

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 10, 2013

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

Also Present: Mr. Schwab, Township Administrator; Mrs. Lohr, Municipal Clerk; Mrs. Martin, Deputy Municipal Clerk; Mr. Noll, Township Engineer; Mr. Heinold, Township Solicitor; Chief DeSanto, Delanco Police

COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

COMMENTS - PROFESSIONALS COMMENTS

-Arguments before Judge Suter re: Dunes litigation – all issues will be dealt with in trial. Next Tuesday pretrial conference – trial following week should take 2-3 days. Our expert was head of Tidelands; their expert is with DEP. Focus is tidelands claim. Other issues may follow.

Noll:

-Field of Dreams – contractor given notice to proceed. Review on schedule, reviewing with Taylor Design Group. Contractor will submit permit request to township

-Hickory Street – Met with John Fenimore regarding the proposal. Noll will submit a proposal based on Fenimore's input.

-Maple Municipal Aide– proposal for engineering and inspection – recommending going another block to Burlington – money from state is there. Scope could be 50% larger than original project.

-USD (?) closure – when authorized, will hope to close out as soon as possible.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR Schwab

- Authorization for musical performance license in consent – as per copyright law for public contract.

Templeton: Wouldn't the performing entities carry that?

Schwab: They have their own. Radio stations pay performance license though performers pay. Doing this nation-wide.

Fitzpatrick: Is this new?

Schwab: Been around 40-50 years. They heard about the concerts at the marina and they called them. Copyright is copyright.

Templeton: Does this cover the school too?

Schwab: Within school, playing for parent is OK. If the school band is in the parade, would need this coverage. It's like the fee we pay for using software each year. If you bought the rights to use it, you still need to pay a yearly fee.

It used to be when you bought the sheet music, you were paying. Like books...doesn't cost 20 dollars to print; it's for copyrighted material.

Lohr: Recreation has paid for a license for the movie nights. Is this the same?

Schwab: Same concept but different organization.

Templeton: No whistling tunes around the building.

- Assessor– additional amount for reassessment in consent agenda
- Working on reimbursement for Field of Dreams from county and state.

COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police

- Cops grant completed and submitted – announced in October.
- Structure change – detective is covering shifts for now.
- Received stainless steel toilet for the cell. Good price; Public Works will install.

2. Municipal Clerk

- two special elections in August and October. Notified groups who use this room then that it will not be available.

- Burlington County Hazardous Mitigation – Meeting June 27 2-4pm to continue regional update. Chris Noll or someone from his office will attend on behalf of Delanco, Edgewater, and Beverly.

Fitzpatrick: Do we need to send anyone from Township Committee?

Lohr: I may attend as well.

Dillenbeck: I will attend.

Fitzpatrick: Got minutes from Ed Reynolds.

Fitzpatrick: Do the election dates interfere with our meetings?

Lohr: No

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Dillenbeck:

-Memorial Day Parade was nice. Saw Honor Flight on TV – fly WWII vets to DC for free. 80-90 WWII vets die every day. Several in town. Next year, I'd like to talk to Rec about having a float to have all of them be the grand marshals. I'd like our township to say thanks and pay them homage.

Fitzpatrick: Nice idea.

Dillenbeck: (to Tom in audience): What do you think?

Hildenbrand: Talk to president of Rec. We've tried a couple of vets as grand marshal. They didn't want to speak at Gateway.

Dillenbeck : (missed this)

Fitzpatrick: Ann Miller and Irene (missed this) just did a program on their service for the church. Many have been grand marshal, but you want to do them all together.

Dillenbeck: Will talk to Rec.

Templeton:

-Attended Environmental Advisory Board garden planting in Dunes. Made possible thanks to generous donation from a nursery of 60-80 native plants. 7-8 people helped. Rain should have helped them get a good start. They are at the entrance of the trails.

-Dunes litigation continues

-Memorial Day ceremony at Gateway Park – speeches were nice. Great weather.

Ciancio:

- Shade Tree - reviewing requests for tree removals.
- Joint Land Use – approved variances for Costume Gallery to use the two Jevic buildings. Friends of Cyrus, which provides adult care training programs, will be using building across from DOT. Program for developmentally disabled adults – max of (I think it was 20; could have been 25).
- Memorial Day Parade – right out of Norman Rockwell. Small town America well represented. One person was disappointed that fire engines didn't go all the way to Gateway Park. Some children were waiting. Maybe next year we can let people know that they will be turning so they can walk down.

Fitzpatrick:

- Memorial Day Parade – photo in Burlington County Times with online video. Speeches were very nice.
- May 27 – fifty years ago – dedication of town hall on Burlington Avenue
- Friends of Cyrus June 21 - 11-6 open house
- Didn't get three state grants
- Attended DARE graduation – fifth graders – program has gone on 20 years
- DYSA has two fundraisers – Rita's and Raceway
- performed four weddings
- attended community service dinner for Stanfield. Thought of events that a lot of us do. Sheriff had pages of volunteer work.
- Meet the Mayor day – Met two gentlemen from Colgate with concerns regarding lights on basketball court all night and lights on concession stands. They had questions about the incident on Delaware. We are on a gag order. They asked about assessment. Sept 14 is the next Meet the Mayor. Will be at the library.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS SESSION 1

Resident of Poplar: Gas tank in my house can't be shut off. When they did the curbing, the shut off valve was removed.

Fitzpatrick: Who needs to be notified?

Resident: I brought this up with old engineer who came out and said there was a little bit of a cave in on the drain. It's been two years. I want it on the record.

Fitzpatrick: I don't think it has anything to do with us.

