

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 June 8, 2015 started at 7:30pm

Present: Ciancio, Templeton, Jass, Dillenbeck, Fitzpatrick

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

ORDINANCE 2015-7 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO OVERLAY AFFORDABLE HOUSING ZONE ON BLOCK 2100, LOT 1, IN THE I-1 INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT ZONE 1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR JUNE 29, 2015 7:30pm

Ciancio: First hearing now. Public comment on June 29th or now.

Resident of Rancocas Avenue: Thanks to Committee for allowing me to attend open session of the executive session. 6.28% of rents collected = PILOT amount. Nothing our township can do, but our legislators in Trenton need to fix this. We need to receive more than \$30,000 to provide services to the residents.

Ciancio called for a vote.

Jass: Voting no, haven't had enough time to read the ordinance. Received the ordinance at 6:00 on Saturday night.

Templeton: Yes, I believe that through the lens of COAH, this continues Delanco's history of complying with state requirements.

Passed with Dillenbeck, Ciancio, and Fitzpatrick also voting yes.

ORDINANCE 2015-8 ADOPTING THE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT, ACCEPTING THE APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 ET SEQ. AND AUTHORIZING TAX EXEMPTION AND PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DELANCO FAMILY APARTMENTS DEVELOPMENT 1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR JUNE 29, 2015 7:30pm

Passed with Jass voting no: Cart before the horse. We passed a resolution last meeting – referred to JLUB. They haven't reviewed it yet. I have a lot of questions for the solicitor.

Templeton: No. These tax abatements...the law that NJ municipalities have to live under isn't beneficial to our community. It doesn't help as intended under Mount Laurel decision. It's a mechanism to assure for-profit institutions and Wells Fargo in this instance make a nice profit. The forecasted rents are comparable to what is available in town, yet we are losing a tax base that must be filled in and provided by the rest of the community. NJ Supreme Court should be in this room to see how their decision is implemented.

Ciancio voted yes as did Fitzpatrick and Dillenbeck. Passed.

RESOLUTION 2015-73 RESOLUTION OF NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SIXTY-FOUR (64) UNIT RESIDENTIAL FAMILY APARTMENT HOUSING PROJECT

Dillenbeck , Fitzpatrick: Yes

Jass: No, Joint Land Use Board hasn't had time to review

Templeton: No, I don't see a need for an additional project of this size. There are 90 homes for sale in Delanco and area rents are comparable to those provided by this project..

Ciancio: Yes – beneficial to township. Joint Land Use Board will be reviewing at their next meeting. Special meeting on June 16.

Passed.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS: COMMENTS –TOWNSHIPADMINISTRATOR

Noll:

-Rivers Edge parking sign placement is being coordinated with Jesse and John and getting an estimate to stripe it.

-Field of Dreams Phase 3 – out to bid. Should be awarded at next meeting.

Heinold:

-Town has been sued through Joint Insurance Fund due to officer shooting in 2013.

-Waiting to hear on Dunes litigation.

-June 16 Planning Board meeting will be the best opportunity to get a lot of information regarding the affordable housing project. Urge all interested to attend.

COMMENTS - PROFESSIONALS COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police

-May – 813 calls for service, 27 investigations, 12 arrests, 83 traffic citations, s71 warnings, assisted on 6 accidents.

-DARE graduation tomorrow at 10:00

-Tomorrow evening - meeting with development Rivers Edge

-Received an email – 2401 Burlington Ave. requesting Falcon to be one way entering and Eagle one way exiting. Fitzpatrick will call.

3. Municipal Clerk

-Deputy Municipal Clerk Martin has passed her exam.

Lohr: That exam has a 60% failure rate.

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Templeton:

-Attended Joint Insurance Fund meeting

-Participated in Memorial Day Parade was great thanks to Rec and participants

-Attended Rec concert Walnut Street band and Jazz Band terrific – great drummer

-Attended Environmental Advisory Board meeting prior to concert

-Attended Joint Land Use Board meeting; they should get a medal – 12:30am end time. Amazing group. One application was regarding Dunkin' Donuts proposed for shopping center. Well-thought out plan, but Joint Land Use is looking at the sign. I've looked at every Dunkin' Donuts in the area on Google Maps street view – no one has the large 9 ft. sign they are proposing.

-Joint Land Use Board meeting regarding this development – urge you to attend.

