

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 November 19, 2012 started at 7:42pm

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; Mr. Fenimore, Superintendent of Public Works

****SPECIAL REPORT**** HURRICANE SANDY – Thom Lord, Deputy Mayor

-Response was exceptional. At the pre-storm meeting, Irene experience was valuable. Same set-up used then proved successful. The firehouse was set up well. Reaction during the course of the storm was exceptional and professional. 60 calls. More wind and less rain was received than expected.. One major catastrophe was on Poplar – injured person. House uninhabitable until wires were removed and structure was inspected. No other injuries. Mr. Fenimore and crew were the eyes and ears of police and fire. Well-run effort. Fantastic job. More issues with electricity – 17% out of power. There were issues in trying to respond to that. We will be trying to implement something going forward. Reverse 911 was used. Fire and EMS logged 932 man hours for the event – all volunteer hours. Congratulations to Bill and EMS for response. Police Chief scheduled more police to be on duty during the storm.

Desanto: We still had police operations in effect – two domestics. We learned from experience like that (storm). Tweaks for the next time.

Fenimore: It was pretty bad. We have to put some reflective tape on our barricades. We used all of our cones. Guys did a good job making sure everything was safe. So proud to go into the fire station and see everyone working together – so professional. The people in town don't even know what the people are doing up there. Jennifer came in at the worst time, but she did well. She has a good group of people who do their jobs.

Lord: Jennifer Salvado is the new Emergency Management officer. Post storm is where we see our problems. John's crew worked 12 hour+ days for 10 days in a row.

Fenimore: 37 trees.

Lord: There were another half dozen that people took down themselves. We lost a lot of trees. Hopefully we can get into a program to get them back. John's equipment had many hours of use. They will need service.

Fenimore: Chipper blade needs to be replaced. People have to understand that putting brush out in every direction holds us up. Things get tangled and our guys get hurt. People were putting big logs on top of brush.

Lord: None of us is used to a storm like that.

Fenimore: We made 3 months worth of chipping from the storm.

Lord: Jen will be providing us with a report and we will have all of the numbers and the fiscal impact. In terms of getting things back running, our employees couldn't have done it any faster or better.

Jass: Thanks to all of you. I was incapacitated during the storm. Janice as assistant administrator and Thom as Deputy Mayor did a great job. Delanco should be very proud of how this town operates.

Fitzpatrick: I dropped an air conditioner while trying to prep my house for the storm. I couldn't make the meeting. The next time I won't take the air conditioner out myself. At the senior meeting, not one senior had a concern about what happened that day. Everybody that worked that couple of days should be commended.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – HIGH POINT ZONING

Heinold: Front of Newtons Landing – 3 acres zoned as commercial. With Creek Rd. realignment, master plan at JLUB. Study issued by planning board would permit some residences – 9-14 units. Met with Craig Rahenkamp. We asked an expert on real estate to executive for various uses that have been discussed. My recommendation is to have Scott Taylor reach out to Craig Rahenkamp to determine standards that would satisfy concerns.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER – DELANCO CODE - SECTION 123-4 FARM ANIMALS

Randy Robinson-722 Laurel Street (continued)

Heinold: I don't know that we need to continue it. Did some research regarding code provisions for farm animals and zoning that is an outright ban. Conclusion is that committee wants to eliminate the ability for someone to come in for a waiver. Right now someone would have to come to us and then go for a variance from the JLUB. We should amend our ordinance to eliminate the necessity for coming to this board. Person would just have to go for the variance. You can deny this request or just table it.

Templeton: If that's the case, then the enforcement process starts.

Jass: Is it best to deny it?

Dillenbeck: Motion to deny ; Lord was the second.

Templeton: We're moving in this direction to protect the integrity of residential parts of town. This may come up again in terms of hens or chickens in smaller numbers. What bothered me was the number of animals. When people have more than two or three dogs, the noise can't be any more than two or three goats.

Passed unanimously.

Lohr: Motion to ask solicitor to draft a motion to adapt the code.

Motion passed unanimously

COMMENTS AND REPORTS: COMMENTS –TOWNSHIPADMINISTRATOR

-Budget proposals due Nov. 28 from departments.

-Beneficial Bank will be charging our account and reducing interest from .75 to .1%
Some of the things they charge us for are things we don't need. They provide more online service than we need. Bob Hudnell is working on that. Beneficial is the last bank to do this; everyone else was charging more sooner. Interest should be in the \$40-50,000 range. Now it's \$10,000; be prepared for it to be much less.

