

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 April 15, 2013

Present: Fitzpatrick, Ciancio, Templeton, Jass, Dillenbeck

Also Present: Mrs. Lohr, Municipal Clerk; Mrs. Martin, Deputy Municipal Clerk; Mr. Fenimore, Supt. of Public Works; Chief DeSanto, Delanco Police

Moment of Silence for Victims of Boston Bomb Attacks.

Township Volunteers Recognized as Part of National Volunteer Week

2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET – PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 2013-65 AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL BUDGET READING BY TITLE ONLY

Passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2013-66 CONDUCTING ANNUAL BUDGET EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:4-78b

Passed unanimously.

Schwab summarized 2013 Budget Message. Township utilizing close to maximum state-allowed tax levy in 2013 to have a larger base in future years. Significant expenditures upcoming. The proposal adds \$164,500 (5%) to the prior year's tax levy which translates into a new local purpose tax rate of 70.4 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

HEARING OPEN TO PUBLIC.

Resident expressed concern about increased assessment in a poor economy. Another resident praised committee for keeping expenditures down. Resident asked for clarifications of budget items. Hearing closed to the public.

Dillenbeck thanked committee and township administrator for time and work. Jass appreciates projections out to 2016 and saluted committee, staff, and administrator. Templeton said remaining within state 2% limit is difficult. Ciancio said budget strives for balance in maintaining quality of life while keeping increase as low as possible. Fitzpatrick would have liked increase in assessment to be lower, but was convinced current increase will benefit township in future years.

ADOPTION OF 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION 2013-67

ADOPTION OF 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Passed unanimously.

COMMENTS - PROFESSIONALS COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

Township Administrator, Schwab:

- Report from assessor: 124 appeals pending representing significant revenue loss if all are successful. Appeals should be much lower after 2014 reassessment.
- Contract with Recyclebank ends Nov. 15; township needs to notify by Aug. 15 to avoid three-year contract renewal. Will ask solicitor to prepare notice of nonrenewal and put it on May 6 agenda.
- SJ Turf Consultants selected for turf maintenance of field of dreams.
- Hickory St. drains project – Consideration postponed to May 6 pending further information.

Police, Chief DeSanto

- Spoke about safety before senior citizens group.
- Bridge construction still scheduled for April 22 completion. Contractor will be fined if completion date isn't met.
- Has been trying to reach Verizon regarding requested access while bridge is under construction. Fitzpatrick will follow up on this.
- Presented report of Class 2 officer activity
- Thanked members of Public Works Department for assistance with an emergency situation.

Public Works, Mr. Fenimore

- Single-stream recycling put off due to cost.
- Residents need to separate plastic from paper when recycling.
- Worked on ball fields, collected 85 cubic yards of leaves this week.
- Clean up at the Dunes had 20 participants who collected 1/2 ton of debris.
- Installed 2 stop signs

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Jass:

- Attended Cleanup Day and Opening Day. Rec has completed summer concert schedule and will hold an art show. Rec preparing for Memorial Day parade. Summer camp starts July 8. First anniversary of West Ave. nature trails to be celebrated May 11. April 20: Astronomy night with Prof. Ed Devinney at the Dunes; rain date April 21.

Dillenbeck:

- Also attended Cleanup Day and Opening Day. Saluted DYSA for a wonderful event on Opening Day, lots of children and enthusiasm.
- April 27: Townwide Yard Sale.

Templeton:

- Litigation with state regarding Dunes continues. Decried litter and graffiti around town.

Ciancio:

Attended JLUB, senior citizens club. Library Board will select new offices at May meeting. BOE: School district performance is lagging compared with comparable districts according to state school performance report.

Fitzpatrick:

Also was at cleanup and cited quality of life issues in town. Joan Hinkle to be honored by VFW on April 24.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

No comments.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approved unanimously.

REPORT ON BID AND CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIELD OF DREAMS RESTROOMS/CONCESSION BUILDING AND OTHER VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE DELANCO SPORTS COMPLEX PROJECT/FIELD OF DREAMS-PHASE II, BLOCK 2100, LOTS 12 & 12.01

Schwab said Eagle Construction had lowest bid, \$329,514 plus \$15,850 for (missed this) totaling \$345,364. The township has sufficient funds from Phase I and II grants and Open Space funds.

Approved unanimously.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS –

Resident expressed concern about PROPOSED RESOLUTION SUPPORTING S-1396/A-1503 SHARING THE BURDEN OF PROPERTY APPEAL REFUNDS. Fitzpatrick shared the concern and said consideration was moved to May 6 when solicitor would be present.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PROPOSED RESOLUTION SUPPORTING S-1396/A-1503 SHARING THE BURDEN OF PROPERTY APPEAL REFUNDS

Discussion postponed to May 6 when solicitor is present.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by Maureen Barrett