

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 August 6, 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 Desanto, Delanco Police

ORDINANCE 2012-8 TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE OF DELANCO PROVIDING FOR AND DETERMINING THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES" 2ND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC no comment

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 2012-9 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND FILING OF A QUITCLAIM DEED WITH RESPECT TO BLOCK 900, LOT 1 AND BLOCK 901, LOT 1 2ND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Passed unanimously

COMMENTS - PROFESSIONALS COMMENTS

Engineer -Denton-

-Sewer for Phase 2 Field of Dreams - No response from DEP - suggesting that a consistency application be submitted. One was prepared with documentation of approvals from 2008 and map.

Jass: Some letters were missing. Response from state and sewerage authority missing between 2/04 and 2/05

Denton: I do have the letter that shows that DEP specifically approved sewerage for that site.

Jass: I will make sure you get the copies of these letters for a back up

Denton:

-Hickory St. determining effects of blockade valve. Package is put together and will be submitted to ERI (?)for their review. Proposing valve just below Franklin and at Walnut to add protection to Cooper Street. Problem from mid to high tide - Poplar and Vine are higher. We think the installation of both valves will solve that.

Jass: From Lautenberg's office - there are grant monies for disaster relief. Can they be used?

Denton: We looked into that already. They can't.

Denton : Laurel St. project should be finalized for September

meeting.

Solicitor- Heinold: No comments.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR Schwab:

-Recycling report from county - Delanco 277.75 tons in 6 months. 1.6 per household Similar communities comparison - we're in the middle of the pack.

-Note for the record that we received monthly report from tax assessor.

-Received request from private firm re: power aggregate. Everyone has to sign in or everyone has to sign out.

-Detailed report of grant program - recommended that someone on the board gets involved with that program.

Jass: Program that exists now...who is involved?

Schwab: Hoffman with DARE. Summer Camp through churches - self-esteem. We can get give-aways for community days. Riverside does a giveaway at senior luncheon. Delanco seniors can be a part of that. State money pays for half of it; township adds as needed. Delanco hasn't had to spend anything on it. Riverside has elected and school officials involved.

Templeton: Storm damage from a couple of weeks ago - something else got hit?

Schwab: yes, claim in JIF. \$1000 deductible. Over the weekend, our computers shut down again. Everything that is supposed to be grounded in the building is grounded. We've talked about removing the CB tower at Public Works but it is fiberglass. There seems to be something between Public Works and this building.

Jass: Concession stand at West Ave was hit as well. Delanco has had three strikes in a very short time.

Lord: Saturday afternoon - my power went out for 8 hours.

Schwab: Jesse got notification seven times over the weekend that our alarms were out of service.

- TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police

-Class 2 officers worked in July - one works Friday/Saturday/Sunday- Officers are on field train program. They are assigned to an officer, next he shadows, then he will be answering calls. They worked 93 hours for patrol and 4 for security. Assisted in 57 calls for service. We have more checks being done on businesses and parks. There is an increased presence.

-Attended meeting called by Singleton re: Riverline. Some towns have problems with response time from NJ Transit police. When the local police are covering Riverline issues, we are covering for them so it

affects us too. NJ Transit police are open to working something out; their perception is that there is no real crime occurring. It's not a matter of crime. It's a matter of having the ability to maintain the same quality of life on the Riverline as you do in the town. NJ Transit police mission is: counterterrorism, public safety, public service, not quality of life issues. We are meeting again for collaboration and cooperation.

Jass: Stress was that there isn't enough funding for their division. We were asked to reach out to Assembly and state Senate.

Templeton: Chief Sacalis was working on getting access to video that NJ Transit has.

Jass: That was the live feed. That was discussed. Talked about having a portable place to bring the violators - substation rather than the township facilities

Templeton: If there was something that occurred in Delanco, the tape would be helpful to our officers.

Desanto: Their chief believed that that had been implemented, but our chief said it wasn't. NJ Transit was going back to their IT. There is a question of where it is being held up. Their goal is to have in-car cameras as well.

Dillenbeck: When they have a problem with someone intoxicated, they put them off the train and call 911. They don't stay until they are picked up.

Desanto: Operator of the train holds the train up until they are met. Problem in holding up the whole train for one person. Train full of people getting aggravated can cause other problems.

Lord: Back to the specials- have they given feedback?

