

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 September 10, 2012 started at 7:46

Present: Fitzpatrick, Lord, Templeton, Jass, Dillenbeck(absent)

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

Jass: Moment of silence for the victims of 9/11. Reminder that items from that day are on display in our lobby. Important to pass events of that day to our children and grandchildren

ORDINANCE 2012-10 AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE AT CHAPTER 10-19 GOVERNING "ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD" 2ND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ORDINANCE 2012-10 none

Passed unanimously

COMMENTS - PROFESSIONALS COMMENTS

Recreation Commission (McFadden and Lohr) New fee schedule for fields to maintain new fields and current fields. Tiered rating – nonprofit - 5% charge to that entity. Ex. Sports association using Field of Dreams – cost \$7.50/hr vs. Men's League from out of town – cost \$75.00. Group with 51% Delanco residents – Tier 3 charge. Non-resident youth groups Tier 4. Tier 1 – direct township Tier 2 – DYSA and Delanco schools.

Jass: You had this type of structure before

McFadden: Yes, updating it to be in line with Green Acres regulations.

Currently we charge a \$250 deposit for Babe Ruth and they get a key to the shed which is returned when they return the key and there is no damage. They have to show proof of \$1,000,000 liability insurance. Schedules will be done through Rec – posted at 7Eleven and Deli. Inspection will be done prior and post use.

Fitzpatrick: I'm confirming purpose is not only to comply with Green Acres requirements, but also to assure that fields and equipment will be utilized properly.

McFadden: That is one of the major reasons why we are approaching it at this point.

Fitzpatrick: Great idea.

Templeton: Green Acres rules are generating this. To charge a fee for outside organization, we can't charge any more than double what we charge for hometown. Further discounts are available for hometown organizations. We have the same outside groups/leagues each year. File should be maintained with insurance certificates to township clerk and Nancy Bray who handles claims through JIF. If you could incorporate that, that would be great.

McFadden: OK

Lohr: Clarification that RYSA would be comparable to DYSA.

Templeton: Fee goes to ?

Lohr: The money used can be used for any Rec programs. We are targeting maintenance on the fields.

DeSanto: How do they sign up?

McFadden: Online through Rec website. When they are approved, we will make a calendar and other groups can use slots that are left.

DeSanto: Keep me informed.

Jass: And Mr. Fenimore.

Resolution 2012-120 approving fee schedule amendments..

Templeton: Thought we were going to circulate this through DYSA and school first.

McFadden: DYSA will be the only entity at the new field at this time. We have an adult men's league using the other field. We will be at the next DYSA meeting and will attend school board meeting.

Jass: Up to the committee to put forth our resolution.

Resolution 2012-120 passed unanimously.

Engineer Denton:

-Rivers Edge – developer is working on punchlist items. He has been cooperative.

-Field of Dreams – phase 2 – no answer from DEP regarding sewer. Amended future service area – public hearing Oct. 9. Shouldn't be too long after that for approval.

Plans will be done by then.

Jass: Where is the meeting?

Denton: Freeholders

Jass: I was under the impression that they had done it.

Denton: No, Oct. 9

Jass: They anticipate not making any changes.

Solicitor Heinhold:

-Dunes – DEP suit – still in mediation – conference call on Wednesday – talk with judge on Monday. Court has a strict deadline on when they have to resolve so even if we are still in mediation, there will be a date set.

-Phase 1 contractor at Field of Dreams – their response was to ask for a meeting to resolve prior to litigation. One is being scheduled.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR Schwab:

-State has issued new best practices checklist – yes, no or n/a- we need a certain number of points to maintain our state aid. Staff is working on it prior to submitting to Township Committee. Needs to be submitted under CFO's signature by Sept. 28.

Law requires that it is discussed at one of our meetings, but the discussion can be done after that. They are asking about things in 2011. Communities that are least able to comply with this are the ones that will suffer. It's a stick with no carrots.