Resident: You hired the engineer and contractor.

Fitzpatrick: Have you notified Public Service?

Resident: I was here when the old administration was here and they said they would take care of it.

Lohr: It was on the punch list but didn't get taken care of. There is no performance guarantee.

Fitzpatrick: I would call Public Service.

Noll: Contractor is hired by the town. They aren't allowed to touch the gas main. Public Service won't let them.

Resident: The people across the street did it themselves.

Noll: PSE&G won't let anyone touch the gas main.

Fitzpatrick: I will report it to PSE&G. Give me your number.

Resident: (gave number)

COMMENT AND QUESTION SECTION OF THE MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA: ORDINANCE 2013-7 AMEND ORDINANCE 2013-2 ENTITLED
PROVIDING FOR AND DETERMINING THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS
AND EMPLOYEES

RESOLUTION 2013-86 AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE
BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL PARK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION 2013-87 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES -
LICENSED SITE REMEDIATION PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR PUBLIC WORKS
FACILITY

RESOLUTION 2013-88 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-
MAPLE AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS (NJDOT LOCAL AID GRANT)

RESOLUTION 2013-89 AUTHORIZING MUSIC LICENSE AGREEMENTS WITH THE
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF COMPOSERS, AUTHORS AND PUBLISHER (ASCAP) AND
WITH BMI

RESOLUTION 2013-90 SPECIFYING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES
WITHIN DELANCO TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION 2013-91 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF
SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF
DELANCO AND THE DELANCO TAX ASSESSOR FOR HYBRID REASSESSMENT
SUPPORT SERVICES

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ACCOUNT AMOUNT

GENERAL \$ 627,352.84 PAYROLL 98,719.87 CAPITAL 552,622.34 PUBLIC
DEFENDER FUND 150.00 DOG TRUST 719.87 TRUST 1,645.75 MCPL OPEN SPACE
3,735.00

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORT

APPROVAL OF LOAN OF ARTWORK FOR AUGUST 10, 2013 EXHIBIT "Russ
Farmhouse" – Andy & Janet Roscoe

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 6, 2013 Executive, May 6, 2013 Public Session (Fitzpatrick abstained due to absence), May 20, 2013 Public & Executive
Passed unanimously

REQUESTS FOR WAIVER OF LATE FEES:

1. Rental Registration Late Fee for 6 Shad Court (Chris Gallagher)
2. Rental Registration Late Fee for 401 Illinois Ave. (Christopher Moyer)

Lohr: Received written requests for waiver of late fees. They forgot or were delayed in getting their registrations in. I reviewed files. They just didn't get around to it.

Fitzpatrick: I read their letters. Fees were due April 30.

Lohr: Each received their packets in the mail.

Ciancio: Why would we have a process for late fees, and then waive them when they are late?

Lohr: One had a problem with picking up his mail.

Lohr: My caution would be to see if there are extenuating circumstances.

Fitzpatrick: It's not their first year?

Lohr: No, they haven't been problematic before. They are requesting a waiver because they haven't been late before. We have others who are late and pay the fee without question. We will probably have another next month.

Dillenbeck: I don't see any extenuating circumstances. I make a motion not to waive late fee.

Templeton: That's the price of doing business. Check your mail.

Motion to deny waiver passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE – Lohr

-bikeway, safe streets, transportation enhancement grants denied .

-\$195,000 municipal aid was received.

Fitzpatrick: Letter from Donnelly extending grant until June 28th.

Noll: Scott is doing that.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS SESSION TWO –
no comment

COMMENT AND QUESTION SECTION OF THE MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. SUSTAINABLE JERSEY-ENERGY AGGREGATION

Fitzpatrick:

-only received one person who would be on Green Team from Shade Tree

-Hoped we would do resolution. We need enough people before we commit. June 13th is the cut off for this year. We have plenty of time to do this. Need more people. (asked Township Committee to ask the groups for which they are liaison.)

Ciancio: Energy Aggregation – County Freeholders with Bridge Commissioners propose Community Energy Aggregation – bulk purchase for residents and

businesses at reduced rates. We would need to do a non-binding letter of interest by July 1. I recommend that we send the letter of interest for more information. Motion to send letter passed unanimously.

Lohr: Will take care of the letter.

2. POLICE OFFICER HIRING STATUS

DeSanto:

-nine applicants – have almost completed doing background investigations. Goal to present two names by the end of June. Ten officers will improve officer safety. There is a price on public safety. Two more officers will allow us to be ahead of the ball instead of chasing it. Would like to ultimately get to twelve. Working with Richard on numbers.

Fitzpatrick: Give info to Richard for circulation. We're all in agreement on two officers.

Dillenbeck: Proposal – Emergency Squad has a dual response agreement with Delran. Have you considered that with surrounding towns.

DeSanto: Common practice – we're doing that now. You have to depend on the other communities not to be tied up when you need them. Hard for officers from other communities to know your streets.

Dillenbeck: I would like to thank the officer from the other town when we are able.

DeSanto: Sent officers' letters out already.

Schwab: For the record, it appears that we will be \$80,000 over planned budget. We often have that as surplus, which we keep for things just like this. Next year, it will put us several hundred dollars over cap. State law will require a referendum. Will work with Jesse and the auditor to start planning for that. For first February meeting, you need to say that you intend to have a referendum. Adopt budget in March. State tells us the date of referendum. Cost involved has to be in the referendum. If approved, you adopt with those numbers. If not, you have to amend the budget to cut elsewhere or not continue with the additional funding to police department. Community needs to know this in advance.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by Maureen Barrett