

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 meeting October 20, 2014 started at
Present: Ciancio, Templeton (absent), Jass, Dillenbeck, Fitzpatrick
Also Present: Mr. Schwab, Township Administrator; Mrs. Lohr, Township Clerk;
Mrs. Martin, Deputy Township Clerk; Chief DeSanto, Delanco Police

RESOLUTION 2014-10 AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF POLICE OFFICER -
HARRY WELCH – holding off until the officer completes (missed it)

RESOLUTION 2014-108 AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF POLICE SERGEANT
– ERIC HOFFMAN

DeSanto: In 2005, Officer Hoffman attended the academy and had me as an instructor. Became Delanco's DARE officer and acts as a role model. In 2011, he was given the detective assignment and has done double duties in the past year without complaint. Worked the road and as a detective – not easy to do.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

COMMENTS –TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

- Assessors report received
- Budgets due by November 12
- Email from engineer – due to rain they won't pave Washington until next week

COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police

-received letter in reference to street light request for Goucher and Memorial; officer checked area. All of the streetlights are on the Beverly side. There have been no accidents in the past three years though it is dark. Not any darker than Colgate. Streetlight is 6-7 houses in.

Jass: In spring and summer, trees are more of an umbrella and you don't get as much light.

DeSanto: It's Beverly street light so we don't have much say.

Jass: Better visibility in the winter?

DeSanto: Could check again, but I don't believe it will be much of a difference.

Fitzpatrick: What's the procedure? We request from Public Service.

Schwab: Yes, and we pay for it.

Fitzpatrick: Residents concerns are valid. They have children

Jass: Consider signs up that say "watch our children." Can we put it on the agenda for next month?

DeSanto: Colgate at West Avenue

Dillenbeck: Find out what the light is going to cost. There are other intersections that are kind of dark.

Jass: Kate, wasn't there a list when we were looking at changing the lights? Mike had a list.

Fitzpatrick: I don't think Mike did anything with streets that didn't have lights.

DeSanto: It's not that there is no light; it's on the other side of the street.

Fitzpatrick: If they upped the amps, it might help. We would have to ask Beverly. We will discuss.

2. Municipal Clerk - none

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Fitzpatrick:

- History Board had display at Community Day on Fitzpatrick decoys. They are going to put that in the library in November.

- Attended senior meeting – Meals of Love speaker – need donations of food or money. Very successful. Provide a meal once a month to people who need a healthy meal. Seniors will be meeting at Dobbins as of November. Presbyterian church is closing December 31. December senior meeting at Madison for \$15/person.

- Mock election is Friday. Ordered some things through Nancy that Women's Club will pay for. Will Eric be doing the tour? Kids liked him.

DeSanto: yes

- Oct. 25 5K Women's Club – Can officers put up the no parking signs on Rancocas and Orchard?

DeSanto: Yes

Fitzpatrick: Already talked with John about what he has to do. Part of proceeds to Runners Club at Pearson School.

Jass:

- Attended Community Day – great job. Good turnout despite weather.

- Attended library event – had some art work in the exhibition. Encourage people to go and see the variety of things and talent in town.

- Fall Fest was well-attended. Five inflatables. Greater attendance than last year. Couldn't have the bonfire due to wind.

- Attended JLUB – postponement on one applicant to December.

Fitzpatrick: Is that the Muslim group?

Jass: Yes

- Attended School Board - passed resolution regarding Common Core. Parent spoke of refusing the test - didn't want their child to take the test.

Fitzpatrick: Read article in the paper. School has to provide that testing under state law. He needs to write to state legislature.

Jass: May be true. I got that he was there due to concern about his child just sitting there. Can't read a book – non-productive.

Fitzpatrick: You missed my point. Board doesn't have the authority to exempt child from the test.

Jass: You are correct.

Fitzpatrick: He should have gone to a different forum. Other issue is that if a child receives a zero, that score goes to our school and doesn't help Delanco. We are trying to improve test scores with two new administrators.

Jass: This gentleman was citing alternatives in other communities. I'm just here to report. School Board has to make those decisions.

Ciancio:

- Attended JLUB meeting
- Attended Community Day
- Attended Comedy Night – ears still red

Dillenbeck:

- Community Day a success
- Comedy Night a sellout
- Fall Fest
- 5K run is this Saturday
- Met with DYSA and Rec to discuss law requiring someone trained in defibrillator attend events. Talked about costs. What gets to me is that legislators come up with these laws, but don't pay for them. With budget constraints, you look to see who will be paying. Maybe that's why they call them freeloaders.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS SESSION ONE

Resident of River Lane : Received emails late in the day today [parking changes at Rivers Edge]. Is plan going through?

