

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 November 23, 2015 started at

Present: Ciancio, Templeton, Jass, Dillenbeck, Fitzpatrick

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

Others: *SPECIAL PRESENTATION* - DELANCO EMS

Fury: Budget proposal was submitted to township. For the first time in a while, reviewed past five years and looked at statistics (Copies were distributed to public; will be posted). 2010-2015 list of improvements: website, email server, electronic charting, EpiPen and Narcan, working on CPAP. Page 5 – steady increase in membership -18 new members this year. Call volume graph 615 in 2014. Pg. 6 Redid funding program and put more money for incentivizing people to respond to calls. No paid staff for any of the 365 days. Delran is the back up. Response % 61%-71%; rest mutual aid. 2014 66.5% of calls were answered by Delanco EMS. Rest mutual aid. 2016-2020 – plan of where we would like to go: Becoming a state-licensed agency to bill insurance – not the patient. EpiPens expire and we fund (\$800 per and we carry 2 adult and 2 pediatric). If used, \$50 a tube for Narcan, CPAP \$50.

Fitzpatrick: Defibrillators?

Fury: Batteries need to be replaced and we replace the pad.

Schwab: You would charge for transport which would cover some of the equipment.

Fury: Gauze pads and oxygen

Jass: If you become state qualified for billing, would you require more administration?

Fury: Partner with billing company who would use electronic charts and charge a small percentage, so no extra work for the squad.

Schwab: Would need to be a formal agreement between EMS and township.

Fury: Would like to lessen our township budget support. Would like to bring down to \$5000. Members could cash out when they retire.

Ciancio: Thank you and for your dedication. Couldn't be more proud of the squad.

Fury: Our VP is working. He did a lot of the work on this plan.

Dillenbeck: You are asking for more money. Dietz gave \$5000 a year – was biggest donor. Costs have gone up considerably. That's why it's coming up to charge insurance companies. What township gives - \$10,500 is paltry. We fund through hoagies and comedy nights. Saving lives and begging for money to do it through donations. Do it night and day in sleet and hail. Answer 911, and go out with fire truck. We stay to be sure that the fire department is covered medically. Why do we do it? (Read this from a letter): simple act of saying thank you. Personally thank you for being here at my time of need. You take on Herculean task of providing care for free... Thank you for raising to the challenges before you... I salute you. (included a donation of \$100). What does Virtua charge to transport patients?

EMS: \$600- \$1000.

Jass: I got a bill for \$3400 when I had an incident.

Dillenbeck: If we transport a patient who doesn't have insurance, we won't charge. We will have to carry malpractice insurance. Need to talk to Mike Templeton re: JIF insurance. Average EMS earns \$33000. Just trying to recoup some costs by billing insurance companies.

Templeton: Calls for this year as of...

Fury: Oct. 2015 – over 500.

Templeton: The incentive spending?

Fury: We have a line of \$5000 and now is \$3000. Every time someone comes out on a call, they get points and some money at the end of the year. 12,000 hours – might get \$300. Changed so more points for calls and fewer for meetings. Still not much for what is being provided.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Schwab: Invite from Bridge Commission Tues Dec. 1 at 8:30 – Formal superfund site tour

Jass: I can go

Fitzpatrick: I teach Tuesdays

Schwab: Notice from JIF – talked with Mike regarding decision to save costs through selecting a (missed it) deductible for public official indemnification as per last year.

-Meeting held with DYSA and Rec, Kate and Marlene- progress with communication and plans. Professionals to go over what has been done to ensure quality.

-New printer unit in police department and administration -changing lease for printer – adding minimum and maximum – trying to do in Nov. – less cost.

-Budget workshops scheduled at the end of January.

COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police

-Stats for Oct. 32 investigations, 112 traffic summons, 59 traffic warnings, 782 calls, 22 arrests made.

-Rash of car burglaries in November-made four arrests – two officers on patrols used knowledge and skills to develop leads that resulted in arrests.

