

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 December 1, 2014 started at

Present: Ciancio, Templeton, Jass , Dillenbeck, Fitzpatrick

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

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATION

Noll: Handicapped ramps for Vine and several other streets are proposed – about 10 on Vine to upgrade access to those intersections.

Fitzpatrick: What about Lilac? Did you add that? I had mentioned it.

Noll: Will make sure Lilac is on it.

Fitzpatrick: On the way to river and a lot of people use that.

Noll: Preparing application to submit by Dec. 12.

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – no comment

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

RESOLUTION 2014-122 AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Passed unanimously

RECEIPT OF AWARD UNDER ROUND 5 - BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL PARK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: DESIGN AND LIGHTING PLAN FOR FIELD OF DREAMS – CONTINUED DISCUSSION

Fitzpatrick: Subcommittee will meet Dec. 10. Scott Taylor out of town until 14th.

DYSA wanted more time to decide between lighted field and baseball field.

Subcommittee will make a recommendation to Township Committee.

Tabled until Dec. 15th

COMMENTS AND REPORTS: COMMENTS -TOWNSHIPADMINISTRATOR

Schwab: Received POSHA compliance list. Last week we met and determined that they had corrected the most serious technical item. There is a list of other items – training issues and documentation of them. Found those items. Nancy Bray is working with John to send in notice of corrections and everything should be in good shape.

COMMENTS - PROFESSIONALS COMMENTS

Heinold:

Date from appellate division is February for Dunes

Noll:

-RiversEdge parking ordinance will be prepared and sent to solicitor for review for action in January.

-Washington Street 11/7 completion date – minor punch list to go out shortly

-Training – received letter re: training for Complete Streets Training and Design workshop by DOT at Camden County Environmental Center. Educational workshop for government officials to become familiar with program. Street design for pedestrian, cycling, drivers, and mobility challenged as well as vehicles. Reduce traffic congestion, incorporating sidewalks, etc. to save retrofits later. Harry Fox will be at the workshop.

Jass: Same type of program as offered at the county engineer's office at the county on the 12th.

Lohr: Advantages of getting the Complete Streets designation = you get extra points on grant applications.

Schwab: Field of Dreams – cracks in parking lot – John authorized American Asphalt to do that job.

Fenimore: Hopefully this week.

- DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police

-Three police officers Officers Welsh and Russell and from Delanco and Officer Hess from Edgewater Park received letters of commendation for responding to a medical emergency involving heroin overdose. Heroin is making a strong comeback since prescription drugs are becoming less accessible. Police are carrying Narcan, a nasal spray that counteracts the drug. We had a deployment on Pennsylvania Avenue involving three heroin overdoses. Medics arrived and were able to stabilize them.

- Had a conversation with Newtons Landing resident regarding park area and the possibility of being able to park there. Resident had the impression that she could park there by previous chiefs. She asked committee to allow parking there unless there is snow removal.

Dillenbeck: I was there on Pennsylvania Avenue and want to add to commendation of officers. If officers hasn't administered the nasal spray, the people would have died. It works on any opiate. Officers are first on the scene and have to make a quick decision. Officer Welsh helped to carry someone down the stairs. Hope they have learned a lesson and won't go back to what they were doing.

2. Public Works

-Almost through two passes for leaves– 7 rows of leaves in compost site – four more left.

-Dump truck needed new gas pedal

-Tarp system had to be fixed.

-OSHA – Nancy Bray got on the phone and got us into training. Without her, we wouldn't have been able to get done what we needed to get done. She was a big help.

-No water on Walters or Vine since they have been done.

3. Municipal Clerk - none

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Templeton:

-Joint Insurance Fund Meeting – highlight by member town is importance of keeping computer based asset list up to date. The member town had just purchased a building and logged it in. Building burned down while in transition, but because they had already logged it in, it was covered. Highlights importance of entering or deleting equipment. Let me or Nancy Bray know so we are all up to date. JIF asset management system was much more casual in the past. Now computer based and very precise.

-Litigation over Dunes and compost area. Where we are with the state, we are starting to look at a future in which through state insistence, we would no longer be able to use the compost area. Jass and I have been making the rounds to let communities that use our compost area know so that they plan for the cost of disposing of the compost on their own. We have talked with county freeholders and elected officials face to face. They haven't been interested. Hopefully, with other towns involved, they will start to listen.

Fitzpatrick:

-It has been drawn to my attention that people can't hear at the meetings.

Lohr:

-System that was purchased was for recording not amplification combined with acoustics make it difficult.

Fitzpatrick:

-We need to speak into our microphones. Things left from the carriage house that could be displayed might help the sound in the room.

