

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 18, 2013 started

Present: Ciancio, Templeton, Jass, Dillenbeck, Fitzpatrick

Also Present: Mr. Schwab, Township Administrator; Mrs. Martin, Deputy Municipal Clerk; Mr. Noll, Township Engineer; Mr. Heinold, Township Solicitor; Mr. Fenimore, Spt. of Public Works; Jesse DeSanto, Police Chief

ANNOUNCEMENT AND INTRODUCTION OF WALNUT STREET SCHOOL STUDENT ELECTION WINNERS

****OATH OF OFFICE for students****

Fitzpatrick summarized students' speeches.

*****SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO DR. MYRON HALPERN*** Presented**

by the Delanco Recreation Commission in recognition of his service to the community. Dr. Halpern, former head of anatomy department at Hahnemann Hospital, involved in NASA's space program, host of radio show, Camden County College dean, retired 25 years ago. Became an accomplished artist. Enrolled at Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. Started community art lessons in Delanco.

Halpern: Started program ten years ago. Started in Walnut Street School Library with 15 people; went to old township building next. Presbyterian Church was used for many years. Finally, Newtons Landing club house was used and is at present. Tremendous amount of hidden talent in this township. As good as what is done by first and second year art students. Hope we can continue for ten more years.

Fitzpatrick: Attended several art exhibits. Residents' artwork is marvelous. Thanks to Marvin for his service

COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

COMMENTS - PROFESSIONALS COMMENTS

Heinold:

-No decision on Dunes litigation yet

-Request for info which includes executive session of Nov. 21 2007 minutes to be released.

Passed unanimously

Noll:

-Field of Dreams – building is in the process. Sewer installed. Waiting for NJ American Water. Delayed from original date. Expect completion by mid-December. Hoping for updated schedule this week.

-Rivers Edge - developer asking for performance bond release. Issue with striping parking spaces. Met with Chief on site. Want to make signage clear for when Chief enforces. Asking developer to put signage up in lieu of striping.

-Maple Ave. in progress – completion mid-December

-Crossings at Delanco – easement available for landscape easement to save some trees. 751 will give us access into the site for the train station.

-TOWNSHIPADMINISTRATOR

-Assessor's monthly report

-\$21,265 dividend from Joint Insurance Fund– asking for authorization to apply against 2014

assessment.

Motion passed unanimously

-Rivers Edge – meeting regarding snow plowing – issue arose from fire department regarding pods in the streets. Only issue holding us up is the signs. Some direction required.

Fitzpatrick: Another issue – along the fence, grass isn't taking. Before performance bonds are released, needs to be addressed.

Heinold: It's been a while since I (missed this)

Fitzpatrick: Met with HOA and manager – they suggested that builder's landscaper does the work that needs to be done. No water out there. Doug, can you touch base?

Heinold: Talk with Chris first

Noll: Can have separate bond for grass. Don't usually hold performance bond for grass at this time of year.

Heinold: Does builder have an active request for bond release?

Noll: Punch list stops the clock.

Schwab: We couldn't do anything about pod in the street because we don't have authority. Need to know before it snows.

Noll: Should have report by the end of the week. We can go from there.

Heinold: Could do a Title 39 – (couldn't hear the rest)

Fitzpatrick: Touch base with Jackie.

Noll: I will and check on Title 39.

Schwab:

-Hoping to have preliminary budget for next meeting.

COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police

-Oct. - 509 calls 30 investigation 17 arrests.

-Prescription Take Back – 54 pounds collected - in spring, have to use clear box. Helps the residents.

-Attended class on reverse 911- new vendor – anticipate three weeks –

-Class Two officer on weekends as additional officer

-Rivers Edge – meeting with manager on Monday – key point is establishing communication regarding parking area. HOA should send a letter that states where parking is allowed. Hoping to resolve issues regarding parking that may arise through communication for a smooth transition.

-Edgewater Park sent a letter of thanks for assistance of our officers after fight at Plaza. Nesbitt and Hoffman were named. Quick response, aided our officers, stayed the longest and provided most help to our officers.

2. Public Works

-potholes filled

-Field of Dreams – sprinkler leaking – contacted contractor

-replaced two stop signs

-36 tree stumps through grinding and filled the hole and seeded; lots of stumps from last year.

-5 trees on Maple removed and 4 stumps there.

-removed 11 trees as per Shade Tree Commission

-lines were painted through shared service

-leaf pick-up has started - should be moving more quickly due to the weather.

3. Municipal Clerk

-annual rabies clinic was held 100 dogs and cats were vaccinated.

-Reminder that the township has ended contract with Recycle Bank as of Nov. 15. Encourage everyone to continue to recycle. Great for the environment, and saves a lot of money in landfill

fees. Amount of points being redeemed vs. cost of Recycle Bank wasn't cost effective.
Fitzpatrick: Can redeem your points for twelve months. Contact office with questions regarding redeeming points.

Lohr: Those registered should have received an email. Can continue with Recycle Bank on an individual basis, but not through the township.

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Jass:

-Attended RiverRoute Advisory Board– presentation of strategic plan, which has been emailed to TC. Conversation regarding jughandle on 130 and Bridgeboro. Survey to see where people are working and what transportation is needed. Big D Marina – county looking to acquire for Pennington Park – environmental contamination problem. Discussed energy and sustainability as well as pedestrian dangers on 130. Discussed senior transportation. Want youth input.

-Attended Joint Land Use Board – New company where Jevic is – buys cars at auction and rehabs them there – no retail.