Fitzpatrick: They are now thinking on the way out at Eagle and part of (missed it) to allow parking. I've been out there at least six times with engineer, public works, Township Committee member, police and fire. Made sure that if we had one side parking, emergency vehicles could get through. By where you would come out, people were already parking.

Resident: I have a lot of anger. Mistakes were made by the developer – too many units. Parking is a nightmare. You block the sidewalk if you park two cars in the driveway. No parking on the side streets. Cars can sit there three or four days. Where I live on River, you can fit three cars between our units. All the mailboxes are on the side where the parking will be. You have to park a certain distance from an intersection.

Fitzpatrick: I understand. People from Rivers Edge came when we were going to approve the original ordinance which didn't allow parking at all. Parking there is the minimum standards allowed by the state standard– not Delanco. That whole development was a builder's remedy lawsuit. Developer got the right to build 366 units there. Thank God that they didn't. I understand the parking. My concern is to get the professionals out there again. It will still be one-way, but parking will be across the street from the mailboxes. I need to talk to police chief and engineer again. Just got the email today.

Resident: Can you give Jackie some advanced notice?

Fitzpatrick: It's been over a month. She's had plenty of notice. We sent them a map from the engineer before I went away.

Resident: Got the map in the mail last week, but no notice about this meeting. We can't fit both cars in the driveway, so we will get tickets. We will have to circle around to look for parking. If I had known this, I wouldn't have moved here.

Fitzpatrick: New development going in. You can get a bigger place.

Resident: Won't get what I paid for my house.

Schwab: Can't introduce in one year and adopt in the next. Public hearing will have to be the first meeting in December. Consider what you want in terms of timeline.

Schwab: Hasn't been written as an ordinance yet.

Fitzpatrick: After I talk to Harry, Chris, and Jesse, I will meet with Jackie. Would like to get it done this year. If not, we will take it to next year.

Resident of Rancocas Ave: Problem is also parking. Everybody blocks my driveway. Officers come out and ask the people nicely to move. Maybe they should get tickets. It's the same people over and over. I've asked people myself to move. They say, "give me a minute." There is parking, but they don't want to walk from it. Waited 25 minutes for officer. Officer told them to move and they did. I'm stuck in an emergency. I feel bad about calling. I could call three or four times a week.

Fitzpatrick: I live there too. People are very rude. People pull up and unload their car. They park in the middle of the street with the doors open so no one can get around. If there were tickets issued, it might help. They give us the finger.

Resident: There are vehicles that aren't registered. There is a house with so many people living in it. I don't know how the officers don't see what is going on there. The other problem is people going the wrong way. Being a taxpayer and others on my street aren't...I can't get out of my driveway. I've tolerated it for five years.

DeSanto: Please call.

Dillenbeck: Can you ask them to write tickets?

DeSanto: Can't tell someone to write a citation.

Resident: Got home at 12. Laid on the horn because someone is blocking my driveway and I couldn't get in.

DeSanto: Please call. Are they blocking the driveway? The apron?

Resident: Once I had to go on my grass to get out. It's crazy.

Dillenbeck: Easiest thing to do is to drive up the wrong way and leave your car in front of theirs.

DeSanto: Don't do that.

Fitzpatrick: Can they paint their curb?

DeSanto: No

Dillenbeck: Just that you have crappy neighbors.

Jass: Are they the same people?

Resident: They have been asked so many times to move it, they don't care.

Dillenbeck: Join the emergency squad or fire, get a blue light and they will get a ticket for blocking an emergency vehicle.

Resident of Delaware: Any thoughts on establishing trick or treat hours? Lots of towns have them. Gloucester County has 22 towns with an 8:00 curfew on Halloween and Mischief Night. Florence has an 8:00 curfew. I don't necessarily want to see you spend \$1000 on an ordinance... As towns around us establish hours, Delanco becomes the second round as those towns close.

Fitzpatrick: Jesse, what do you think?

DeSanto: No earlier than 8:00 so that working parents could take their kids around.

Lohr: Newspaper calls every year to ask what our curfew is for Halloween and Mischief Night. They are surprised that we don't have one. Many of the towns have something, but we don't.

COMMENT AND QUESTION SECTION OF THE MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTION 2014-109 APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ORCHARD STREET IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE II PROJECT.

