

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

Delanco Township Committee meeting on June 13, 2016

Present: Browne, Dillenbeck, Jass, Templeton, Fitzpatrick

Also Present: Mr. Noll, Township Engineer; Mr. Heinold, Township Solicitor; Mrs. Martin, Deputy Township Clerk; Mr. DeSanto, Police Chief

**POLICE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS:**

RESOLUTION 2016-68 AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF POLICE LIEUTENANT ADAM TILGER

RESOLUTION 2015-69 AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF POLICE SERGEANT BASIL WARREN

RESOLUTION 2016-70 AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL HIRSCHFELD AND ATTENDANCE AT THE MERCER COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY

ORDINANCE 2016-6 TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO PROVIDING FOR AND DETERMINING THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES"

Motion approved unanimously to adopt Ordinance 2016-6 on second reading

ORDINANCE 2016-7 TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO PROVIDING FOR AND DETERMINING THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES"

Motion approved unanimously to adopt Ordinance 2016-7 on second reading

**COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

Engineer: July 6, cdc project; Stormwater basins; Preparing a report; Pre-construction meeting June 3; Newton's Landing.

Solicitor: Affordable housing.

Chief DeSanto: Completed analysis of Illinois Ave. He's against one-way street. Against issuing residential parking permits. Other residents will be asking for permits. Suggests Illinois feed onto West Ave.

Engineer: Could build out Illinois to West End. Or put parking lot at end of street.

Fitzpatrick: Residents want to park in front of house.

Browne: Looks like lot of streets in town.

Fitzpatrick: More people buying more cars.

Desanto: Start painting curb yellow, you're taking away people's frontage.

Fitzpatrick: No one would use parking lot.

Browne: Solution for resident might be a driveway but she says she can't afford.

Jass: This street is a dead end so drivers have to back up to get out. Maybe we should look into putting Illinois onto West End.

**COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Deputy Township Clerk: Distributed Mr. Fenimore's report.

Fitzpatrick: Add to minutes.

**COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

Jass: (Inaudible.) Attended Women's Civic Club dinner at Vinny's. Support local businesses. Memorial Day Parade, heard lots of positives. (Inaudible.) First concert held two weeks ago. Delanco residents' photographs will be displayed at last concert in September. Recreation has 2<sup>nd</sup> concert Thursday, June 16. School Board: summer camp is taking reservations. Attended Shade Tree Commission meeting.

Templeton: Insurance fund, liability for activities including Memorial Day Parade. Got the permit on (missed it) Memorial Day Parade was great. Thanks to Rec and Bill McFadden. Historic preservation, loved Alligator Jr. submarine on top of car. Environmental Advisory Board, new members interested in Sustainable New Jersey, committee authorizes sending a member to meeting. Wishes Mrs. Lohr a speeding recovery.

Browne: Thanks to Township Committee members and employees for basket for death in family. Economic Advisory Committee: going to work on a video of Delanco to show off the town to businesses interested in locating here, to go on YouTube. Fire Commissioners: working on 9/11 memorial. Shade Tree Commission meeting June 20. We have 50-60 tree seedlings at Newton's Landing victory garden. Need to be moved. Residents don't know that they're available for planting on their private property. Fitzpatrick: Do we need to remove seedlings? Need John (Fenimore) to do that.

Browne: Will talk to Fenimore.

Templeton: How about residents dig them up from victory garden?

Browne: Newton's Landing apprehensive about townspeople coming to take trees.

Jass: Once we know where trees are located, we'll do an email blast.

Browne: Peter Fritz said 76 liberty trees were planted during Bicentennial. People are finding out what happened to the trees.

Dillenbeck: Thanks for cards and calls, baskets. Thank God I'm here.

