investigate costs.

Fitzpatrick: Good idea. John Fenimore had some comments about it.

Jass: I think John was concerned about depositing stone there. Are you looking at an alternative to stone?

Resident: Were looking at stone, but will look at asphalt. Stones would get into the field and into the street. It would be best for safety and snow removal.

Jass: Have you done preliminary work?

Resident: Checked with Denton to be sure it was doable.

(turned the mic over to another gentleman who didn’t identify himself at the mic)

Issues that would need to be resolved. My expertise is contracting. They would have issues with a couple of trees that would need to be removed. Two small ones could be relocated; one is dead anyway. Curbside storm drains. You would need to install a flat drain. Would have to install concrete barriers to keep vehicles from going into the fields. Might have to increase the fence to protect the vehicles. I’m not sure what the township requirements are regarding enclosing a field. Be sure contractors are bidding apples to apples. It would double the parking capacity.

Jass: Thanks for volunteering your time and expertise. Since we opening the West Ave. Nature Trails and parking has always been an issue on Memorial Ave, we could distribute the load. I'm in favor of having our engineer look at this.

Fitzpatrick: Good idea. It would be nice to know what permits are needed before getting too involved.

Lord: It's a good project and we need to know anyway.

Dillenbeck: Good idea.

Motion to move forward passed unanimously

Resident of Creek Rd. Wastewater management plan – damage to my home. There has been retaliation and harassment to an egregious degree. I want to find out what my tax records said. Mr. Robinson refused my request. We bought our home outright. Township should have told us they were going to realign the road and rename. The federal government is concerned with township, county, and state. (*I missed something here.*) Waiver of rules with Environmental Protection. Federal government has some serious concerns about the state DEP. It's been six years of begging. I'm not going to go into my case here. False records... I'm not entertaining questions. There is no quid pro quo. You give me no information. I believe you are liable to purchase my house. My ceiling is cracked. Has this all been ongoing? I tried to warn you. We're almost coming to the point where disclosure will be made.

Resident of Burlington Ave: Happened to be in a meeting with Joe (tax assessor) with the last speaker. Joe treated her with courtesy and respect. He didn't refuse her. He just asked her to wait until he was finished with the person he was speaking with.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CORRESPONDENCE

-Dept of Transportation – municipal aide for Maple is not being funded.

-Sewerage 2012-13- re funds they are committing to address flooding on Hickory

-Joint Land Use Board – Creek Rd. realignment. Township Committee needs to put recommendations in place.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. ENGINEERING PROPOSAL for Retaining Wall Study not to exceed \$1800 for township property on Delaware Avenue.

Dillenbeck: Increase of boating traffic on river will impact shoreline when it is dredged. A lot of our shore will be eroded and it will be a mess.

Schwab: Resolution from Sewerage regarding Hickory could be authorized now if you want.

Jass: To next meeting agenda.

2. Memorial Day parade – Sunday, May 27th at 1:00pm. Will all Township Committee people be in the parade?

Dillenbeck won't be able to walk. Kate will drive.

Fitzpatrick: Glad to have Bill back. Good input and experience. You always do the right thing for Delanco.

Dillenbeck: Thanks to Joan for the outstanding job she has done. She's very dedicated.

ADJOURNMENT