-Newtons Landing – snow removal plan – meeting with contractor

-Road services from (missed this)

-Revaluation – to meet the timetable, we need to advertise the request for proposal.
Receive bids first week of January – awarded second January meeting.
Motion passed unanimously

Denton:

-Nothing to report. Bids aren't ready for drainage.

Schwab: Some flooding on Hickory during the storm.

Fenimore: That's because Nelly's Pond wasn't full.

Heinold:

-Dunes – Two processes- Mediation – confidential with next session this month.
Litigation continues as well. We're in the discovery phase. Thanks to Mike in particular. He has put in an incredible amount of time gathering what was needed. If he hadn't done it, I would have had to or someone in my office would have had to. He has probably saved a couple thousand dollars for the town. Mike's no joke- it's color-coded. It's been a great help to me.

COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police

-Resolution for vehicle back to Fire for \$1. Full disclosure of a repair that was needed. We offered to split the cost, but the Fire Department assumed responsibility for the repair.

-From 4pm – 1 am on the day of the storm, we had 62 calls for service.

-Class 2 officers : For Oct. 93 - hours on patrol; usual schedule. Assisted with 36 calls for service; 5 arrests on their own; 8 traffic summonses; transported prisoner to county jail; Court security

-NJ \$1288 grant for body armor for officers.

-Drunk driving enforcement \$2,000+ for reimbursement on DUI

-Changing fees for those seeking soliciting permits. Currently they receive a laminated card that has a photo and indicates a background check has been done. Lanyard could be added – fee increased \$1.50 to cover lanyard. Card has to be displayed on outer clothing.

Heinold: We should look at when the fees were set. Sometimes they are too low compared to others.

Desanto: Usually comes up with the parade.

2. Public Works

-Township Committee received report on storm

-Had to close the Dunes until trees were removed from the storm

-Attended chain saw safety course in Edison – terrific. Energetic instructor. Will pass on what infor learned to the guys. Average chain saw injury is 154 stitches.

Fitzpatrick:

-\$13058 grant for tonnage. At the walk there were bags that showed the bottles and cans. Wondered if we could purchase for special events. People don't recycle because they don't know what goes in what container.

Fenimore: Went to recycling workshop. Presenter noted importance of marking recycling containers. It's all visual.

-Leaves seem a little bit light.

Schwab: Storm report. John is getting quotes on removal of stumps and repair of sidewalk. That's cash out - \$11,000. We have to go through normal purchase procedure because it isn't an emergency now.

Fenimore: Next step is an ordinance. Contractor has to call for a mark out. I want three pictures taken - from each side and straight on.

3. Municipal Clerk

-Rabies clinic was on Nov. 3 - light this year. 66 vaccinations. One animal had a reaction which the owners need to report to their vet. That animal shouldn't receive the vaccination again.

-Attended FEMA briefing meeting- Burlington County has been declared a disaster area. We meet with the FEMA rep tomorrow with our documentation. 75% reimbursement. Unlike past storms, they will reimburse overtime for 30 days. John and I will be working to recoup costs our town incurred.

Schwab: Overtime is \$10,000

Lohr: Still need quotes for sidewalks and stumps. Jesse took pictures. Contractors need to take pictures before the stumps are removed. Spoke with Jen about submitting volunteer time for those who manned command center.

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Dillenbeck:

-Congratulations to Mike and John on election. Thanks to Thom; he will be missed.

-Regarding Sandy - proud of people in this town. Power was out in Presbyterian Church - still had services. Little girl on Poplar had a birthday party without power. With Diane Allen and the mayor, distributed groceries. Everyone had a good attitude. Patrolman Norcross did an outstanding job helping EMTs.

Fitzpatrick: Update on person who was injured?

Dillenbeck: Cooper intensive care, but was recovering well.

Desanto: Paralysis should be temporary. Legs came back.

Jass: Services were offered to them.

Fitzpatrick:

-enjoyed reading minutes from library and rec.

-Attended author presentation at the library on Mt. Kilimanjaro.

-Attended Fire Commissioners meeting

-Attended DYSA - working on basketball. Fee schedule was presented. They were a little upset with it. Spoke with Steven Lohr also. Rough calculation - soccer 4 days a week and Saturday - \$7000. Phil indicated that fee isn't etched in stone.

Subcommittee will be formed. That's a chunk of change for them. It is just for soccer and doesn't include baseball.