RESOLUTION 2014-110 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)

RESOLUTION 2014-111 TO CANCEL LIEN REDEMPTION AMOUNTS PER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH DEVELOPER-EQUITY ASSOCIATE, LLC FOR AMOUNTS PRIOR TO SETTLEMENT DATE

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ACCOUNT AMOUNT

GENERAL (CURRENT) \$40,054.45 PAYROLL 60,700.96 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

2,638.52 TRUST 826.25

MCPL OPEN SPACE 1,502.98 ACCUMULATED ABSENCES 2,203.46

APPOINTMENT OF CROSSING GUARD - Tara Estelau

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Rivers Edge Parking Plan Update – already discussed

2. FY2015 Community Development Block Grant Application Process

Lohr: Your packet – applications due Dec. 12. New this year, workshop session Oct. 28 to have county look over its application before it is submitted. They are seeing more projects that don't get funded since the project itself doesn't qualify. We are usually pretty careful. Unless you have a project you want to do, we can put it on the November agenda to discuss with engineer.

Fitzpatrick: John needs to be here. Rancocas, Washington, Orchard, Walters. John has a list of streets.

3. Receipt of Proposals for Disclosure Compliance Services

Schwab: State Best Practices and SEC are pushing municipalities to meet their responsibilities to disclose their debt. The SEC has decided that we need to look at it again and we have to hire consultants to do that. Bob Hudnell got three bids - \$650, \$750, \$850. Suggest that you approve an agreement up to \$850.

Motion passed.

4. Route 130 Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Study

Schwab: Need to appoint a person on the committee on the steering committee.

Who do you want to be on it?

Ciancio: How much of Delanco abuts 130?

Dillenbeck: Small piece

DeSanto: Midspan on the bridge to entrance to Abundant Life

Schwab: That intersection is a large part of this and definitely affects us. When Fox met with us, part of the county master plan is whether to move that intersection up to the Aldi. This is an opportunity to be there at the beginning of the discussion..

Jass: I don't have a problem doing it since Kate and I are on the River Route Advisory Board.

Fitzpatrick: If Marlene can't make a meeting, I'll go.

Jass and Fitzpatrick appointed by unanimous motion.

5. Receipt of Award Under Round 5 - Burlington County Municipal Park Development Program

Lohr: Letter from county \$200,000 – contracts with this letter. Authorizes mayor to authorize agreements for the approved funds.

Schwab: For construction purposes, we have up to \$290,000. With \$35,000, for lighting, cost is \$285,000.

Mike Templeton couldn't be here, but asked me to mention that that is \$35,000 for four lights. Is that a productive use of those funds? Analysis of monthly cost and maintenance costs – who will pay that in the future?

Fitzpatrick: Township Committee authorized two fields to be lighted in the original phase 3.

Schwab: Phase 2 doesn't have lighting.

Fitzpatrick: We will have to talk to Scott.

Schwab: It is lighting two fields, but it is four lights. Usually you need lighting for both sides.

Jass: That might be a double lights.

Fitzpatrick: I think that is what it is. Purpose of lighting is to allow them to play at night and have tournaments so that they can raise more money. Township Committee approved field lighting a long time ago. Would like DYSA and Rec to have the opportunity to attend those meetings.

Jass: Will you please find the cost and yearly maintenance of the lights ahead of time so we would know what we would be dealing with at budget time?

Fitzpatrick: Field lights would only be used (missed it). Won't be a hard-hit thing for the township.

Schwab: My experience is that field lighting is very expensive. We just need to know what it will be.

Jass: We can keep it in mind as we look at Open Space money.

Fitzpatrick: Important that we have field lighting so they can play at night and have other teams use it so that they can make money. That is a consideration. We'll put it on the agenda. It will be a discussion.

Jass: I get the feeling that you are implying that people don't want the lights.

Fitzpatrick: I'm not implying that.

Dillenbeck: Well, Mike Templeton ...

Schwab: When Mike gets back, let him talk about it himself.

Dillenbeck: It was just a discussion item. He was wondering if there were other things they wanted to do with that money.

Fitzpatrick: He doesn't like the lights.

Dillenbeck: I'd like to hear why he doesn't.

Ciancio: Is there an updated Emergency Management roster?

Fitzpatrick: I updated it and sent it to Janice.

Ciancio: I have a 2013. There isn't a 2014.

Lohr:

Correspondence:

-Letter about for kick off event for United Way campaign. We are too small in number of employees. We have tried in the past. Very unsuccessful. Employees contribute to other charities and would prefer not to do a payroll deduction.

-Letter about Goucher and Memorial street light – already discussed

-Letter of resignation from Janaki K. Khatri from EAB since she is moving to California. Accepted unanimously

-Letters on Bicycle Safety and CBDG – already discussed

ADJOURNMENT

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