Jass:

- Member of Joint Land Use Board – agree with Templeton about the coffee cup sign.
- Attended Women’s Club dinner at Vinny’s – great dinner – Vinny’s will be serving dinners Fridays and Saturdays starting in September – tablecloths etc.
- Attended Economic Development meeting – mosque, Dunkin Donuts.
- Attended Historic Preservation Roundtable
- Heard Memorial Day parade was wonderful – thanks to employees.
- Attended the Walnut Street band and Jass Band and art show
- Camp starts July 6 – information in lobby and online
- Concert on June 25 at Hawk Island
- Tomorrow – DARE graduation
- Fire in Newtons Landing last week. I must commend the firemen and police. Officer Woodhouse noticed the fire; very professional. Firemen that came average age 22. Thank you to Bill (missed it) for putting in the explorers program– had all worked their way up. Thank God no one was injured. Unfortunately two animals were .

DeSanto: Officer Woodhouse was given a letter of commendation; he removed one of the animals. Officer Moloney was also recognized for his efforts in securing the scene.

Dillenbeck:

- Attended seminar by Virtua with emergency squad – certifications Narcan, CPAK(?), EpiPen (missed one). Delanco only squad with all of the certifications – all volunteers.
- Missed Memorial Day Parade – at Vorhees hospital, but grateful to be selected for parade marshal. Remember soldiers coming home from WWII – was ten. In 52 coming home from Korea, 66-74 in Vietnam – never got that reception. Had to change clothes to come home – rocks thrown and spit on. To have a parade and be named parade marshal meant a lot to me.
- Thanks to residents of Newtons Landing for bringing refreshments to fire and emergency workers.

Fitzpatrick:

- Sorry that Bill Dillenbeck wasn’t able to ride in the parade. Privileged to read the proclamations. Bring them to a meeting so that they can be read. Well-deserved recognition.
- Attended Women’s Club at Vinny’s – four course meal. Wonderful. Incredible to support a business in town.
- Memorial Day parade was great. Barbara Towel does a video. String band in front made it a little lively. Mike was strutting.
- Received attorney’s letter – no legal obligation to pay for hydrants at The Point. Municipalities charge (\$175) for hydrant less than private (over \$6000) Working on a deal.
- Sorry I can’t attend concerts – teaching a course at that time..
- Question on bonus recycling grant opportunity email.

Lohr: I will check with John – coordinator.

-At the end of Delaware Avenue where the little homes are, with the driveway we have permitted for resident next to Malik. There was once a fence separating the driveway. One resident is concerned that fence is removed and there is a car there. John doesn't want to block with a fence so we don't block access. The homeowner wants it blocked, but we couldn't get in in an emergency. Need Jesse and John to check on it.

DeSanto: Will check on it.

Ciancio:

- Attended Economic Advisory Committee
- Attended Emergency Service Memorial Service in Westampton.
- Parade one of the best in my 12 years.
- Attended Shade Tree and Joint Land Use Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT

Resident of Delaware:

- Memorial Day Parade was great, but wish the street closed for the extra 30 minutes. Seems disrespectful to see the colors pulled and hear about the sacrifices that have been made while someone is blowing the horn behind you. It would be better to keep the street closed until after the ceremony. It was posted to be closed until 4:00, but opened early.
- New police officers are noticed and appreciated. Feel safer.

Resident of Buttonwood: Thank you for your service to town. New resident and love it. Jass and Templeton, it is unsettling to have an action before Joint Land Use Board has reviewed. Cart is before the horse. Procedures are in order. This board has overstepped its bounds by not allowing JLUB to review before introducing.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS SESSION ONE COMMENT AND QUESTION SECTION OF THE MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTION 2015-74 REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

RESOLUTION 2015-75 CERTIFYING RECEIPT OF AUDIT

RESOLUTION 2015-76 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A
CONTRACT RENEWING MEMBERSHIP IN THE BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL
JOINT INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION 2015-77 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
GENERAL \$1,179,187.38 PAYROLL 111,092.06 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT 5,574.00
PUBLIC DEFENDER 219.20 TRUST 3,752.25 MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE 10,684.36

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES
2015-49 & 50

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA Passed unanimously

RECEIPT AND BID RESULTS FOR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE - \$703,000
Lohr: Renewal requires this notice- two bids - Chief Financial Officer recommends
the bid go to PNC

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

Submitted by Maureen Barrett