

The following are my personal notes, not official meeting minutes. For official minutes, please go to the Delanco Municipal Building, 770 Coopertown Rd.

Board of Health meeting summary :

Janice Lohr appointed Board of Health Secretary for 2016

Bulrington County Department of Health appointed as Inspection Agency for Delanco for 2016

Report of Rabies Clinic: 90 vaccinations were given

Correspondence: none

Delanco Township Committee meeting on January 11, 2016

Present: Browne, Templeton, Jass, Dillenbeck, Fitzpatrick

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

COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

COMMENTS – PROFESSIONALS

Fox: Illinois Ave subdivision – punch list items were addressed. Road in poor condition mostly due to gas company. Plans don't require developer to repave; developer spoke to PSE&G who indicated that they would pave their portion. PSE&G didn't get a permit so they will be forced to pave 1/2 of the road that they dug up. Rest of it is in poor shape.

Jass: Can't we do it all at one time?

Fitzpatrick: Can't force PSE&G to pay for it all. Get an estimate and split the cost - somehow work it out.

Fenimore: Make sure they aren't going to open up again to fix another line.

Fitzpatrick: Someone opened up Washington.

Lohr: I will check to see if there is a permit on file.

Fox: They can do it without a permit in an emergency, but then need to get permit.

Browne: Question about the residences on Illinois. Residents aren't happy.

Thought the builder was supposed to do cul de sac and entire road.

Fox: No, just required to patch.

Browne: Was curious. Promised to bring it up and I did.

Fitzpatrick: We should get an estimate see what we can work out. No grant?

Fox: Don't know yet. Applied for rest of Orchard and Fenimore.

Fox:

-Rivers Edge – striping is down. Chief and officers did a great job.

Fitzpatrick: Checked it out. Well done.

Fox: Got a few more spaces out of it. Couple of places where there were cars. John did those spots. One more spot left to do.

Fitzpatrick: Everyone should be commended on that job – engineers and Jesse.
Good end result. Thank you.

Fox: due to temperatures, put down temporary paint – lasts a year. In spring, will be done permanently with 8 in wide.

Fitzpatrick: Do we need that to be that wide? Let Jesse make that determination.

DeSanto: More visible especially in snow.

Fox: Original estimate was \$1296- came in at just over \$1000

Fox: Preapplication meeting regarding seawalls on Delaware with DEP tomorrow.

Lohr: Just looked at Washington street permits. Street opening permit in October with final patch by the 30th.

Fox: Sheds installed at Field of Dreams – one near softball field not stained properly. The other one is fine. The manufacturer is going to strip and restain weather permitting. We have a maintenance bond. That closes up that project.
-At request of DYSA, looked at a little extra work. They wanted temporary instead of permanent pitching rubbers... Wanted fence guard around sides - cost \$1,876.
\$1100 for pitching rubbers. Taylor reviewed. \$4855 for topdressing– county could donate materials for \$1000. Optional items if committee wants to install. I think it is high for what you are going to get. Wanted concrete pads around benches. Cost \$15,000+ Way too high.

Fenimore: Other things we can do. Crushed concrete...

Fitzpatrick: Would crushed concrete stop weeds?

Fox: With plastic mulch first.

Dillenbeck: Problem is that someone will take the benches.

Fox: They are already in footings.

Fitzpatrick: We review and make decisions.

Fox: Scott recommended doing pitching rubbers and

Fenimore: Area is level. Top dressing not necessary. Already soil there to capture water. Grass has no problem out there.

Fitzpatrick: If county donates material, can't we do it?

Fox: If you rent equipment

Fenimore: If we are going to do that, I have compost.

Jass: Get a lot of weeds with it.

Fenimore: If you look at what the county is putting down, it is fine wood chips.

Fox: Human waste is what it is.

Fenimore: We can always do it later.

Schwab: Let's authorize first two items.

Motion for change orders for pitching rubbers and fence guard.

Passed unanimously

Heinold:

-Affordable housing protection process – good summary plan by board and governing body which is before the court for immunity from suit. Haven't heard any comment. Jan 22 ruling.

-Appellate division decision result is that municipalities didn't have authority to inspect 1 or 2 unit apartments. That is 1/2 of ours. Legislative response is pending. Attorney from League of Municipalities indicated that things are happening quickly.

Kate reached out to governor's office to express Delanco's desire to see that become a law. Hoping that loophole will be closed.

Fitzpatrick: If anyone else wants to call -609-292-6000. I called about the ewaste too at request of Ann Moore.

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR Schwab:

-First budget meeting was held on the 25th. Sent email out today to organizations to notice for Feb. 8 meeting. Should be listening to groups by 8:30. From that I will put together a proposed budget.

COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police

-Lines installed at Rivers Edge – will start issuing tickets. Adding a few more signs. That project is almost complete.

-Sent email regarding resolution to recognize those who helped a driver on Dec. 30 – car fire on Coopertown Rd. Fire started inside the vehicle. People couldn't get out. Other drivers smashed the window and saved him. Would like to see them recognized.

-Software to help locate stolen property – license costs \$250 - \$50 business license fee from the one business could go towards it. Need to pass an ordinance to require this business and any other business to participate. Links agencies across the country. Great tool to investigate and stop burglaries.

-Risk Management training tomorrow

2. Public Works

-Picked up 1,300 yds of leaves

-Installed salt spreaders and getting snow plow ready.

-Swept 17 streets so far. Still some leaves.

-Took down two trees for Shade Tree. Made a contract list for them. Will almost have all the trees done in the next two weeks.

Dillenbeck: How are we doing on salt?

Fenimore: Fine

3. Municipal Clerk

-New website still under construction. Loading content. Preview should be available shortly.

-2016-30 should say A: 4764 – agenda page is incorrect

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Jass:

-Attended reorganization and event at Mr. Taraschi's home

-Attended JLUB – approved use variance for Burlington Ave for storage units in the back. Hovnanian was approved for 55 and older homes. Presented as 103, but it is 105. Subsequent agreements have to be amended as such.

-Attended swearing in of Steven Lohr on School Board – nice to see incumbents and a new face.

Templeton:

-JIF – Chief has his class tomorrow. Jan. 27, Lohr, Schwab, Managers’ Training.
Elected Officials – 6:00 March 1 in Easthampton – can sign everyone up. Feb. 10
offered in Vineland. Safety and Claims Coordinator class is Feb. 4

Browne:

-When does Economic Development meet?

Jass: Second Tuesday.

Browne: And please forward list of names of members. I want to work on shade
tree ordinance. Sidewalk and shade tree ordinances aren’t married. Need to
address. I will spearhead.

Fitzpatrick: Is there another member who would like to work on this?

Dillenbeck: I will

Browne: Reorganization night was really nice. Best lights contest – nice to pull
families into a gathering like that.

Dillenbeck:

-Thanks to Taraschi for hosting reorganization gathering.

-Agree with John – contest was nice. Lots of honorable mentions.

Jass: This is the third year.

Dillenbeck:

-Sewerage Authority and EMS meetings pending this month

Fitzpatrick:

-Thanks to Taraschi for warm reception

-Working on negotiations of contract with police

-Attended School Board – Hoffman, Wagstaff and Lohr sworn in. Presentation of
PARCC testing. Little disappointing seeing where Delanco was in relation to state
and other municipalities. This was the first time for this test. Hope they have a plan
to see how they can improve these scores. They did have one high score – 8th grade
Language. Math - Grade 8 got 8% - state level was 24. Hope that new
superintendent and principal work on a curriculum to prepare the students for high
school.

-John, are you picking Christmas trees up? (missed date)

Fenimore: Yes

Fitzpatrick:

-Seniors at Dobbins tomorrow – brown bag.

-History Board reorg on Wednesday

-HOA for RiverWinds – Richard, did you talk to engineer yet?

Schwab: No, after budget.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS SESSION ONE

Resident of Second: Any discussion regarding abandoned vehicles on private
property? Complex issue. What to do with them.

Schwab: Enforcement officer has gotten some people to move them. We did make a
lot of progress. We haven’t changed the ordinance, but it is on the list for this year.

Enforcement officer contacts residents and generally, they have removed them.

Resident: I was told that they can clean the house up, but not the car.

Fitzpatrick: Do you have the address:

Resident: Yes (gave address on Magnolia) If you took all of them, you would need to store them.

Jass: If cars are in the drive, they need to be licensed and inspected, right?

DeSanto: Yes, but there are issues – can't just drive up a driveway with a flatbed and tow it.

Resident: Everyone knows about it. We need to address it.

Browne: I thought if the car doesn't start...

DeSanto: Only on the roadway. How much authority do you have to make someone start a car on private property?

Fitzpatrick: How would Ron know if it is registered?

DeSanto: He gives us the tag.

Jass: Are we getting a report from code enforcer?

Fitzpatrick: Yes

Resident of Pennington Court: NY's resolution to come to these meetings more often. Sample questions from PARCC test were in the newspaper. My wife and I flunked.

Jass: Me too.

Resident: For over 20 years, I was active in Burlington City Chamber of Commerce. About a year ago, I mentioned that old Rohm and Haas in Bristol was being converted to plant to destroy harmful chemicals. Just received a notice that new company is seeking to do the same thing at that location. Wonder if we are in touch with those who are fighting that.