-State produces a user-friendly budget form. State form has a lot of information on it. I'm using the 2012 information to test it. In 2013 it will be optional, but in 2014 it will be required. If that happens and the form works, everyone will be able to understand it.

-Detailed report from the assessor.

Fitzpatrick: I didn't get it or last month's.

Schwab: Will resend. Might want to have him in and talk about the appeals process.

Mike and Thom got it, but not Kate or Marlene.

Templeton: It might be helpful if Joe did a public presentation too.

Schwab: You might want to meet with him first and then schedule that, but that would be good.

COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police

-Handicapped parking on Walnut Street – reviewed the area and found it to be appropriate.

-Approval for block party on Union on Sept. 22 3-8pm. Spoke with organizers regarding activities.

-Lighting issue – rear alley on Poplar –explained to resident that Township Committee has authority over lighting. I looked at it. There is more lighting in the alley than in front of the house. Given that there are two working lights there I didn't see the Committee approving that. Suggested that the resident get neighbors involved. Suggested spotlight closer to the alley in her yard. All the other alleys are lighted the way this one is.

Templeton: Why are they requesting?

DeSanto: Recent victim of crime.

Templeton: Any other history of crime in that area?

DeSanto: No

-Another issue – pedestrian crossing proposed. County agreed. Initially they are going to put up a sign. Thom had requested one in the middle of the street, but it is their road and they have denied Burlington Avenue in the past.

Jass: Haven't been down the Poplar alley. Are there garages where people would put lighting?

DeSanto: Might be sheds. This person has a shed with a light, but it is by the house, not the alley.

Fitzpatrick: One has a garage that just about backs up to the alley.

2. Public Works

-60 cubic yards of brush last month

-cut all township properties four times, four residences, and new field 4 times

-Put border around plaque at West Ave. Going to add mums around the border.

Going to add a little flower bed in front and kids can plant flowers every year. Meara family was pleased.

-Starting to get leaves out of compost site.

-Starting trimming trees at Newtons Landing – big project. Going to go in any day we can. There are over 300 trees. Did 14 the other day.

-Clean communities – boat club did a clean up on Hawk Island – 42 people - 1/2 ton of recyclables and trash as well.

-Met with Dave Denton regarding Hickory Street – took all the manholes up to Poplar. Found a half a channel of water – shouldn't be any. We didn't have any rain.

Roots 24 is doing a proposal on getting the camera to see in there. Water has to come out first.

-Clean up day- Dumpsters for metal, wood and for tv's and computers. 7-3 this Saturday 9/15. - no paint

Jass: Send photos of clean up to Marie for our website. Plaque at West End is very nice so far. Looks beautiful. Spread in the *Beverly Bee* and it will be in *Positive Press*.

Jass: Newtons Landing is concerned about snow and not getting curb to curb due to the trees. Is it mostly the older section?

Fenimore: Just off the circle- in there. When I get through brush pickup, I have October to knock it out. You have to take your time and do it right.

Jass: At Joint Land Use Board, new policy will stipulate when trees are planted for future development, root barriers will be in place and there will be a determination of what type of tree is planted. They should be umbrellaed.

Fitzpatrick: We decided that trees wouldn't be in the right of way between the sidewalk and curb.

Jass: If it's on the owner's property, they can take them down.

Fitzpatrick: A lot of owners have requested trees. In the future, the township can't afford to keep up with all those trees.

Jass: John should go to Shade Tree and voice your concerns

Fenimore: Yes.

Fitzpatrick: I don't know who changed the plan.

Jass: When the next developer comes in, we need to be cognizant.

Fenimore: We don't have a separate tree department.

3. Municipal Clerk

-Aug. 15 bids were published for solid waste collection. John may want to attend.

Oct. 17 bids will open in Edgewater with new contract for Dec.1. Edgewater Park, Beverly, and Delanco are sharing that service.

-Board of Health issue - report re: West Nile virus. First death in NJ - Burlington County resident. Residents are asked to check for standing water - gutters, even an overturned trash can lid.

-Tax bills to be mailed Sept. 14 - office hours for tax collector will be posted on the tax bill. Bright pink flyer to be mailed with the bill.