-Correspondence with Heinold regarding Mischief Night and Halloween. Time limit on Trick or Treating? We thought 8pm was fine. Curfew those nights is 9 – big help for police.

Ciancio: Township in agreement?

Yes from Township Committee

Schwab: Done after January

Fitzpatrick: Wouldn't it be better to have the same time for curfew and trick or treat- 9 and 9? I don't think we should restrict it.

Dillenbeck: Church has an event. Not many kids. We only got 30.

Fitzpatrick: Curfew and trick or treating at 9. Are you really going to stop at 9? Sort of common sense.

Templeton: Seemed to work at 8. 9 is getting late.

Fitzpatrick: I don't agree with that. I don't a problem if someone knocks on my door at 9.

Jass: I think we should make the times the same.

Ciancio to DeSanto: Is it a problem for you?

DeSanto: I haven't had an issue with anyone coming after 8:00.

Jass: Trend is Trunk or Treat so kids aren't walking around house to house. Seems to be more organized.

Fitzpatrick: A lot of people still go house to house

Resident: Had 230 individuals – ran out of candy and shut the lights off. No problems.

Ciancio: Consensus to have it be the same time – 9:00.

2. Municipal Clerk

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Templeton: JIF on 16th. Cyberliability program for municipalities has been developed by Rutgers. Report was mailed rather than emailed - interesting.

-Attended the Seniors meeting – Sgt. Hoffman presented safety program.

-Attended School Board

-Attended Court – impressive court staff – professional courtesy and compassion working with the public that night

-Attended library book club – third Tuesday as always-

-To attend FEMA seminar unveiling new flood maps. We were asked to check accuracy on an overview four or five years ago. Lots of maps in this county had many errors. I sent back all the corrections. When Sandy hit, FEMA decided to hold to see what the actual flooding was. Will be interesting to see what the maps say.

Jass:

-Congratulations to Mr. Templeton on winning recount today.

-Attended Seniors meeting – enlightening

-Economic Development – meet every other month – report on available properties for Township Committee

-Attended Early Childhood workshop with mayor and Marie Reese. Saw needs for support of women and children

-Rec met with DYSA and Township regarding communication, maintenance, and inventory.

-Rec Tree lighting Dec. 5 at Pearson Mr/Mrs. Santa at fire house after. Gingerbread houses (missed date -see website). Dec. 12 Carriage Rides – Tickets (\$5) at those events and at Browne's Jewelers. A few tickets will be available onsite.

Dillenbeck:

-Thanks to EMS for being here.

-Attended Sewerage meeting – Discrepancy on Coopertown brought to township.

-Santa Around Town starting at 9am Dec. 19

Fitzpatrick:

-Attended Veterans Memorial service at Beverly National Cemetery – father is buried there. Spoke

- Working on negotiations on police contract with Richard and Mike
- Attended DYSA Rec Township meeting – discussion of who does what
- Reported to Board of Ed on mock election – school has election for board of ed like thing. Hope to attend.
- Miss senior meeting since I teach and tutor. Will be there in December. Won't be teaching that course at that time next semester.
- Enjoy Thanksgiving with your families.

Ciancio:

- Attended Senior meeting.
- Library Board is full strength – moving toward reaching out to the community for fund-raising to provide services to community.
- Attended Raising America – investing in early childhood is important – whole country needs to address. Powerful presentation
- Economic Advisory – reviewed businesses in Delanco. Streamline bureaucracy for permits.
- Attended League of Municipalities conference in Atlantic City. Plethora of vendors and meetings.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS SESSION ONE
none

COMMENT AND QUESTION SECTION OF THE MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

RESOLUTION 2015-125 AUTHORIZING FOURTH AMENDMENT TO EXISTING REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ON ZURBRUGG MANSION PROJECT (tabled from 11/9/15 meeting) Fitzpatrick: Tabled again