-attended senior meeting. Home in Riverside for pregnant women. They house people there. Interesting. Donated food. Let me know if you want to donate.

-Attended Board of Ed. Working to eliminate paper agendas. Everybody is trying to be more economical. We should consider electronic agenda sent and just getting a final agenda in our mailboxes.

Lohr: All are sent electronically. Copies are by individual request.

Fitzpatrick: Take me off.

-Attended a fundraiser for Milt Sierra. Walk in Philadelphia. Successful benefit – raised a couple thousand.

-Women's Club to donate \$250 to runners club and \$250 to PTO from 5K. This year profits were under expenses so we weren't able to donate as much.

-DYSA – new officers (went fast; missed names, check website) They need someone for soccer.

-Fire Commissioners passed their budget. No tax increase.

-John, did Ken Adams get in touch regarding drains scouts were cleaning out?

Fenimore: No

Jass:

-Sound system has been on to-do list for at least five years. Glad it is back on the table and hopefully it will stay in the budget.

-RiverRoute Advisory – county website will have information. Rt. 130 safety study. Looking at regional goals. Meeting on 12th.

-Recreation had subcommittee for draft of survey.

-Recreation activities: Best House Decorating 15th-21st – prizes awarded. Santa Parade this Saturday at 6pm – Pearson to fire house. Hot chocolate, cookies, and coloring books for children. Sunday, Dec. 7 gingerbread building at fire house – two sessions -11pm and 1pm. Pearson Elementary students only. Carriage Rides Dec. 13 at 6pm in front of Zurbrugg Mansion. Three carriages – several times mentioned. Presales John Brown's Jewelry and at fire house after Santa Parade.

-Decorated mansion with Women's Club

-Attended Beverly meeting at Dunes with Mike Templeton.

-Attended National Foundation of Women's Legislators with Diane Allen in Philadelphia. Four day convention. Guests were Lt. Governor and CEO of Reynolds. Very intense workshops covering health addictions, children's dental program, Affordable Care Act, dense breasts, online voting for overseas military, American energy future, Equal Rights Amendment. Most important – working together to assure strong families.

Ciancio:

-Attended Home Security discussion by Eric Hoffman at Newtons Landing. He did an excellent job. Provided great suggestions in an entertaining manner. Answered questions in a detailed manner.

-Attended Library – planning activities to make residents aware of all services provided for children and adults as well as budget development.

Dillenbeck:

-Raindate for Santa Parade?

-Dec. 20 – Santa Around Town starting at 9am. Busy month.

-Compliment to John for stop sign.

Fenimore:

I want people to know how important our compost site is. I contacted four towns and they can't take our leaves. I have no idea what we will do with them. Other three towns use our compost site too. Will have to buy larger equipment to even haul leaves anywhere. Huge cost. DEP squabbling over 4-5 acres.

Heinold: They don't want to use that area

Fenimore: Why do they dredge? Every town that can't get rid of leaves, they will wash into the river. Stormwater Management is on us to keep leaves out of the water.

Jass: Having been to mediation...there is no logic.

Fenimore: Politicians should be jumping onboard. It makes no sense.

Jass: One department doesn't know what the other is doing. We have a permit prior to the ROSI. Now they are saying that this is what they want. Look at WANT site. I heard a rumor that the township is going to sell it and put houses. I suggest that people go to the WANT site and read the documents. We still have the land. We have to look at other options. The Committee is looking at other options. We are very aware of the costs.

Templeton: Committee signed a letter that we are taking around to the other towns. Trying to harness their voices to legislators who cop out with "it's in litigation" Freeholders and Bridge Commission helped to create this problem. They have

restricted Corps to 20 acres in Palmyra. Corps of Engineers had 70-90 acres there for dredge spoils. County restriction is what has pushed the problem to our backyard. Township investigation on ownership of the Dunes property by many people – lots of hours and late nights. Caught state and DEP in a lie. State said they own it. None of that is true. I think they are embarrassed. They filed the litigation and didn't know what the answer will be. Matter of the state asking a question that they didn't want the answer to. Turns out township State has a claim to land that is insufficient by a long shot for Corps. Endless litigation is purely in spite and punishment. It's frustrating to committee, our solicitor. This kind of behavior from upper levels at DEP harms the good name of all of the good people who work at DEP. Jass: We didn't lose. People don't understand. "EKG" line of ownership claim.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS SESSION ONE

Resident of Glenwood Ave, Burlington: Here for a friend. Spoke to quite a few people on the committee. Mrs. Lohr and Mr. Noll very helpful. Problem has been going on since May of last year.