Kate: Parade, Rec did a great job. Parade gets better every year. Attended housing of new fire truck at fire house. Attended (inaudible) retirement dinner at Café Madison. Attended 5<sup>th</sup> grade DARE graduation Boy Scouts taking worn flags on Flag Day. Heard from U.S. Postal Service re appeal for our ZIP code. Postal Service will review request.

#### MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS SESSION ONE

Resident 1 of Poplar Street: Church (former Presbyterian church) plays music all hours of the night, past 10 p.m. curfew. Jamming loud music, drums until 10-11 at night. Can township change ordinance so Sunday-Thursday curfew takes effect 9 p.m.?

Desanto: When was the last time this happened? We talked to the pastor.

Resident: Last time was two nights ago.

Jass: Concerns are valid. Church windows were rattling. She went into church, spoke with the people practicing. They tried to cover windows with wood. She talked to them about decibels. Told them about our code. Assumed this had calmed down except for Sunday service.

Fitzpatrick: It's important to document. Call the police dispatcher so we have a record. It's important to do that. To not call police is not enjoying your quality of life. We need to hear it on the record.

Resident 2: I talked to pastor and wife. I don't believe they're aware of what goes on when they don't have church. Their services are Sunday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. I understand practicing, but they play after 10 p.m., not recently but in the past. It's not church music or rehearsal. He gets up at 5 a.m. He can't go to sleep with the noise.

Resident 3: Called police a couple of times. Tried to talk to them with police. Musicians suggested the resident wear earplugs. I can't be up all night. I work heavy equipment. I can hear them in the cellar. I don't want to confront them directly. One time they played after midnight on a Friday into Saturday  
Resident 4. Ridiculous we have to go through this. Kids go to school, people work. When they leave, they talk loudly and blow car horns. How can we get this changed?

Desanto: The ordinance says no loud noise after 10 p.m. A resident can sign a complaint if there is noise before 10 p.m. Suggests let us try to handle one more time with pastor. If you want to sign a complaint, you should. I haven't heard complaints since he spoke to pastor.

Fitzpatrick: Call police. Sign a complaint if you want to pursue it further.  
Resident: Can we have the ordinance changed? What is the process?  
Fitzpatrick: We would talk with the chief and solicitor about changing ordinance.  
Jass: They hoped to redo the basement to practice there. The church windows rattle. I could feel it.  
Templeton: The noise is audible beyond the property line. It seems the ordinance is ineffective as written. Some residents don't want to put their name on a complaint. He suggests they document occurrences, call police, keep a record of what's happening.  
Fitzpatrick: The next step is to call the police and file a complaint. You'll be heard in municipal court. The church needs to adjust. Document and sign a complaint. That's the only way. If that doesn't work, we'll see about an ordinance.  
Desanto: I will speak with the pastor again. Let's talk with the pastor, me and the residents as a group. Let's not change the ordinance.  
Jass: I'd like to be part of that meeting.  
Fitzpatrick: Let's talk to the pastor. If we change the ordinance, it affects the whole town. If that doesn't work, come back to us.  
Desanto: Designate one person to be contact person with me.  
Resident 5: I was disturbed yesterday by banging drum. I get headaches. Disturbing. Loud. I hope something can be done about this.  
Resident 6: They might have quieted down a little bit. One day they played from 3 in the afternoon until 2 in the morning.

Resident of Illinois: At one point the end of my street was supposed to go out to West Avenue. On Pennsylvania Avenue they have lines designated for resident parking.

Fitzpatrick: That's because of the Riverline

Resident: I suggest permit parking so I can park in front of my house.

Fitzpatrick: I will talk with John Fenimore and see what his recommendation is. And talk with the engineer.

Resident: It's not getting better, it's getting worse. We're looking to move out of Delanco.

Jass: It's a narrow street with cars parked on both sides

Fitzpatrick: There are lots of street like that in town.

