

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 May 2, 2016

Present: Browne, Templeton(absent), 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

ORDINANCE 2016-5 AMENDING TOWNSHIP CODE TO AMEND CHAPTER 222 GOVERNING "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE" 2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ORDINANCE 2016-5 - none

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Passed unanimously

****SPECIAL PRESENTATION – RIVER ROUTE PLAN**** Mark Remsa, Burlington

County Bridge Commission, Economic Development and Redevelopment Regional Strategic Plan Update Municipal Kick-off Meeting

Remsa (from Powerpoint): 21 years in the making – plan has been updated since blueprint in 1995. Originally comprised Route 130 from Palmyra to Florence - 12 communities– similar issues, challenges, and opportunities. North of Florence was very rural. Goals: Improve quality of life, positive change, development and redevelopment, education municipalities as to benefits of plan, involve county engineering and resources, conservation, encourage municipalities' cooperation, foster public/private partnerships, coordinate Corridor planning efforts, Bottom up process, encourage implementation. Goals still hold true. Name changed to River Route. 1997 - analysis completed using SWAT analysis, 1998 - recommendations completed for county and municipalities. 1999 - NJ State Planning Commission endorsed.

What is the plan?

-Consensus-based, bottom up, shared vision for long-term investment in corridor, "quality of life" goals, and strategies to achieve. 48 volunteers from 12 communities. All adopted resolutions adopting as did the freeholders.

Quality of life:

Land Use, Housing, Economic development, transportation, recreation/open space, historic preservation, public facilities and services, intergovernmental coordination.

Educational process

Recommendations for planning process. Freeholders committed staff resources. State endorsement helped get funding from the state.

What's different?

-Demographics, economy, laws, environment, new ideas and trends. Need to evaluate based on 21 years of experience.

-Adding 4 more municipalities north of Florence up to Mansfield Township.

Better tools and data sources.

-Conducting surveys of residents, businesses, etc.

Process:

-Asking for 4 new representative who will represent your community well from each municipality

-Form subcommittees to look at analyses – Housing, economic development, open space, recreation and historic preservation, transportation, public facilities and services.

-Develop recommendations

-Update “suitable area” maps

-Update target areas and projects Ex. Willingboro Town Center – a new asset

-Develop draft municipal implementation agendas

-Each municipality will have a list of what they should do.

-Will be an in-depth process.

Steering committee meets four times a year, but task groups meet early in the day more frequently. When task groups finish their job, they don’t meet any more.

Steering committee meetings are in the evening.

Dillenbeck: Wonderful job of Willingboro Square. Willingboro is trying to get a couple of liquor licenses. How is that going?

Remsa: Don’t know. Met with them much earlier.

Fitzpatrick: One of their committee members contacted me a while ago about economic development. I taught at Rowan campus there. Enjoyed it. Beautiful.

How soon do you plan to start meeting?

Remsa: Before the end of June.

Fitzpatrick: We should give you the resolution and representatives by middle of June.

Remsa: Early June. Need to build data base of contacts.

Jass: Have served on River Route over many years. Duco (?) is revitalizing Marketplace in Willingboro?

Remsa: Don’t know. They have a good track record.

Jass: We made a lot of strides. Been on it since 2002. Will we need to do a complete update?

Remsa: Yes. Hoping to streamline. Available online on Bridge Commission’s website.

Jass: Got email from Committeeman Templeton. Wanted me to ask what the county is planning to do regarding loss of businesses – four supermarkets closed. Heard that the Pathmark was under contract. Templeton believes that RiverLine is deteriorating. Concerned that real estate guides show some area schools as failing. Recent county library meeting in which a commissioner described Beverly,

Riverside and Delanco described as low income. How can this committee help with this?

Remsa: Excellent points. Need to email him and thank him for insightful questions.

Fitzpatrick: Does he want to be a part of it?

Jass: Not sure.

Dillenbeck: Regarding RiverLine deteriorating. More ridership will need more parking.