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Fitzpatrick:

-Bridge - contacted county because neighbors on Rancocas have concerns regarding digging and equipment - debris was floating down. Fishing lines were left out all night. County is replacing entire deck by November. Press release in *Burlington County Times*. County contact is having people check on the complaints regarding workers.

-Complaint from Riverwinds - fire department did a test and the water went through her property. Contacted fire chief and asked him to contact homeowners association.

- Ran into Congressman Runyan re: quiet zones on train line. He says there are no funds available from the federal government. Each one of the towns contributed \$1000 for survey. Waiting for reply for info regarding meeting.
- Hepatitis B shots – county will reimburse fire and emergency management – forwarded it to them, but they didn't use it. Will email chief and emergency squad.
- Article regarding student who won an award. Would like to invite her to a meeting to be honored.
- Seniors meet tomorrow. Been on crutches for 13 weeks.

Lord:

- August was quiet.
- Final rec concert held last Thursday. Great job on all of the concerts. They were well-attended.
- Question: Inspection for court – Wednesday, the 4th.
- Schwab/DeSanto: We're OK

Templeton:

- attended Dunes subcommittee meeting – very complex issue – litigation will be detailed.
- Went to Edgewater Park's meeting last week – they agreed to do a resolution in support of Delanco's West Avenue Nature Trails and compost area. The compost area is a significant cost savings for area towns like Edgewater Park.
- Attended Sneaker Sunday – Freeholder O'Brien was unaware that Delanco had any issue regarding dredging. With all of the emails that have been sent that way, she hasn't seen any of them.

Jass:

- Involved with West Avenue – Citizens for WANT – grassroots organization has reached out to Riverside and they will be doing a resolution in support as well. I had reached out to Beverly and they did a resolution. If you haven't been out there, I suggest that you go. It is amazing how many people go through there.
- South Jersey* magazine – May 12 – properties in NJ - Delanco has 5th lowest residential taxes for towns under 8,000. We're in the middle.
- SenHan transit – Burlington County transportation for seniors and handicapped individual. \$2.00 one way for a ride. Delanco is scheduled for Mondays – rides for shopping or doctors for example.
- Thanks to Recreation for the eight concerts. Looking forward to the rest of the activities this year.

Lohr: Two confirmations of bands for next year.

Jass: (Missed this)

CONSENT AGENDA:

ORDINANCE 2012-11 AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, SECTION 10-2 TO ADD SUBSECTION B(5) ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR *1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR OCTOBER 1, 2012

ORDINANCE 2012-12 TO "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP 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 OCTOBER 1, 2012

ORDINANCE 2012-13 TO AMEND "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO PROVIDING FOR AND DETERMINING THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES" (CWA) *1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR OCTOBER 1, 2012

RESOLUTION 2012-113 AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO LAUREL STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

RESOLUTION 2012-114 AUTHORIZING HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE AT 613 WALNUT STREET

RESOLUTION 2012-115 REFUNDING UNEXPENDED ESCROW ACCOUNTS

RESOLUTION 2012-116 REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

RESOLUTION 2012-117 SPECIFYING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES WITHIN DELANCO TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION 2012-118 SPECIFYING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES WITHIN DELANCO TOWNSHIP (CWA)

RESOLUTION 2012-119 A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE PROPOSED WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN (WQM) PLAN AMENDMENT ENTITLED: Burlington County Future Wastewater Service Area Map

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ACCOUNT AMOUNT

GENERAL \$1,177,547.16 PAYROLL 171,255.73 PUBLIC DEFENDER 191.50 CAPITAL DOG TRUST 419.84 TRUST 20,513.84 MCPL OPEN SPACE 28,396.07 RECREATION DEVEL 541.85 UNEMPLOYMENT FUND 90.00

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 8/6/2012

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

APPOINTMENTS – ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

Per Ordinance 2012-10: Janaki Khatri – Initial new term to 12/31/2014 Donald Letton – Initial new term to 12/31/2013

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA Passed unanimously

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS MEETING

Resident of (missed this): Commercial property to residential?