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

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### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTION 2016-71 APPOINTING DEPUTY MUNICIPAL TAX ASSESSOR

RESOLUTION 2016-72 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) (Clean Communities)

RESOLUTION 2016-73 TO REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT TO TOTAL VETERAN EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30a

RESOLUTION 2016-74 AUTHORIZING ONE HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE AT 405 ILLINOIS AVEUNE

RESOLUTION 2016-75 AUTHORIZING THE LEASE/PURCHASE OF A POLICE VEHICLE UNDER STATE CONTRACT

RESOLUTION 2016-76 REFUNDING UNEXPENDED ESCROW ACCOUNT (Street Opening Permit #2014-10)

RESOLUTION 2016-77 REFUNDING UNEXPENDED ESCROW ACCOUNT (Street Opening Permit #2014-11)

RESOLUTION 2016-78 SPECIFYING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES WITHIN DELANCO TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION 2016-79 AUTHORIZING LETTER AGREEMENT ON TIEMAN PROPERTY, 551 BURLINGTON AVENUE, (BLOCK 1410, LOT 6.01)

RESOLUTION 2016-80 AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH FAIR SHARE HOUSING CENTER REGARDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATION

RESOLUTION 2016-81 ADOPTING S.O.P. # 2.05, ENTITLED INTERNAL AFFAIRS POLICY & PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:14181

RESOLUTION 2016-82 ADOPTING THE REVISED TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO POLICE DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
GENERAL	\$ 828,481.64
PAYROLL	159,463.21
PUBLIC DEFENDER FUND	300.00
ESCROW TRUST	32,557.99
ACCUMULATED ABSENCES	29,385.14
MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE	821.99

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3/21/2016 & 4/18/2016

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Temp: Resolutions 2016-79 and 2016-80, want to see if we're OK with them. Remove them from consent agenda.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA minus 2016-79 and 2016-80

Approved unanimously.

Discussion of Resolutions 2016-79 and 2016-80

Browne: (Inaudible.)

Heinhold re 2016-79: We're demolishing [Tieman] property but we're not bound to future of property.

Motion approved unanimously.

Heinhold re 2016-80: All towns are dealing with affordable housing issues. The number of units for Delanco has been thrown around 170-180 range. We submitted a plan for 131 units. We have actively and aggressively dealt with affordable housing issue. 131 units takes us out to 2025. Living Springs has 20 special needs units. We get double credits for them. (Inaudible.) We're in excellent position for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> rounds.

Browne: What about current housing counting for affordable housing?

Heinhold: Delanco doesn't fall under that parameter.

Temp: Local rents are less than forecast rents for affordable housing.

Heinhold: Fair Share is targeting towns that have shirked their responsibilities. Their new number for Delanco is 300 affordable housing units.

Jass: How many now?

Heinhold: Rounds 1 and 2, 160 units, round 3, 130 units. (Maureen: I'm not sure Doug was saying Delanco has 290 units toward the 300. What I've written kind of implies that, but I'm not sure.)

Motion approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2016-8 AMENDING CHAPTER 10-6 GOVERNING "POLICE"

\*1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR JULY 11, 2016 AT 7:30PM

Approved unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE none

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS SESSION TWO

No comments.

COMMENT AND QUESTION SECTION OF THE MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. 2016 NJDOT SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION (Deadline 6/27/2016)  
(Maureen: No context for me on this. Not confident in my recording of engineer's and mayor's comments.)

Engineer: Special consultant is doing that. Very competitive.

Fitzpatrick: Any input? We decided not to pursue because of stringent criteria.

2. STATUS OF BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL PARK PHASE IV FOD (Field of Dreams) PROJECT  
(Maureen: Again, no context for me, so this is a stab at what I think she said.)

Fitzpatrick: \$62,500, how we would use it? We're going to take care of current fields.

Browne: Would like to work on new business licenses to change criteria.

Deputy Municipal Clerk: Could make March to March for annual licenses

Browne: Will talk with Kitty (Kitty Martin, Deputy Township Clerk).

ADJOURNMENT 9:27 p.m.