-Seventh graders toured building Oct. 23. Thanks to Mike who was here. MaryAnn O'Brien was here. Kaufman led through police and Janice did an outstanding job for

Township Committee. Winners who will be here on Dec. 3. Selections of their speeches will be presented.

-Attended Living Springs ribbon cutting - 10 disabled families and veterans. Troy Singleton and Diane Allen and reps from Township Committee were present. Aubrey has a way of recognizing people who work with him. He really does get the job done. It's a testament to see what is out there.

-attended the Senior meeting. Dec. 11 – Christmas luncheon at Madison Café. Had speaker from Transitions who presented information.

-vacant properties – some legislature may go through. Abandoned properties law was amended. Mortgage companies would be forced to maintain or have liens put on them. Article was in the paper.

Lord: We could send letters up to our legislators in support.

Heinold: Difficulty with that process is the ultimate hammer is (missed this).

Model property maintenance code – will send to Phil. Trying to address concerns with abandoned properties.

Lord:

-Attended Rivers Edge HOA- tax assessor was here and did his presentation. Questions about picking up leaves when it gets designated. Concern is that retention basin is being used as a dog park. They will be cleaning all the dryer vents since they are all attached. HOA is paying for it to mitigate fire danger.

-Fall Fest success

-Attended library author event

-Attended 5K run

-Halloween change- appreciate everyone's help. Request for making it on a Saturday every time. Bobbi Behnke used her 911 to get the word out. No complaints about not doing it Nov. 5

-Joint Land Use – Hovnanian came in for completion. Board granted that. Expecting package to come in. Trying to get ahead of the animal issue.

-attended Library meeting– preparing budget

-Rec. –Patrick Brennon to Recreation Commission; Letizio alternate #2. Upcoming parade Dec. 1; Dec. 8 Carriage Ride (rain date Dec. 10) ; Dec. 15th Santa Around Town; Dec. 16 Gingerbread House building at the fire house. Go to website for details.

-School Board had their audit. Will scan and send. No findings on their audit. Will have holiday auction Dec. 7 through PTO.

-Mr. Tracy, will you let us know about the spaghetti dinner.

Tracy: Dec. 1 at Riverside Masonic Lodge 4-6:30pm \$10/person \$5/child to benefit the Stoney family. Hoping for 200 people. Reservations 461-5694 or 461-6074.

Fitzpatrick: You can make a donation if you can't make the dinner.

Tracy: Write check to Delanco Federal Savings Bank – in the memo section, write Stoney family.

Lord: School board has a new web site. If you have feedback, let the school board know.

Templeton:

-Can't say thank you enough to John and Jesse and their crew. Neighbors helping neighbors. Nice to be in a town that looks after each other.
- Thanks to Thom as the center of the op center at the fire house. He represented the government of Delanco. Thom does a lot of things. It's like an iceberg, you don't see everything he does. He's taken on a lot of gritty things that don't get your picture in the *Beverly Bee* or the *Inquirer*– contracts and dealing with businesses. The public doesn't see those things. Thom's contribution to this town is huge and his presence will be missed. What you've done has been appreciated. I appreciate it.

-JIF elected officers training session – dates and sign-up list will be mailed to committee and John. We get a credit back for attendance.

Fitzpatrick: I've received it twice.

Templeton:

-*New York Times* had a listing of the 97 fatalities from storm. Amazing how many were related to people falling down stairs when the power was out. Your own home can be as dangerous as being out under the trees. I will compile it and send it to police and emergency.

Jass:

-It's important to read the *Beverly Bee* and *Positive Press*. Articles regarding environmental issues and historical preservation.

-No trash collection until Friday – recycle then too.

Fennimore: Good fall fest this year. Best skits since I've been there. Rec did a great job.

Jass: Beautiful with the opening of the Dunes this year.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ORDINANCE 2012-15 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF A REAL ESTATE LICENSE WITH RESPECT TO BLOCK 903, LOT 9 *1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR DECEMBER 3, 2012

RESOLUTION 2012-135 AWARD OF CONTRACT TO SOUTH JERSEY SANITATION FOR 'HISTORIC RIVERFRONT NEIGHBORHOOD SOLID WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM'

RESOLUTION 2012-136 RESOLUTION TO EXTEND COMPUTER/NETWORKING SERVICES AND SUPPORT CONTRACT WITH FITZGERALD AND COMPANY

RESOLUTION 2012-137 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR ZONING MAP REVISIONS

