

The following are my personal notes, not official meeting minutes. For official minutes, please go to the Delanco Municipal Building, 770 Coopertown Rd.

Delanco Township Committee June 11, 2012

Present: Fitzpatrick, Lord, Templeton, Jass, Dillenbeck

Also Present: Mr. Schwab, Township Administrator; Mr. Denton, Township Engineer; Mrs. Lohr, Municipal Clerk; Mrs. Martin, Deputy Municipal Clerk; Mr. Heinold, Township Solicitor; Chief Sacalis, Delanco Police; Lt. Desanto

ORDINANCE 2012-6 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SUBDIVISION, SITE PLAN AND ZONING, CHAPTERS 91 AND 110 IN VARIOUS NAMED SECTIONS OF THE ORDINANCES ENTITLED PART II LAND USE PROCEDURES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF D E L A N C O TO IMPLEMENT 2009 MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS *2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING

Lohr: Joint Land Use Board found ordinance to be consistent with the master plan
HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ORDINANCE 2012-6 - None

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 2012-7 AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN DELANCO,; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$45,000 THEREFORE FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND *2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ORDINANCE 2012-7 - none

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC Passed unanimously

Township Solicitor Heinold:

-DEP has filed suit against the township regarding the Dunes. Judge Suter has ordered mediation through Office of Dispute Mediation. Reps from township and DEP will attend a meeting at the end of July. Mediation conference will be held in August. Mediation is not binding. Each party will submit a confidential statement to the mediator. Delaware Riverkeeper has filed a motion to intervene on our behalf. If that is granted, they will be involved. They are concerned with public doctrine and public access to the river. If they may not intervene, they will file an amicus brief.

Denton:

-Rivers Edge – paving was completed. They will be completing items on the punch list as well.

-Soccer fields – Contractor has only punchlist items left.

-Phase 2 – no word on when we can apply for (missed this) application regarding sewerage system.

Fitzpatrick: Is the county supporting the application?

Denton: Yes

Denton: Laurel St. Preconstruction meeting schedules June 18 or that week.

-Submitted a report on Delaware River seawalls.

Jass: We will look at that through this month to discuss in July.

Denton: You should schedule discussion so we can do whatever you will do before freezing. A lot of the work can probably be done under the threshold.

COMMENTS - PROFESSIONALS COMMENTS – TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

-Mike Thompson's passing – His partner will take on his responsibilities for the time being. There will be a proposal for changes to the program.

-Assessor is preparing for appeals

-RecycleBank – proposals were put in writing. I had some questions. When I hear back, Doug will go over it so you can consider it in July.

COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police

Sacalis:

-Streetlights are up on Creek Road – 4 on Creek Road and one at the intersection

Jass: One goes on and off when it gets hot.

Sacalis: On June 23rd and 24th NJ Transit will close Perkins Lane. Detour plan will be in place both days. They are taking the surface up and redoing the base.

Templeton: Fire/EMS told?

Lord: Residents told specifically?

Sacalis: Signs are up. They are only going to do one track.

-1200 block of Second Street has a pod there. Resident is taking over parents' house. Having some trouble parting with some things.

Desanto: Reviewed public safety concerns re West Ave.

-Interviews being held for special police officers.

2. Public Works – unable to attend

-putting lines in streets, additional stop signs will be placed on West Ave.

Handicapped spaces are being marked.

3. Municipal Clerk – first July meeting is July 9

Township Committee:

Dillenbeck:

-Fire in Riverside – Delanco was first responder

Fitzpatrick:

-Attended Fire Commissioners meeting – Rain barrel event was held there.

-Comment on Mike Thompson's passing – he was our "SWAT team" Would go out on a weekend. Found one residence that had mattresses in the garage. He did a great job and will be missed.

-Had an unfortunate mishap falling on foot in the basement.

-George Sacalis's last public meeting – 33 years of service We are fortunate to have Jesse who views this as a calling, and not a job.

Lord:

- Participated in Vittorino walk – 75 people. Diane Allen was there.
- Joint Land Use approved site plans for Illinois- will be adding rain barrels
- Attended Energy Tax Receipts program – getting money back from state. Assemblyman Singleton stated there is an additional 20% over four years starting in 2013 that is working its way through the floor. Every 5% is \$35000 for us.
- DYSA meeting – President and secretary are retiring. Will reorganize for next year.
- June 21 here at 6:00pm – Mortgage Foreclosure Service program – anyone in the county can come.

Templeton:

- RecycleBank was going to charge us on monthly current active members. We've had question on how to opt out.
- Schwab: System in place for people who move, we aren't paying for them.
- Dunes – working with Mr. Heinold to prepare documents for the mediation – wide range – history and community impact squeezed into five pages
- Memorial Day parade – good turn-out. Thanks to Rec for the event, especially Phil MacFadden. Congratulations to Bob Hinkle on being grand marshall. It seems that we had every politician who was running. Freeholders found Delanco that day, but couldn't attend the Dunes opening. We need to keep the day for those it honors.

Jass:

- Let police department know about the foreclosure program. They may know of people who could benefit.
- Parade – thanks to all involved. Rec did a great job. Thanks to all who participated.
- Attended DARE graduation for fifth grade. Officer Hoffman was involved there. It was started by Chief Sacalis.
- Attended Burlington County Memorial Day service – they had a bracelet that was given to a soldier from Hainesport and had ended up in France.
- Meet the mayor event at Vinnie's
- Senior tax freeze extended through Oct. 19th.
- Beverly Bee* won historic preservation award from county freeholders
- June 28th George Sacalis will be recognized at the concert at the marina at 7:00. It is the Buddy Holly band.

CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 2012-84 ADOPTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 48 (N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.38) FOR THE STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM

RESOLUTION 2012-85 REQUESTING REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MAY 30, 2012 AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND SPENDING PLAN OF THE ADOPTED HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO

RESOLUTION 2012-86 SPECIFYING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES WITHIN DELANCO TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION 2012-87 AUTHORIZING THE LEASE/PURCHASE OF A POLICE VEHICLE UNDER STATE CONTRACT

RESOLUTION 2012-88 AWARDED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR HICKORY STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

RESOLUTION 2012-89 AWARDED ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PHASE I IMPROVEMENTS FOR PENNINGTON FARMS PARK (FIELD OF DREAMS)

RESOLUTION 2012-90 AWARDED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PHASE II IMPROVEMENTS FOR PENNINGTON FARMS PARK (FIELD OF DREAMS)

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ACCOUNT AMOUNT

GENERAL \$674,467.32 PAYROLL \$101,976.31 GATEWAY PARK BRICK \$34 TRUST \$3,469.73 HOUSING TRUST \$160,268.96 MCPL OPEN SPACE TRUST \$18,613.00

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - 5/21/2012

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSE 2012-53 & 2012-54

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA Passed unanimously

APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTION 2012-91 RESOLUTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OF POLICE Jesse Desanto effective July 1, 2012

RESOLUTION 2012-92 RESOLUTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF POLICE LIEUTENANT Donny Nesbit effective July 1, 2012 Passed unanimously

RESOLUTION 2012-93 RESOLUTION RESCINDING PREVIOUS RESOLUTION 2012-59 AND AUTHORIZING HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE AT 410 BUTTWOOD STREET Passed unanimously

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Resident of Poplar: Two items for Mr. Denton

-Gas shutoff to my house nonexistent - didn't put one in when they redid Poplar.

-Grass between curb and sidewalk leaves a lot to be desired.

-Flood plan?

Templeton: Haven't heard anything from FEMA. It was at the New York District. I talked with them a year ago. There were a lot of mistakes. 20% of the street names were wrong.

Jass: Can you reach out again?

Resident: It would make residents happy not to need flood insurance.

Templeton: Yes, but that was just the map part. The rest was beyond what they were asking.

Resident: Tree on Franklin that has been dead for about four years. Two branches have blown down. Franklin just before Poplar. Also one by the church on Poplar.

Jass: It's important that one comes to township when trees are dead. There is a form.

Resident: Been done many times.

Jass: Shade Tree is here.

Shade Tree representative: Not aware of that tree.

Jass: Will reach out to Mr. Fenimore as well.

Resident of Second St: Creekside performance bonds – where are we? We are 90% finished.

Heinold: (couldn't hear him)

Jass: We will do it under discussion in the next portion of our meeting.

Resident of Poplar: Thanks to George for being an officer here all these years.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CORRESPONDENCE - none

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. PROPOSED RESOLUTION: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE EW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A 2012 TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT.

Lohr: Application due next month. Dave is here to go over some of the details.

Denton:

-Streetscapes are eligible, but only new sidewalks or pathways – not replacement.

Bike ways are ok. Continuing streetscape down Burlington and Cooper.

Templeton: Both sides?

Denton: Both are narrow.

Jass: Your recommendation is to continue streetscape on Burlington

Denton: and Cooper toward the tracks.

Fitzpatrick: We couldn't start on the other side by West Ave?

Denton: Would have to be part of a streetscape.

Fitzpatrick: We would continue streetscape down Cooper so we would be somewhat uniform. Would be good to do part beyond the tracks to put a sidewalk where there isn't one. Tom, is Hovnanian required to put in sidewalk?

Lord: One by the entrance of the station. He couldn't buy the property there. Then there is the one right next to Newton's Landing.

Templeton: What do we have to do to qualify as a streetscape? It's always a lake there and there are always people walking in the road there.

Fitzpatrick: Hickory is being worked on as a capital improvement.

Templeton: Farther up is always underwater.

Fitzpatrick: Streetscape would go down to the railroad.

Denton: Streetscapes include: lighting, paving, benches, planters, decorative walls and walkways.

Fitzpatrick: You can use stamped concrete or exposed?

Jass: How does that hold up?

Denton: Better than brick.

Jass: More expensive for homeowner?

Denton: Yes.

Fitzpatrick: All of Burlington Ave has brick and that's harder to maintain.

Jass: So [Mr. Denton] will come back to us with specifics.

Lohr: Will be on next meeting since more detail is required for the resolution.

Resolution 2012-94 performance bond release on Creekside.

Lohr: Balance is due on escrow account – that would need to be satisfied first.

Passed unanimously

Templeton:

-Rain barrel event at the fire house – that's the one that was supposed to be up in the Dunes

Lohr: It was scheduled to have it as part of the nature trails opening. Watershed management was forbidden by DEP to do the program on property contiguous to the Dunes. Had to be held away from the Dunes. That is why it is on the Nature Trails schedule, but couldn't be held there.

Templeton: For the record, our state DEP is playing hardball – has directed groups that get DEP funding to avoid our township and the Nature Trails.

Jass: Every few days, Recreation notes that the area is being used by more and more people from all over.

Desantos: Have seen more activity there.

Resident of Second: Bike lane added to Cooper would give a place to walk and is more likely to be funded.

Fitzpatrick: We should add a bicycle figure to that.

Sacalis: My thirty-three years has been an experience. I've seen this town change in so many ways – good and not so good. It's been good to me. I contribute that to the department and staffing. A lot has to do with the Township Committee – have always had a good experience. This is a good working Committee. Thanks for the moves you made this evening. It means a lot to the department that you are standing behind the men and the department. Several of you were here when I made Chief. Janice and her staff have been great. Doug too. Can't say enough about Richard. He was there for me and answered any questions I had. I'm ready for the next chapter of my life.

Adjournment