Heinold: three people from JLUB are being appointed to a subcommittee - status of property currently zoned commercial. Proposal is for zoning to be commercial and residential, but not to allow certain density. Subcommittee would be Thom, Mike and Kate unless JLUB removes one of its members in which case it would be Thom and either Mike or Kate.

Jass: We can't have a quorum on the subcommittee

Heinold:: Subject of a mediated agreement that governed all of Newtons Landing. It was to be commercial. That is an issue that we have to address. That is why JLUB wants us involved. Zoning doesn't reflect (missed this)

Fitzpatrick: Township Committee hasn't agreed to that change yet. I would really like to be on that subcommittee.

Jass: We need our COAH person, who is Janice and she is also a member of JLUB.

Heinold: I will talk to Dennis.

Jass: Members of this committee, JLUB and our professionals will be meeting with the developer. Township Committee hasn't passed any ordinance to make it residential.

Heinold: Board adopts the master plan and then the committee passes an ordinance.

Fitzpatrick: If that doesn't take place, does this advocate still have the variance?

Heinold: Still has jurisdiction.

Resident: For John Fenimore. Thanks for bringing the arborist. Why did you mow three residential lawns?

Fenimore: Directed by zoning officers and then there is a lien placed for the cost.

Resident: Mr. Rahenkamp's property hasn't been mowed since you made him. The land was to be brought back to its original state.

Jass: Directed residents to talk with Mr. Goffredo. When we approach him, he seems to have met the criteria.

Fitzpatrick: One of my concerns is why do we have to direct Mr. Goffredo to look at that property? How long can that continue to be a construction site? That time is done.

Heinold: Scott Taylor looked at that and sent him a letter.

Fitzpatrick: He said something about wildflowers. There aren't any. I will look for that letter.

Resident: For Mrs. Lohr, concern regarding West Nile - that pile of dirt is a health hazard. Could be stagnant puddles of water. Board of health needs to step in. Mr. Rahenkamp has proposed 600-1200 sq. ft. homes. Who lives in those homes?

Jass: Letter from Scott Taylor in June. PDF - can't open now.

Resident of Harlow: Came to Newtons Landing in 2005 - when this property was developed, it was supposed to be homes, an assisted living, and a commercial place there. Mr. Rahenkamp says it isn't feasible to have a commercial property there. What makes that man so special that whatever he wants makes an ordinance changed? The people at The Point are discouraged because they can't sell their homes.

Jass: I live there also. I was one of the first homeowners too. I well aware of that and the mediation agreements that have taken place. Before Creek Road realignment, there was more traffic and commercial would have been wonderful.

I'd love a restaurant or dry cleaning, but I would prefer residences to empty businesses like in the middle of town. I don't appreciate the weeks on the mound and tried to be diligent before being on council. We want to see that property developed to the benefit of the whole town. We're concerned about keeping our property values up.

Resident: Why is that restaurant empty? Because he raised the rent so high that no one can make a living there.

Jass: Don't know about his business.

Resident: Is it an asset to the community that he got the residences in The Point instead of the assisted living?

Fitzpatrick: Builder won a suit – he was allowed to build 360 units. Builders remedy suit. John Rahenkamp's property – if he wants to do something beneficial there...he stated that commercial wouldn't be viable long before Creek Road was done so in my mind that would never happen. He should put four homes like the ones in Newtons Landing. Smaller units won't be maintained. I have the same concerns.

Resident: We're not just dealing with commercial, but zoning.

(Not sure which TC person said this.) It takes all five of us to make a recommendation. I'm glad you came to JLUB. John Rahenkamp doesn't own Rivers Edge. There were three owners.

Fitzpatrick: John doesn't build. I would support commercial.

Jass: There are marketing statistics that determine how many cars have to go by.

Fitzpatrick: They could walk there.

Jass: And then Hovnanian is coming in.