Dillenbeck: motion to table

Tabled by unanimous vote

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTION 2015-127 CERTIFYING LIEN AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR COSTS INCURRED BY THE TOWNSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 135 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE

RESOLUTION 2015-128 AUTHORIZING THE LEASE/PURCHASE OF A COPIER/PRINTER UNDER STATE CONTRACT

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

GENERAL \$ 37,806.09 PAYROLL 67,609.95 DOG TRUST 200.00 ESCROW TRUST 33,499.95 ACCUMLATED ABSENCES 2,003.95

APPROVAL DEPARTMENT REPORTS APPROVAL OF MINUTES - 9/21/15 and 10/5/2015

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – Passed unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE

Lohr: From HMFA – low income housing tax credits approval received by Walters group at Rhawn project.

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:

1. 2016 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION DATE/TIME – Jan. 4 at 7:00pm

Lohr: Rest of 2016 calendar will be on the next agenda

2. BURLINGTON COUNTY TRAIL PROPOSAL

Schwab: Bridge Commission – Bike and pedestrian paths – more detailed along the river. Getting closer to approving and want our comments. I suggested a subcommittee to meet with police, engineer, planner to bring comments back to this committee.

Ciancio: Templeton and Jass appointed

3. PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 110-6 GOVERNING DEFINITIONS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF “STORY”

Ciancio: Newtons Landing area. Ordinance – if you have a basement, it counts as a story of your house. To correct this, propose an ordinance to amend.

Dillenbeck: Anything below ground level shouldn't be considered a story.

Lohr: British walk out at Creekside?

Ciancio: Will clarify

Schwab: Proposed ordinance in packet

Lohr: If more than 60% of basement walls is above grade, it is considered a story. If we propose tonight, can go back to planning board for consistency review.

Fitzpatrick: This would be first reading.

Ordinance 2015-14 amending Chapter 110-6: Governing Definitions to Amend – hearing date December 7

Templeton: Is this a commonly accepted definition? Where did the 60% come from?

Lohr: Michelle and Heinold. Any basement that is above the grade so houses don't get too high.

Templeton: Thought height in a zone was above grade and didn't depend on number of storys.

Lohr: (missed it)

Templeton: Would it be retroactive? For Homeowners Insurance – implications?

Fitzpatrick: My house would be two story if they counted basement.

Cincio: Shouldn't be anything related to insurance.

Templeton: Just asking.

4. PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 234 GOVERNING “RENTAL PROPERTY”

Lohr: Court ruling regarding rentals – not required to be registered unless tenant changes in a one or two rental units building – must file annual list of tenants and notify township when changed and have inspected at that time.

Ciancio: Would be beneficial to the township

Fitzpatrick: Makes us comply with the new law. Doug reaching out to League of Municipalities and others. Law wasn't supposed to impact townships doing inspections and registration. We do it for public safety. Hopefully it will change.

Schwab: Budget impact – next year's revenue drop by \$25000, expenses drop by \$10,000. \$15,000 net loss. Fees support office staff time etc. There will be a negative if this isn't change by the legislature. Solicitor anticipates us in a refund situation if we don't change it.

Jass: Are we obligated to send notices to owners?

Lohr: Yes.

Schwab: Some municipalities might be closing their eyes but we have an aggressive program and could open ourselves up to lawsuit.

Lohr: Can be first reading – Ordinance 2015-15 public hearing on Dec. 7

Passed unanimously

5. STATUS REPORT – PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE AT CHAPTER 110-13 GOVERNING “FENCES AND WALLS”

Ciancio: Jass, Lohr and I sit on Joint Land Use Board

Fitzpatrick: We need for JLUB to come back to us with what they are doing.

Lohr: Reviewed with Kitty, Doug and Michelle. JLUB made recommendations – Michelle and Doug drafting an ordinance. Types of fencing not allowed by DEP – Strand and rope weren't liked by JLUB. Part of Chapter 110. Won't do until after the new year. No draft today.

Ciancio: Table until after the new year.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by Maureen Barrett