

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 October 21, 2013

Present: Ciancio, Templeton, Jass, Dillenbeck, Fitzpatrick

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

COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

-Expects preliminary budget numbers a week from now.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police

-Community Day – bicycle helmet give-away; registered bicycles

-Fall Fest

-Take back prescriptions this Saturday – email blast – between 10-2

-Looking into Stop sign at driveway leaving the Field of Dreams at Mr. Fenimore's suggestion.

-Rivers Edge – need additional parking signs prior to acceptance of streets in reference to conversation about parking spaces in the plan. Will be working with Mr. Noll's office.

2. Municipal Clerk

-Annual Sat. 11/2 10-12 at Public Works garage Rabies Clinic

-Table at Community Day – focus on getting people signed up for reverse email to promote electronic communication – several signed up – band given out glows in the dark

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Jass:

-Rancocas Conservancy – brought back info for Rec

-Attended Community Day with Rec – thanks to fire house for hosting

-Tricounty Economic Summit hosted by Burlington County – panel discussion on research based economies in South Jersey. Honored county organizations and businesses with outstanding achievement.

-Fall Fest – day and evening event – steady flow of people all day – two bonfires and refreshments. Prizes given to Delanco families

Dillenbeck:

-Sewer Authority – no increase anticipated in budget

- Community Day – thanks to Dietz and Watson – 500 hotdogs. Compliments to Chief DeSanto for registering bicycles
- Attended 5K and Fall Fest as Emergency Management. Handled very well. Lots of work went into it.
- 6-7:30 voting at fire house tomorrow for fire truck. Commissioners already have the down payment. Won't affect rate. Will replace a 20 year old vehicle- parts not available.

Templeton:

- Seniors Meeting
- Community Day with Environmental Advisory – visitors to table made comments about dogs and people not picking up after them
- 5K run –
- JIF meeting – dispersing material to departments
- Wellness Day – Nov. 8 11-1 Nancy Bray and JIF coordinator – speakers – short talks – blood pressure screenings, etc. Really for township employees – can bring their families. Lunch will be provided for employees.

Ciancio:

- Library – goal is recognition efforts for library's programming. Outdoor sign's shrubbery has been removed. Much more visible. Events are planned - Community Day, Boscov's Friends Helping Friends. Photo Contest. Website has been improved to get info about events out.
- Community Day – Chief DeSanto's table most interactive
- 5K Run – well-organized, increase in number of runners.

Fitzpatrick:

- Plaque to Delanco for Pet Aid – Pet food pantry collection
- article in *Burlington County Times* – letter to editor regarding property taxes in Westampton. People are upset because their township committee doesn't keep them advised. Referred to Delanco's website as "professional" and informative. Thanks to Janice, Kitty and Marie
- Attended Seniors Meeting – member sung some Sinatra.
- Seventh graders were here prior to their mock election
- Community Day – great event
- 5K – more people this year.
- Fall Fest a great event as well.
- published thank you in *Burlington County Times* to thanks all fire, EMS, Emergency Management, and residents who supported efforts to fight the fire at Dietz and Watson.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS SESSION ONE

Resident of Delaware: Concerned about ordinance that may restrict my parking at my house. I'm asking you not to restrict the number of cars a resident may have – have heard 2 cars and 2 guests. Often have more than that. Right now I have three cars.

DISCUSSION ITEMS moved to discuss at this time:

*REVIEW OF DRAFT PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING
ADJOURNMENT

Fitzpatrick: I have a problem with the number of vehicles. It shouldn't be two and two for visitors. I have five or six visitors at times.

Dillenbeck: Take residents that reside on those streets. Give them a couple and ten visitors. People who live there should get a free sticker. That allows police to know who is there. Police won't have to handle payment for permit. They are already overburdened.

Templeton: Chief, do you have a problem implementing this?

DeSanto: Thought of hang tag, and have moved on to a sticker for residents.

Whatever we implement – should be the same for visitors as residents. Permanent stickers would go on rear windshield and are reflective.

Fitzpatrick: Thought it would be on the mirror, but that makes sense.

DeSanto: Visitor pass – we'll deal with it. Trouble keeping track of them. If they are handed out, there isn't control.

Ciancio: Are you suggesting stickers for visitors?

DeSanto: Yes.

Jass: Like a beach tag. If I buy for the summer, I have to carry the pass. Residents should have sticker all the time. Can be responsibility of resident to have the sticker put in the car.

Fitzpatrick: Seems cumbersome.

Templeton: Both residents at the ends of the blocks have extended families and those who come to visit. If regular family had a sticker, how would that be, Mr. Walsh?

Resident: We are restricting and hurting the people that live here to restrict who can park at your house. This started to stop parties happening at the end of the streets on the river and that is still needed. The police are doing a great job. I could call in when I have guests.

Jass: Do you realize that now those signs make it illegal to park there?

Resident: How many years has it been like this?

Fitzpatrick: Maybe since at least 1970.

Resident: Used to be lovers' lane and drag racing in the street. A friend of mine got killed over there.

Fitzpatrick: If we extend to a larger number of guests – say to 10. If they have additional guests, they can pick up more passes.

