

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 on February 8, 2016

Present: Browne, 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; Mrs. Lohr, Municipal Clerk; Rob Inverso, Township Auditor

COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Schwab: Assessor's and code enforcement reports received.

-Two budget workshops – one this evening

COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police

-JIF Safety Coordinator Training was attended

2. Public Works

-Old dumptruck is back and received new one. Dejana can't find the title for it. The other one isn't done yet.

3. Municipal Clerk – none

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Jass:

-Summer Camp committee met – starts July 5 for 6 weeks. Register online and pay there as of March (missed date) \$100 a week /\$60 for half days . All trips included.

-Flower show trip March 6. \$27 leaves municipal building at 9am – sold out, but you can be on a waiting list.

-Attended Joint Land Use Board meeting

Templeton:

-Attended JIF Safety Coordinators Seminar –

-Attended Environmental Advisory – good group this year – enrolled in Sustainable New Jersey to submit for next year

Browne:

-none

Dillenbeck:

-Sewerage Authority meeting tomorrow night

-Comedy Night at Firehouse is coming up –

-Feb. 20 2-9 Commissioners' elections – three officers running

-Got new fire truck which is being painted

-Generator has been hooked up at firehouse

Fitzpatrick:

-Attended History Board meeting – presentation for watch making, not doing Babe Ruth day this year, display for First Presbyterian Church

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

COMMENT AND QUESTION SECTION OF THE MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

PAYMENT OF BILLS

GENERAL \$ 61,882.15

PAYROLL 36,061.17

ESCROW TRUST 642.00

MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE 4,630.18

CORRESPONDENCE

Lohr:

-Burlington Community Development Thursday, 2/18 at 5:30. Have attended for several years and will do again if so desired.

Fitzpatrick: Please do that again.

2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET WORK SESSION (Township Committee met in public session with representatives from various boards and commissions regarding 2016 budget requests.)

Schwab: Review of where we are. Had a preliminary go through of all submissions. Inverso will go through information. Requests for funding from library, EMS and Shade Tree. Then go to departments – public works, police, etc. Purpose is to get information – not make any decisions. Another meeting will be held. Goal to introduce budget at the second meeting in March. You can't anticipate for revenue more than you have received. Try to avoid using more than 50-60% of surplus. There are caps to deal with as well. State aid remains the same every year.

Inverso:

-Started \$1,212,503 end down at \$1,134,074

Fitzpatrick: Down \$100,000 from last year.

Inverso: Maximum to put \$1,660,000 into the budget Good budget is when you replace what you put in.

Schwab: Nothing this year from Dietz and Watson – big difference. So starting \$147,000 less in surplus than last year. Conservative approach. Licenses and court fines are up. Had to drop rental registration fees as per court. State aid the same. Construction fees are up. If more construction, it will help in 2017. Down \$118,000 in the revenue side.

Inverso: Two caps – appropriation cap is OK. Tax levy cap is an issue as in most towns. Max allowable \$3,938,000. All appropriations aren't the same – reducing capital doesn't help. So you have to increase revenues or decrease appropriations.

Inverso: From tax rate standpoint - .11 increase would be needed.

(There was further discussion here. It was difficult to take notes since they were around a table and not individually miked. The Township Committee met with various groups - EMS, library, Rec, etc. I left after the library discussion.)

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COMMENT AND QUESTION SECTION OF THE MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by Maureen Barrett