Schwab: Marlene and Mike have volunteered to get emails from that group.

Jass: Most of the notices are a day or two before a meeting. Hard to make a meeting.

Resident: Maybe we need a committee for this.

Fitzpatrick: Mike had volunteered for that. Notices aren't received in time to attend. First application was denied. Asking Marlene or Mike to contact. At one point, they were asking for money.

Jass: One of the authorities is very against it due to water quality.

Fitzpatrick: Riverkeeper. The other group had previously asked for money to support their fight- had hired attorneys.

Jass: Greenway – trail meeting tomorrow – professionals will be there.

COMMENT AND QUESTION SECTION OF THE MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTION 2016-27 AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH FIRST JERSEY MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE, LLC

RESOLUTION 2016-28 ESTABLISHING ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING REQUIREMENT

RESOLUTION 2016-29 AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO PROCESS PROPERTY TAX BALANCES LESS THAN TEN DOLLARS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 40A:5-17.1

RESOLUTION 2016-30 SUPPORTING A-4674 TO PERMIT CONTINUED INSPECTION OF ONE AND TWO UNIT RENTAL PROPERTIES

RESOLUTION 2016-31 AUTHORIZING RENREWAL OF UNIFORM SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MT. HOLLY RELATIVE TO THE SERVICES OF A ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO

RESOLUTION 2016-32 AUTHORIZING BURLINGTON COUNTY DIVISION OF MOSQUITO CONTROL TO CONDUCT AERIAL LARVAL/ADULT MOSQUITO CONTROL ACTIVITIES AND AUTHORIZING EXEUTION OF MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FORM

PAYMENT OF BILLS ACCOUNT GENERAL

	12/31/15	1/8/2016
General	\$ 67,235.81	\$ 568,885.96
Payroll	32,393.51	37,806.67
ESCROW TRUST	1,562.95	437,50
MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE	9,179.63	111.76

APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR 2016 GIRLS STATE AND BOYS STATE SPONSORSHIP

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Removed from consent at request of Browne: ORDINANCE 2016-1 CALENDAR YEAR 2016 MODEL ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) *1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2016 7:30pm

Fitzpatrick: Doug or Richard, can you explain for John?

Schwab: Since caps were put on, it has become routine to allow to spend up to maximum cap. Gives flexibility. No longer have the artificial Cost of Living cap – 1 1/2%. If you don't use it and we never do, you can bank the difference if you need it in the future.

Browne: Odd without budget numbers.

Schwab: Based on last year. Rules are that you adopt before you do the budget since it sets your limits.

Browne: I do kind of understand it.

Schwab: Makes sense because it sets a limit. There is a 2% tax rate cap. This is an expenditure cap. Two separate caps. Auditor will go over this on the 28th. We used the cap bank when we expanded the police department. Gives you flexibility which state law doesn't.

Heinold: The bank makes sense so you can make better short term decisions. You don't feel you have to drive the budget up in case you need it.

Passed unanimously

Templeton: Girl State Boy State – can those young people come back to us and tell us about it?

Fitzpatrick: Yes, the Women’s Club has had the person they sponsored speak.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

FENCE STUDY AND ORDINANCE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WATERFRONT
PROPERTIES (continued discussion)

Heinold: Discussion has been to allow an expansion to types of enclosures permitted on privately owned lots on the riverfront. Now only living fences 3 ft. in height are permitted. Issue is DEP regulation. I will talk with Michelle Taylor tomorrow. We are taking the position that regulation doesn’t apply to us. Trying to get a blanket exemption. Historical problem is that it’s not obvious that property is private.

Fitzpatrick: Can that include Rancocas too? I want to put a fence on my lot.

Browne: I’ve been following fence study since the fall. How close are we to wrapping this up? Simple fence thing. I do understand private property. I understand DEP requiring. Can’t we just tell these folks they can have a wood fence.

Heinold: All steps in the right direction. If it were up to us, it would be done. We don’t want to say it’s OK and have DEP cite someone in 6 months. Hope to make progress with DEP on this issue.

Fitzpatrick: My suggestion from the beginning that ordinance says fences could be built subject to DEP approval. Bill and I wanted to have a meeting with residents along there to let them know about DEP.

Heinold: This issue of fencing has come up for ten years. Think we are heading in the right direction. Don’t want to require DEP approval if they don’t need it in the first place.

Browne: Lots to do in town. Why are we spending so much time talking about a fence?

Fitzpatrick: DEP was involved when I did my renovations. That’s part of living on the water.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by Maureen Barrett