Resident: If you stick a sticker, you will never get it back.

Jass: You can call in to the police.

DeSanto: Officer is going to expect to see something. If two of his guests leave, and two different cars pull up, we won't know they aren't in that house.

Fitzpatrick: I'm thinking about a paper pass.

Ciancio: Residents will have sticker. We're really talking about visitors.

Ciancio: Residents should request the number they need.

Schwab: Could be tied to the address.

Resident: If I put a copy of a piece of paper and say this vehicle is at 701 Delaware, then you know that's the vehicle that's here.

DeSanto: You would have a visitor's pass instead of that.

Ciancio: If we have an official form, that would be better. The question would be if you had a party during the time between 9pm and 8am.

Dillenbeck: I like the idea of small card.

DeSanto: Half sheet of paper. It may be missed at times.

Schwab: Let chief decide how to handle it. He can experiment and work with the neighbors.

Fitzpatrick: I don't think there should be a restriction on the number of permits. This has worked in town for a number of years. It's never been a problem with parking for residents down there. I think we should give the benefit of the doubt for the residents. Let them get the number they need.

Ciancio: We could accommodate it based on request. The dilemma is allowing visitors there.

Lohr: How about :a permanent permit shall be issued for each vehicle"?

Ciancio: Everybody won't need ten.

Resident: Your business may have several cars. You may not always drive the same one home.

Ciancio: Most people would have two or three cars.

Fitzpatrick: I think they should have the number that they need.

Dillenbeck: I say "as requested."

Resident: "Operated" is the question.

Fitzpatrick: Visitor permits may be issued

Resident: I would request the maximum number of visitor passes.

Lohr: "Each residential unit on the affected streets"

Resident: Unfair to people behind me. There isn't enough parking there and they are parking on the street too sometimes.

Ciancio: Seems that the easiest thing would be to have parking on one side and not on the other. I don't know if we can accommodate having non-parking for people we don't want. I'm wondering if we are able to accommodate all of those obstacles.

DeSanto: We're making an exception for the residents.

Fitzpatrick: On the side streets only

Somewhere in this discussion I asked about people who live in the middle of the block and stated that they should have the option of guest passes too. They too could have overflow from a driveway. The ordinance only grants parking to addresses on or directly abutting the side streets. If I have missed anything here, I apologize. It's hard to talk and type at the same time.

DeSanto: We're doing them a favor by adjusting our ordinance. People have managed thus far. The reasonable way is to give out visitor permits. Residents can't use them as full time parking.

Ciancio: That's right. We're trying to have no parking, but residents and their guests will have unlimited parking.

Templeton: It's the physical layout of those blocks. Two residents have limited parking. The Delaware River is an attraction and a nuisance at times. We're trying to solve most of the problems.

Fitzpatrick: The changes we've made will accommodate that. If someone on Second Street has a problem, we'll have to deal with it.

DeSanto: No reason to have a one night parking.

Fitzpatrick: Resident parking and a visitor's pass. Everyone OK with all of the rest?

Ciancio: It's illogical to have no parking and allow unlimited parking by residents. Why not have one side parking and one side not parking?

Fitzpatrick: We're trying to deter youth from raising havoc. Mickey has a huge house. He has a big family. This is just discussion. First reading November meeting.

Jass: Richard, what have other towns done?

Schwab: Haddonfield restricts parking. Zoning got involved. You didn't get any permits with off-street parking. Cherry Hill does it around the high schools - residents have unlimited. Residents come and get whatever they need. Guests not an issue since it is daytime.

DeSanto: How do they handle guests?

Schwab: The residents call in and it's a major issue- there can be calls for 100 locations for guest parking.

DeSanto: We hadn't enforced no parking when there was no one on the river. Normal parties disperse around the time of that sign.

Schwab: Haddonfield caught burglars with their parking ordinance. That was its purpose. They had 160 burglaries a year.

Fitzpatrick: Can we send it (ordinance) to Township Committee?

DeSanto: I am uncomfortable with unlimited number of guests. Not comfortable giving you (resident) enough visitors passes for the whole street.

Templeton: If you are having a party - call the chief.

DeSanto: An advance Christmas party, you would know it advance.

Fitzpatrick: Permanent passes should be upon their request. Guests - give them 10. We will need to have residents who have issues call the chief.

Schwab: Janice can put it on by itself so you can vote to put it on first reading.

Ciancio: I don't know why we are doing an ordinance if it was working before.

Jass: This came up with the mansion.

Fitzpatrick: Mansion is fine with no parking there. They would prefer it. They have a feeling that the townhouse residents won't want other people there.

COMMENT AND QUESTION SECTION OF THE MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

RESOLUTION 2013-115 AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE NJ
 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECT FOR MAPLE AVENUE MUNICIPAL
 AID GRANT PROJECT
 PAYMENT OF BILLS
 ACCOUNT AMOUNT
 GENERAL \$26,263.68 PAYROLL 57,467.29 TRUST 2,260.25
 MCPL OPEN SPACE 4,344.20
 Passed unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE - none

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS SESSION TWO -
none
COMMENT AND QUESTION SECTION OF THE MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting Nov. 18th

Submitted by Maureen Barrett