-NJ collective bids for electric and gas – can opt out, but recommend that we don't. We have saved money.

-Coed adult league basketball – Sept- June and volleyball at Pearson. All posted on Rec's website.

-Attended Wellness Fair – will leave to Mike since he worked on it with Nancy. Fountain was a fruit fountain. Suggest it is done next year.

-Recreation events – many coming up.

-Best Decorated House Contest - \$100 and \$50 prize – Dec. 15-20. Details on website.

-Santa Parade Sat. Dec. 7 6:00 @ Pearson and parade to Firehouse. Carriage Ride tickets available at \$5 each. Please bring a canned good.

-Dec. 8 Gingerbread House building –call township to sign up or go to Rec. Website

-Dec. 14 Carriage Ride 6pm - 8:15pm Presales at Santa Parade and John Brown Jewelers.

-Dec. 21 Santa around town on fire truck

-Letter from Riverside –Dec. 15 at 5:30 Scott Street to firehouse. Delanco committee is invited to Christmas in Riverside – triple town

Fitzpatrick: Will reply and let them know who will attend.

Dillenbeck:

-Attended fire commissioners meeting – approved new truck

-Attended fire meeting –

-Went out to Abundant Life and met residents

-Election – I won

-Attended Wellness Day as EMT - fantastic

-Attended Veterans ceremony – moving

-Attended Sewer meeting – approved budget – no rate increase

-Happy Thanksgiving

Templeton:

-Congratulations to Bill and Kate on reelection

-Thanks to Keith Leitizio for running for the open seat. Interesting looking at school board election – 27 people written in . Lots of things to be involved in.

-Thanks to parents and students for being involved this evening.

-Wellness Day – Healthy employees are increasingly important. Burlington County Joint Insurance Fund was involved. I'm the liaison to that board. Nancy Bray takes that on as an additional duty. She did the lion's share of planning and organization – put together a great day. There was food. Cooper Hospital, Dr. Brady, Burlington Health Department and others

participated. Hoping JIF will continue to fund. Very successful day. Thanks to Chief DeSanto for allowing Nancy the time to put it together. Thanks to Janice, Kitty, Marie, and Carol and Public Works staff for helping out.

Ciancio:

- Welcome to our student committeemen and women – hope you are elected some day.
- Delanco Library will be selling Delanco Photo 2014 calendars. Preorder at the library by 12/6. Cost is \$15.
- JLUB – approval of Drive Time Car Sales lease of Jevic for warehouse and distribution center – no retail.
- Attended Health and Wellness Fair.
- School Board meeting – students recognized for respect. Superintendent reported on targets. Delanco didn’t meet goal for language arts (missed exact number, but score is in the 40s and the requirement is in the 60s) Did meet math target. Audit complete with no recommendations. PTO reported on events. Other reports were also presented.

Fitzpatrick:

- Attended fire commissioners meeting – pleased that truck was approved
- two weddings
- Attended spaghetti dinner for fire department
- Attended Eagle Scout court of honor for Lucas Wagstaff who worked on the park at The Dunes
- DYSA – presentation for portable defibrillator
- Attended Health and Wellness Day –
- Lunch with veterans at Living Springs.
- Attended Veterans Day ceremony at Beverly National Cemetery. Speaker was woman from the Navy.
- Attended senior meeting. Program on history of businesses in Delanco and Riverside. 2014 trips to Newport and Block Island; also Hudson Valley are planned.

Students were asked for their comments:

- Work on getting more books for the library and make the school larger
- Basketball courts could be kept cleaner so we can practice
- More books for Walnut Street for language arts reading
- Walk area on Hawk Island

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS SESSION

ONE - none

COMMENT AND QUESTION SECTION OF THE MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTION 2013-117 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF OUT OF SERVICE/OBSOLETE OFFICE AND COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

RESOLUTION 2013-118 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) (Bullet Proof Vest grant)

RESOLUTION 2013-119 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) (NJDOT Municipal Aid grant- Maple Ave.)

RESOLUTION 2013-120 RESOLUTION TO CANCEL AND REFUND INTEREST PAID ON TAX OVERPAYMENT FOR 3RD QUARTER 2013

RESOLUTION 2013-121 RESOLUTION TO REFUND DEDUCTION FOR DISABILITY GRANTED FOR YEAR 2013

RESOLUTION 2013-122 RESOLUTION TO CANCEL 2013 TAXES BALANCES DUE TO TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30a&b

RESOLUTION 2013-123 RESOLUTION TO REFUND 2013 TAXES OVERPAYMENTS DUE TO TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30a&b

RESOLUTION 2013-124 RESOLUTION TO CANCEL OUTSTANDING CHECKS FOR MUNICIPAL COURT

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ACCOUNT AMOUNT

GENERAL \$786,761.81 PAYROLL \$146,016.94 ACCUM ABSENCES \$1,309.74 PUBLIC DEFENDER FUND \$150.00 TRUST \$3,268.84 GATEWAY PARK BRICK\$ 64.00 MCPL OPEN SPACE \$60,609.05

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 10/7/13 & 10/21/13 2

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2014 PROPOSED MEETING CALENDAR DISTRIBUTION

Lohr: Proposed dates for 2014 meetings. Take a look and we can look in December. Need reorganization as soon as possible.

Fitzpatrick: January 6 for reorganization

Dillenbeck: Commendation to Chief DeSanto for officers providing emergency medical assistance.

Fitzpatrick: Thanks to students, parents, and Mr. Shields for participating in program.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by Maureen Barrett