RESOLUTION 2012-138 AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR ADMINISTRATION OF IRS SECTION 125 POP AND FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT PLANS TO FLEXFACTS – Colonial Life

RESOLUTION 2012-139 2012 BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS
RESOLUTION 2012-140 RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE TRANSFER OF
OWNERSHIP OF A 1998 FORD EXPEDITION TO THE DELANCO FIRE
COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION 2012-141 AUTHORIZING AND CONFIRMING SETTLEMENT OF
ENFORCEMENT OF PRIOR SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN MALIK LITIGATION

RESOLUTION 2012-142 PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM
OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO
N.J.S. 40A:4-87 CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1985) (Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund)

RESOLUTION 2012-143 PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM
OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO
N.J.S. 40A:4-87 CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1985) (Recycling Tonnage Grant)

RESOLUTION 2012-144 REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT
RESOLUTION 2012-145 REFUND LIEN HOLDER TAX SALE PAYMENT

RESOLUTION 2012-146 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO
EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH THE DELANCO POLICE BARGAINING UNIT
REPRESENTED BY THE DELANCO POLICE ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION 2012-147 AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE
WITH CONDITIONS FOR ZURBRUGG SITE STAGE ONE BLOCK 1202, LOTS 1.01, 1.02
& 1.03

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ACCOUNT AMOUNT

GENERAL \$ 1,100,728.78 PAYROLL 171,096.95 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT 561.25
DOG TRUST 380.00 TRUST 14,575.40 RECREATION DEVEL 62.00 MCPL OPEN
SPACE 17,890.46

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 10/1/2012 & 10/15/2012

APPOINTMENTS – RECREATION COMMISSION Patrick Brennan – fill unexpired
term as regular voting member to 12/31/2016 Keith Letizio – fill Alternate #2
unexpired term to 12/31/2014

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES – 2012-55 & 2012-56

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA Passed unanimously

Templeton: for Zurbrugg – reminded me that Redevelopment Agreement – they
were going to pay township \$25,000 for maintenance by public works of riverfront
lot. The agreement doesn't specify when they need to pay it, but it is still hanging
out there.

Lohr: Maybe Doug will take a look at that.

RESOLUTION 2012-148 AUTHORIZING MODIFICATON AGREEMENT WITH DELANCO SEWER AUTHORITY TO GOVERN COOPERTOWN SEWER LINE PROJECT
Heinold: Township and Sewerage Authority made an agreement on sewer line on Coopertown to encourage redevelopment. Fair share contribution was calculated. Developers are charged when they put in sewer. Problem is that the fair share wasn't coming in quickly enough. Sewerage approached us. We negotiated a fairer solution. Committee is going to bond to pay for a portion of it – not half. Any fair share fees that come in the future will come to the Township. It allows the Authority to not have to carry it.
Passed unanimously

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Resident of Harlow Place: Compliments for good job during the storm especially when you go through other communities and trash still isn't picked up. Attended meetings here run by sheriff's department. The information was overwhelming. What impressed and upset me was when we went to transportation center to see how a 911 call is handled. Then we were taken to the shooting range – impressive and expensive, but the simulator was broken. It cost \$78,000. Police need that. They are our best asset. Criminals have the best of everything. Would it be possible to see if there is a plan to approach big business or government to serve our police officers? They should have every advantage. I appreciate Jesse. I've known him since he was a little boy. He's a good man. We should see if there is some way for towns to help replace that?

Jass: Good idea. I'd like Jesse to help with that.

Fitzpatrick: We should reach out to the freeholders. We've paid over \$1 million in taxes to the county – over \$500,000 to the county library.

Jass: There are a lot of different resources we could explore.

Templeton: Jesse, have you used the laser simulator? Is it good training?

Desanto: Yes and yes.

Resident of Harlow Place: Resident for 42 years. Police and public works have done a great job. Under John they did a fabulous job.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CORRESPONDENCE - none

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

Denton: Last year we did Willow, but didn't finish. Could do handicapped ramps and aprons.

Fitzpatrick: We could complete what we had hoped to do there.

Lord: Rather complete what we have.

Denton: We check on amount available.

Lohr: \$65,000 Next meeting public hearing and resolution.

2. STATUS OF PROPERTY TAX REVALUATION/REASSESSMENT PROPOSAL

ADJOURNMENT (discussed earlier)

Dillenbeck: JIF money left? File of life cards? (something else I missed.)

Templeton: See Nancy. Meeting first week of December. We will make a priority list.

Submitted by Maureen Barrett