Remsa: Part of the objective is to deal with one larger voice. We were able to tell DOT we had a terrible intersection and they ponied up.

Fitzpatrick: They wanted to put 250 parking spaces in Delanco and town fought it. They reduced it to 50. We did reach out NJ Transit about adding spaces where the big blocks are. They didn't have money either. Thanks to our engineer, we revitalized Pennsylvania Avenue so it has parking on two sides of the street.

Jass: We did propose transit village by the railroad. 105 seniors coming in.

Browne: Rail line was going to be the savior of the river towns. One of the reasons I'm back up here is that I haven't seen that. Seen some new businesses, but many moved out.

Remsa: Radwill(?) is staying. They were planning to leave New Jersey.

Browne: Lot of the focus went to Route 130 – we are the orphan back here off River Road. Still waiting for new mom and pops. We had them twenty years ago.

RiverLine hasn't helped us; it's hurting us. People are afraid of that train.

Remsa: Matter of policing.

Jass: Balance – we lost large businesses, but Drivetime and Costume Gallery were helped by RiverLine. Things cycle.

Browne: Not saying transit is all at fault. Was in Burlington City today – not one pedestrian on the Main Street.

Remsa: Bordentown has flourished. People walk up from RiverLine.

Fitzpatrick: I've done that.

Browne: We want to do that up and down the corridor.

Remsa: When I see empty stores, I don't view as a negative, I see an opportunity.

Resident of Union: County needs to discuss policing of the RiverLine. It needs to be increased and handled differently.

Jass: Whole River Route – Palmyra, Riverton, Riverside.

Resident of --: Grew up here. Any plans to bring in manufacturing? That draws jobs. I'm in electric motor repair. U.S. Pipe, etc, have closed. What draws people to a Delanco? I like it as a quiet town

Fitzpatrick: Hope the plan helps our redevelopment to bring industry and jobs to town.

Resident: Will there be tax credits.

Fitzpatrick: State works closely with municipalities.

Jass: Bridge Commission offers grants. New Jersey Grow. Up to \$5million considered small business.

Browne: Is \$5 million line of credit still going on?

Remsa: Yes, but most of the cash is out on the street right now. Funding Brick Wall restaurant.

Resident of Delaware: Need to be cautious on tax deals – when some area schools are identified as failing, we can't keep taking money away from them.

Fitzpatrick: This is different. Tax credits - no effect on the schools.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

COMMENTS – PROFESSIONALS

Noll:

-Handicapped ramps – extended bid date to May 12 – award May 16

-Sea walls – submitted cost estimates to Richard Received email from Mr. Templeton – wants to be involved in process with DEP for temporary and emergency repairs.

-Storm Water basins – RiverWinds and Municipal Building – reports pending

Browne: Sea wall report...is there a way to visualize what you are planning?

Noll: Report issued 6 months ago. You can get a copy.

Browne: If we repaired the public portion, what happens with the private portion continually...

Heinold:

-Affordable Housing Plan before Judge – finality in next month or two

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

-Qualified for PSE&G Green Solutions – updated energy audit. Came to count light fixtures. Pushing updating fluorescent with LED. 100% paid by PSE&G – 36 months to pay 30% of the cost.

COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Police

-Take Back Prescription Drugs – successful

-Annual Parade – Joint Insurance Fund involved because they are not happy with documents that are being provided. Looking at a way to change the wording.

Solicitor is coordinating with county engineering.

Fitzpatrick: Marlene had question about Creek Road and Newtons Landing.

Jass: At the bend, noticed today, big arrows now.

Fitzpatrick: Light at end of Keith Mohrman's property was recommended.

Schwab: Need to ask for quote from PSE&G.

Jass: Did they consider that Motor Vehicles will be there?

DeSanto: No

Fitzpatrick: It is dark there.

Schwab: We do have a representative. May have changed.

Fitzpatrick: One on Newtons Landing Blvd is out. Just need the number on the pole?

DeSanto: Through Marie – we have an account.

Jass: Do our officers note when there is a light out?