Desanto: Not yet. It's a different type of police work for them. There's more interaction.

2. Municipal Clerk

-New security windows were installed on all of the lobby windows - very attractive. More secure for our employees.

-Recreation held a geocaching event at the Nature Trails at West Ave - 25 people ranging from 4-74. Instructor is a resident who volunteered. She is willing to do a winter one. People are enjoying the park. Families stayed on to hike the trails.

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Dillenbeck:

-Attended Sewerage meeting, Fire Commissioners meeting

-Thanks to Recreation for free concert series

-Fire and EMS has been busy. Every time a fire truck rolls, an ambulance rolls.

-Steven Lohr is doing a great job with WANT

-Missed Shade Tree due to mandatory meeting at Cooper Hospital

Fitzpatrick:

- Still hobbling around
- Attended George's retirement dinner - almost missed this. Better communication needed.

Lord:

- Library meets in September, School Board is a five minute meeting this month.
- Attended DYSA meeting, geocaching,

Templeton:

- JIF annual renewal in progress as well as three year renewal -
- Re: new windows - court window was required

Jass:

- Attended George's retirement dinner - photos on website
- Recreation working on lightning strike at concession stand - all equipment is kaput. Adjuster has been out; electrician still needs to come out.
- Meet the mayor this Saturday - 2-3 at Vinny's.
- Health fair upcoming
- Info for low income energy assistance - \$100 added benefit for gasoline. 2800 families had oil delivered. Criteria needs to be met, but many in town can benefit.
- Bridge Commission - email - authorized to do engineering study on Bogs Ditch.
- Senior Olympics for NJ - Sept. 7,8,9 - horse shoes, bocce, etc.

Fitzpatrick: Richard, any other information regarding the Senior Citizen luncheon? I don't think the Delanco Seniors are aware.

Schwab: Oct. 17 at noon at the Portugese Club in Riverside. free, covered by the program

Fitzpatrick:

-Property in Riverside across the Creek - they are starting to dig?

Jass: There is a trailer there. We would have to be notified because of the distance.

Fitzpatrick: My neighbors were asking.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ORDINANCE 2012-10 AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE AT CHAPTER 10-19 GOVERNING "ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD" 1st READING BY TITLE ONLY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

RESOLUTION 2012-105 RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE POSTAL REFORM ACT OF 2011, HR 2309

RESOLUTION 2012-106 AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ON DELANCO VS. GRES & KALUZNY, ET AL.

RESOLUTION 2012-107 REFUND RENTAL REGISTRATION OVERPAYMENT

RESOLUTION 2012-108 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND APPLICATION FOR MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT

RESOLUTION 2012-109 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR PLANNING SERVICES FOR WEST AVENUE NATURE TRAILS PARK SITE

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ACCOUNT AMOUNT

GENERAL \$721,864.56 P A YROLL 131,427.01

ACCUM ABSENCES 39,088.00 PUBLIC DEFENDER 191.50 CAPIT AL

46,457.81 DOG TRUST 30.00 TRUST 14,323.50 MCPL OPEN SPACE

9,869.18

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - 7/9/2012

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Fitzpatrick: Comment on the Environmental Advisory Board so you can add those two new members, Mike. That's great.

Templeton: Thank you.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

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CORRESPONDENCE

-Email - Mark Schmidt resigning as Emergency Management Coordinator.

Jass: He's done a great job. Delanco appreciates the time and effort.

Fitzpatrick: Ditto. Prepared a lot of paperwork.

Dillenbeck: Nothing but admiration for Schmidt.

Lord: Did a great job.

Templeton: He dealt with Hurricane Irene 10 days of being appointed. He made sure we had all the numbers we would need if things got bad. The job has gotten more complicated.

-Letter of resignation from Alma Jordan from Historic Preservation Advisory Board

Jass: Did a wonderful job. Did the Mr. Diggs project. She said she will stay involved.

Fitzpatrick: Agree. Diggs presentation was incredible. Worked with

the Coastal Service and the recognition of first post office.

-Letter of resignation from Keith Letizio from Recreation Committee
Jass: Deep regret. He's an energetic individual. Contributed a great deal. Overextended himself throughout the town to anyone in need. If there is a problem, he's right there. He will continue some of the projects he started.

Reminder to committee members - communication to our volunteers is essential. We need to take notes and keep everybody up to date.