Lohr: Mr. Fox trying to work with subcontractor. Contractor said the piece of metal wasn't from his equipment. Trying to contact subcontractor to take responsibility for tire damage on Maple Avenue.

Fitzpatrick: How much is tire?

Resident: \$160

Noll: Trying to get a hold of the sub. Haven't had much luck. Will keep trying

Lohr: Contractor won't take responsibility. Seeing this more and more. Not policing the areas and not taking responsibility for personal property.

Noll: Metal has a name on it – from a pump that the contractor said the subcontractor had.

Ciancio: What would you like to see happen?

Resident: Reimbursement

Fitzpatrick: Anything in our contract with them that states that they are liable?

Noll: If they did it. I can't prove that. Asked them just to reimburse and he refused.

Lohr: Mr. Fox is still working on contacting subcontractor.

Templeton: Who has the part now?

Resident: Contractor threw it out.

Noll: I have a photo. We looked it up and saw no reason why that part would be on site. Never saw it in the road either. I know the sub better than the general contractor.

Templeton: The person ran over it?

Noll: In front of his house. Normally contractor would be responsible.

Lohr: Three residents had tire damage from Washington and Orchard St. project. Residents took care of it themselves.

Fitzpatrick: We haven't released funds on that project.

Noll: When I was out there, there was normal construction – no debris. Out there several times.

(missed something here)

COMMENT AND QUESTION SECTION OF THE MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTION 2014-123 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 2014-124 RESOLUTION TO CANCEL AND REFUND 2014 TAX BALANCES DUE TO TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30a&b

RESOLUTION 2014-125 REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

RESOLUTION 2014-127 REFUNDING UNEXPENDED ESCROW ACCOUNT – Joint Land Use Board Application

RESOLUTION 2014-128 REFUNDING UNEXPENDED ESCROW ACCOUNT – Joint Land Use Board Application

RESOLUTION 2014-129 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)

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ACCOUNT AMOUNT - TBD
GENERAL (CURRENT) \$1,014,505.96 PAYROLL 143,182.77 PUBLIC DEFENDER
FUND 150.00 DOG TRUST 30.00 TRUST 36,086.08
MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE 10,728.86

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORT(S)

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 10/6/2014

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 10/20/2014

Passed unanimously

RESOLUTION 2014-126 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS – removed from Consent Agenda at request of Schwab to amend due to cost of last winter’s snow. Adjusted two lines.

Passed unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 10/6/2014

Fitzpatrick: abstain – was in Italy

Passed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 10/20/2014

Templeton: Abstain – was in Italy too

Passed

CORRESPONDENCE

-Safe Streets Seminar – already covered

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS SESSION TWO

Resident of Union: Officers helped an owner find a blind and deaf dog. Owner was appreciative of the department

-Holidays – dead strings of lights will be collected in Mansfield. Suggest that township collect and transport rather than have residents drive down there.

Lohr: County sent flyer.

Resident: Nobody is going to Mansfield with two strings of lights. Now is when everyone is throwing them out.

Heinold: Why don't lights last anymore?

Resident of Burlington Ave: Garage sale ordinance amendment?

Heinold: Discussion about amending the law. Exception was to list something on Craig's List. That will be an ordinance in the new year. You can keep track of it.

Resident: Says you can have up to four items.

Heinold: We will get a draft together. Premature at this time. There will be a public hearing and discussion on Jan. 12.

Fitzpatrick: Forgot to comment that Berger family – woman and her children - had a fire last December. She has just received assistance for housing in Palmyra. They have nothing but beds. If you have any items that you don't need, bring to township building. She wants to stay in her apartment. Dishes, silverware, furniture, towels. She needs everything.

COMMENT AND QUESTION SECTION OF THE MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. 2015 Municipal Meeting Schedule and Reorganization Date Discussion

Reorg Jan. 5/ Regular meeting will be Jan. 12

Fitzpatrick: Suggest one meeting a month for June, July, August and November.

Schwab: Workshops for fourth Mondays.

Lohr: I publish them in case we need them. Some years we've used every one; recently, not been used. I save money by not having to publish more later.

Schwab: Would suggest workshops after the second meeting of the month.

Martin: If you are reorganizing on the 5th, I can schedule JLUB reorg.

Lohr: No other board can meet until the Township Committee has had reorganization.

2. Potential Amendments to Yard Sale Ordinance – already covered

Dillenbeck:

- If we have rain Saturday for the parade are you still marching or just going to fire house?

McFadden: Never had a problem. Never rescheduled. We would just cancel parade part and just go to fire house.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by Maureen Barrett