DeSanto: Yes, since we have an online account.

2. Public Works

-132 cubic yds of brush

-1.5 tons asphalt on potholes

- Cut township property three times
- Removed one large tree from storm damage
- Storm Water Management inspection – 22 outfalls in this town. Have to go out a couple times a year to be sure there is no water coming out of them.
- DEP inspected compost – OK. No ponding of water allowed due to mosquitoes.
- Recycling grant – less than last year because price of metal is down. Fred Kennedy was our number one.
- Clean up – May 21st – Residents can bring everything except paint and electronics.
- Lined ball fields.
- Contractor is supposed to be cutting fields. I cut since so much rain is predicted.
- Bellows – rain gauge isn't working out there.

Jass: Did he do winterization? Then he is responsible for leakage. He blew it out. On the doors, they used some kind of tape.

Fenimore: No problem.

Browne: Is county accepting any?

Fenimore: Yes, two. People put it out and say it's not theirs.

Fitzpatrick: Need to get it passed in the legislators. Christie isn't doing his job.

Jass: Lost recyclers who wanted to come into Distributec because of that.

Fitzpatrick: Tree that John talked about – saw it come down. Miserable rainy night. They cleaned that tree up that night. Police and fire there in minutes. John's crew worked until cleaned up. PSE&G repaired quickly also. Incredible. Thanks for a job well done.

3.Municipal Clerk - none

COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Jass: Dunes celebration starts at 11:00. Petting zoo, Woodford Cedar Run, crafts for children.

- Riverwalk open house interesting. Flipped house.
- ChickFila and Meadows fundraisers.
- Attended Trivia night for Women's Club.
- Newtons Landing had a meeting here regarding neighborhood watch. Sergeant Hoffman was there. Precautionary handout. Should be published in Beverly Bee. Nonemergency number to report suspicious activity.

Fitzpatrick: Putting something together for people who attended neighborhood watch – who, what, where, and when.

Jass: They were more interested in specifics for a neighborhood watch.

Fitzpatrick: We are just starting low key to see if there was interest.

DeSanto: Our role is to educate and advise. Can't instruct.

Jass: This should be for everyone in town.

Fitzpatrick: Tried a town watch few years ago. George said it just doesn't work.

Browne: Deer crossing at Coopertown Road between the creek and the river. Need signs.

Fenimore: How many do you want?

DeSanto: Most accidents – just past Distributec and by the park on Creek Road.

Browne: I've been asked to request signs.
-Another sign issue – Field of Dreams – are hours posted? We went out to look at full moon? If I were a teenage boy...
Fitzpatrick: In our ordinance.
Jass: Rec is working on it. Rules and regulations.
Fitzpatrick: Parks are dawn to dusk.
Browne:
-Attended Fire Commissioners – doing fine. As a business owner, been approached regarding raising money for 911 memorial \$20,000. Do you want Chief to make presentation?
Fitzpatrick: having a fundraiser May 16 from 4-8 at Arneiri's Pizza
Browne: Still giving out business licenses?
Marie Reese (Economic Development): Yes, very positive.
Browne: Attended meeting with police chief and code enforcement. Productive

Dillenbeck:
-Attended Fire Commissioners meeting. Made 600 hoagies for town-wide yard sale almost all sold. Weather wasn't the best. Didn't see as many people having garage sales. Monument for 911 has been revised – blue stone base for the piece of steel. Lights are already there. Will be lit in the evening. Christmas tree will stay.
Browne: I told them if they take the maple down, I won't donate.
Dillenbeck: Will officially accept new fire truck after parade. Hotdogs, hamburgers, etc. open house. Looking for donations for monument. Bring folding money.