Lord: Keith was instrumental in pushing things forward. You hate to lose someone like that.

Fitzpatrick: Keith started more programs in Rec than anyone I know and had more enthusiasm than anyone I know. It's a shame that he has resigned. His work on that committee has been recognized by many people in this town

Dillenbeck: I've had some heated conversations with Keith. He was much more energetic than I was. I tried to rein him in.

Templeton: I didn't get that email. I think we should table that and see if that was what he meant.

Jass: Being close to the situation with Recreation, numerous people have reached out to him. That doesn't mean that someone can't reapply and come back. Everybody in Recreation moves together as a committee and works together as a team. I accept with tremendous regret.

Lohr: Doug, what happens if the committee doesn't accept?

Heinold: Resignation is as of the date.

Lohr:

-Letter of application from Wayne Baxtor to be on Historic Preservation Committee He owns property, but is he a resident who could vote? He could be an associate member.

Jass: Reach out to Joe Bussler.

Fitzpatrick: He was invited to the last meeting with the hope he would come on as an associate member.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. FIELD OF DREAMS PHASE 1 UPDATE

Fitzpatrick:

-Agreement of the committee as to moving forward. Fields are ready for play, but we have to do some things. Soil was tested at Rutgers and we are waiting for result. DYSA was asked not to schedule until Oct. 1 to give us time for additives. Asking that only games- not practices- be scheduled and no other teams should play there.

Heinold: Discussed in executive due to contract. Two motions - 1. Litigation with the contractor. 2 Authorize Scott Taylor to seek bids. Phil McFadden is the new chair- asking that he list equipment that

would be needed.

McFadden: Some questions

Fitzpatrick: First month of games and practices will be held on other fields.

McFadden: Some games will be played in Delran then. Was there no soil testing done previously?

Fitzpatrick:

-Scott and Dave agreed that that original soil was perfect for soccer because it was sandy. Why a test wasn't done, I have no idea. Soil is 80% sand, rest is clay and...

Heinold: We are in an adversarial position with the contractor right now. Please talk with me after the meeting.

President of DYSA: When would Delanco take ownership of the field?

Fitzpatrick: Township will take it when the issues with the contractor are resolved.

DYSA: When can we line?

Fitzpatrick: Oct. 1.

DYSA: So we would have only games on Saturdays - no practices on the fields

Fitzpatrick: How many games are played at once?

DYSA: We don't control that schedule.

Jass: Who has the schedule?

DYSA: The league does that by the end of this month. Then the dates are firm.

Jass: We're saying that the use of the field to line or play is Oct. 1 and that is a firm date. Your terminology and ours are different.

DYSA: You need to have the striping done professionally the first time. We never really wrapped up Phase 1 as to these types of details.

Jass: As far as the internal aspects, DYSA has to work out with Recreation. We aren't involved with that as a committee.

Heinold: When Scott was asked about Oct. 1, the issues being asked about now weren't discussed. It's worth it to go back to Scott.

Jass: When you didn't use the field last year, did you use Delran's?

DYSA: Yes.

Jass: Then this is nothing new. Talking about communication, let the township know what your opening/closing and winning teams are.

DYSA: We have a liaison.

Jass: We're looking for an email. It is easier to disseminate.

2. REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF RENTAL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS -

11 UNITS AT ZURBRUGG MANSION (UNDER COUNTY HOME PROGRAM)

Lohr: County Office of Community Development inspects every year; county doesn't charge. I had our inspector look at the HUD inspection sheet. County office checks for smoke, carbon monoxide, etc. We

have other rental properties in town that come under the County Home Program, but don't get a waiver. These are fixed units, not floating. 5 Salt and Light; 9 for MEND (I missed one more) – all receive annual inspection – 45 units are annually inspected by the county. I asked Doug about our liability. We aren't required to waive.

Jass: I feel that not just these 11, but the other 45 -that we don't waive. We have our own inspectors and I am more comfortable knowing that our inspectors continue to do the inspection. I'm not inclined to waive this requirement.

Lord: I agree. I'd rather not rely on the county. I'd rather have us have control.

Fitzpatrick: If we waive, we would have to waive for the other 45. We need our own inspections to protect the tenant for safety.

Dillenbeck: Rentals are a business. If the situation were reversed and we weren't charging, but the county was, they would be at the county.