Fitzpatrick: We have to stop giving the developers what they want.

Resident: When he comes in with the plans for those little houses, how are you doing to vote?

Jass: It doesn't come to us.

Heinold: He has a plan and he can pursue approvals for that. If he doesn't get it, he can appeal it. If the subcommittee develops a plan, that plans goes through the process.

Resident: Mr. Rahenkamp had a meeting at Newtowns Landing when the by-pass was going in; he wanted a variance for parking. He said if we didn't back him, that property would sit there for two or three years. If we backed him, he would do something with it immediately. That's the kind of man he is. I hope you have that backbone to stand up to him.

Jass: The only presentation I heard was when he came to Township Committee. I was not at the meeting at Newtons Landing.

Resident One: Conversations were held about commercial property – other over 55 communities have a commercial property. Maybe he can make it a park. Something needs to be done. When I moved in, I was hoping for the assisted living since my wife wasn't well. That could have helped a lot of people.

Resident of Delaware(me): I live on a one acre lot on a street of one acre lots. I live next to a mansion. The developer is going to pack every corner of that lot. It should have stayed the way it is right now. It won't look anything like what's around it. Just wanted the previous speakers to know they are not alone.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CORRESPONDENCE

-512 Union Ave – buckling sidewalk

-letter regarding a program we didn't qualify for.

-three letters of interest in appointments to various boards: Joint Land Use Board (alt 3) Matt Bartlett, Terry Hamlin as Deputy Emergency Management (Resolution 2012 – 121 Passed unanimously), William Baxter to Historic Preservation Advisory Board. All three passed unanimously

-Moravian Church request to place signs in right-of-ways for upcoming church fair. Zoning officer recommended that they apply for a waiver. Motion to waive passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. REQUEST FOR WAIVER AND REFUND OF LATE FEES FOR DOG LICENSES 2012-409 & 2012-410 (DUNCAN) Passed unanimously

2. FY 2013 NJDOT STATE AID PROGRAM GRANT *(This was all very difficult to hear with the fans, the air conditioning, and a quiet speaker. I did my best.)*

Lohr: Municipal aid – Bikeway, ...

Denton: Applied for Maple, but didn't get it.

Fitzpatrick: Resubmit.

Lohr: Applications due Oct. 16.

Denton: Pays for full construction, but not design or inspection. Bike Ways ...(Hard to hear)

Fitzpatrick: Burlington Avenue along Vine is a walking route for some students.

CBGH was for Coopertown, but it was denied.

Denton: Reapplied, but haven't heard. Sidewalks for the other side of Pennsylvania.

(I lost a fair amount here. Sorry) Oct. 1 agenda will have the resolutions.

3. PROPOSED HICKORY STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Denton: Should use TV camera first and see what the obstruction is before we do flap gates. Sewerage Authority is in agreement.

Lord to John: How will you get the water out?

Fenimore: Jet it out. Tree roots were the problem.

4. PROPOSED SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS ORDINANCE

Templeton: Delaware Valley Regional planning commission was working on model ordinance for solar. They were going through attorney review. I will look into the progress on that.

5. Implementation of Employee Years of Service Recognition Program.

Jass: Want to recognize our employees – some have been here 40 years. This program would be to purchase pins to award employees at five year increments.

Templeton: There are other ways to express our appreciation. The cost factor we heard.

Fitzpatrick: I think we do appreciate our employees and try to do that financially. I don't see the pins.

Jass: When we have a party for someone, it's a lot more money. It's an investment. People like to be recognized for what they do. I wouldn't have presented it if I didn't think it was a way of recognition and to say "thank you."

Fitzpatrick: I think we can recognize someone at a public meeting with a certificate. I don't see people wearing pins that way. I see women wearing pins that match their clothing and men and women wearing flags to honor our county. I don't see people wearing pins with a number of years they have worked here.

Jass: I'd like to wait for full council including Mr. Dillenbeck.

Lohr: Resolution needed for dog license refund previously discussed. Passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by Maureen Barrett