Fitzpatrick:
-40 minute conference call with five departments for mail delivery – Congressman MacArthur and Senator Booker – denied request for our own zip code. I did appeal. I was able to tell them about the problems. The people who live at my address in Riverside are named Fitzpatrick too. I gave them the list and they are doing a test. Today I got three pieces of mail for Riverside. I sent it to Congressman MacArthur. We have a terrible problem. Our mail and packages are delivered to apartments in Riverside. One resident had things mailed to him from mother's estate. The box was open and things were thrown all over. Requires an act of congress. After I finished, someone finally said that there is an issue there. Just a bandaid on it.
Jass: Part of the problem is not using the extra four digits.
Fitzpatrick: If you have a package delivered, they don't use them;
-Attended DYSA, neighborhood watch meeting, trivia night.
-Your Poppa's Pocket Watch 4:00 on May 15. Restorer of timepieces – bring your favorite pocketwatch. Here at municipal building.

Browne:
-School board – nothing in the paper about their budget.
Fitzpatrick: reported at the last meeting. \$41.17 is the increase.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS SESSION ONE

Resident of Delaware: Thanks for working on the zip code. Had problems in the last six weeks. Delanco is crossed out on the package and Riverside is written instead. Packages go to Riverside.

Browne: Change street names?

Fitzpatrick: No, then you have to change the descriptions and deeds.

Resident of ---: Thank you for trying to take care of the zip code issue. Problem for small business owner.

Resident of: Same thing on Google map.

Fitzpatrick: My Insurance inspector went to Riverside –Told me I need a fence for my trampoline and to repair fence and roof. My policy could only be written for Riverside until I made my first payment and then could change to Delanco.

Resident of Lilac: Temporary repairs for sea wall. Is the feasibility report available to the public?

Noll: Yes.

Resident: Any documentation regarding temporary

Noll: No. Just got an email from Committeeman Mike Templeton. Haven't worked on it yet.

COMMENT AND QUESTION SECTION OF THE MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

RESOLUTION 2016-59 AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR 738 BURLINGTON AVENUE

Owner: Received approval to use warehouse portion for storage from Joint Land Use Board. Doing some upgrades. Only one driveway is installed. Getting rid of asphalt between building and sidewalk. Ornamental trees to beautify the corner. We have to post a performance guarantee. Asking for waiver since performance guarantee is generally not needed to improve something on our property. No public improvements.

Noll: In some of the other towns, you can waive performance bond for minor site improvements. (missed the next part – CO?) Health and safety improvements would have to be installed and inspection would be due with maintenance bond for two years – 15% of minimum amount.

Fitzpatrick: Inspections will be made?

Noll: Yes. Have to inspect improvements.

Owner: What are we inspecting?

Noll: Improvements and plantings

Owner: Been in the building since last summer. CO?

Jass: You have a CO for office part. Do you have one for storage?

Owner: Do you need one?

Jass: I don't know.

Noll: You said you were going to install the bathroom.

Owner: Already in.

Dillenbeck: I've seen this building. Tremendous recovery. Know your character. Recommend we suspend the performance guarantee.

Heinold: If we waive the performance guarantee, when do you expect to complete the work?

Owner: Awaiting final approval from county and (missed it). Hopefully by summer.

Heinold: Can just tie to general timeframe.

Fitzpatrick: Waive for performance guarantee and require work to be done by Dec. 31, 2016. Inspection escrow?

Heinold: Still have to inspect in accordance with board approval.

Fitzpatrick: Cost?

Noll: \$582.51

Fitzpatrick: We will not waive the escrow requirement.

Noll: Post two year bond, and will get your money back.

Fitzpatrick: Waive performance guarantee. Complete prior to Dec. 31, 2016. We do not waive required escrow, maintenance guarantee will be required.

Noll: Consistent with my recommendations.

Passed unanimously

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE

-Lohr: DOT 2016 Municipal aid not approved. Also received email from Pat Manning resigning from Historical Advisory Board.

Acceptance by motion - Passed unanimously

Lohr: Note from youth regarding conditions Third and Cedar requesting curbs be painted yellow.

DeSanto: Officers are looking into it.

Fitzpatrick: Don't know if we should paint the area or not. No stop sign there. Child has trouble crossing the street.

DeSanto: Keeping an eye on it.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by Maureen Barrett