Templeton: Agree

Vote to not waive inspection passed unanimously

3. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR POSITION

Jass: Jennifer Savado (sp?), currently EMT and Deputy Coordinator – willing to take the position; available during the day to go to meetings, has training.

Lord: Is there another deputy?

Jass: Yes. If we approve Jennifer, we would have a Deputy position open?

Lord: It would be fair to reach out to the other deputy to be fair.

Dillenbeck: Bill just took another job. Jennifer is a former chief, fire commissioner. She's very capable.

Fitzpatrick: Agree to take Jen on. Bill agreed to take deputy position because I cornered him.

Jass: Bill, if you could keep your eyes and ears open to a new deputy.

Lohr: Has to be appointed by Resolution 2012-111

Motion passed with Dillenbeck abstaining.

4. CREEK ROAD REALIGNMENT STUDY ORDINANCES

Lord: Addition to master plan of Creek Road area with new road. Committee looked at zoning. Commercial lot on Newtons Landing stays commercial with a residential overlay. We're being proactive. Pg. 9 lists changes that township needs to modify. It is consistent with the master plan. September meeting.

Fitzpatrick: Was anything changes for Motor Vehicle?

Lord: Still state property. That changed 3/4 of the way through our review. It is still kept as an industrial zone.

5. VACANT PROPERTIES

Jass: Talked with Phil Goffredo- when windows break... what can we do

with different concerns to maintain value?

Fitzpatrick: I thought he was going to come up with something.

Heinold: Separate statutory scheme provides for establishment of list of abandoned properties. You need an ordinance, but then you have a list and the final solution is eminent domain. That would be a problem financially. Other solution would be to require them to fix it. Scott Taylor is looking at sample ordinances. Doug will meet with Scott.

Jass: We have several properties where our hands are tied. Our code enforcement officer says there is nothing for him to use in our code. There are programs for homeowners to use.

Fitzpatrick: Could it be added to our code enforcement ordinance?

There were things that Phil wanted to add. They are foreclosed. If we could just improve our code enforcement. If you live next to someone with their front clutter whether there is or isn't a resident, it detracts from your property.

Jass: Marie has sent notices out to people regarding programs. Kate, if you would let seniors know there is help available.

6. STATUS OF RIVER WALL STUDY

Denton: Oakford, Central and Edgewood – most serious. Photos show that once the surface corrodes, it deteriorates.

Jass: You had talked about composite sheet piling - \$105,000 What would you recommend at this time?

Denton: \$35,000 at east location. Not sure what DEP will allow us to do with the ones that have completely collapsed.

Fitzpatrick: Any federal funds available?

Denton: There are state resources, but we didn't get a response. Recommending doing the ones that are in good shape that only require repair with concrete and protective coating. DEP approval not required. Recommending - Maple, Lilac, Walnut, Hazel, and Willow.

Jass: Cost?

Denton: Engineering and construction and close inspection - \$3-4,000 at each location.

Jass: Can we have that in writing?

Schwab: We have no funds available. You are establishing policy – taking responsibility for the rest of them.

Fitzpatrick: It's easier to do repairs, but it's not a good idea not to address the issues. We got a complaint from a homeowner. We need to find out what DEP would approve. Would that cost?

Denton: Yes, \$5000

Templeton: We have an application in for Zurbrugg waterfront. Can we amend that? There are places where the wall is gone.

Denton: They prefer indigenous plants at that point.

Templeton: How do you blend that with private properties?

Denton: Would have to be coordinated with homeowners. Coating – homeowner may want to get that too.

Jass: Should we schedule a meeting with property owners who are adjacent?

Denton: It would be good to review whatever we are going to do.

Templeton: Good idea. Information should go out about your study and additional information regarding the various methods so people come to the meeting a little more knowledgeable about the situation.

Fitzpatrick: Along with the procedure that would be used in each area. All should be put in a packet.

Templeton: Next step?

Jass: Dave to put that information together. We're not saying we're doing it, but we are looking into it.

Fitzpatrick:

-Motion for Doug to negotiate with contractor re: field of dreams

Passed unanimously

-Motion to authorize Scott Taylor to get quotes for work that needs to be done to improve the fields.

Passed unanimously

Lohr:

-Does committee want me to contact Mr. Cherkis regarding waiver request?

Heinold: I will call him.

Submitted by Maureen Barrett

ADJOURNMENT