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Delanco Township Committee meeting on July 11, 2016

Present: Browne, Templeton, Jass, Dillenbeck(absent), 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

ORDINANCE 2016-8 AMENDING CHAPTER 10-6 GOVERNING "POLICE" \*2ND  
READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ORDINANCE 2016-8 HEARING CLOSED TO  
THE PUBLIC

Passed unanimously

#### COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

##### COMMENTS – PROFESSIONALS

Noll: 2015 handicapped ramp project started July 7 Rancocas, Vine and Ash  
-setting up meeting with John re Illinois Avenue.

Fitzpatrick: To make it a one-way? Further conversation under discussion

Noll: Yes

-High Point at Newtons Landing – sitework progressing

Heinold:

Affordable Housing – Sept. 8 is court hearing to confirm Round 3 plan which has  
been agreed to. We are in a very stong position.

##### COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Schwab:

-June code enforcement report was submitted. Issued notices for 25 vehicles.

#### DEPARTMENT HEADS

##### 1. Police

-June stats – 42 investigations, 93 motor vehicle tickets, 81 mv warnings, 21 arrests.  
866 police actions, 8 accident investigations

##### 2. Public Works

-84 yds of brush

-cut township properties 3 times

-3 road signs, 2 stop signs, put library signs up.

-cut three properties as per code official

-13 trees trimmed, removed one tree on Union, 4 trees came down last weekend –  
one on garage at West Ave. Was able to removed without damage other than a  
shingle.

- tree roots between curb and sidewalk are cutting off line for sprinkler system.

Also problems on Field of Dreams. Coming out tomorrow to check it out.

Jass: Guy who installed it? Isn't it under maintenance on new field.

Fenimore: On the system though. He thinks it's tied in.

Schwab: We need to start with control system.

Jass: Wasn't it a separate contractor? If we get someone else to do it, the contract is bye-bye.

Fenimore: He thinks it is in the controls. Lightning is a problem.

-Started trimming at the Columns – just topping off.

Jass: What is the height? Memo from Scott that it shouldn't be lower than 2 feet.

Fitzpatrick: Tree at the end of Rancocas and Orchard, stump is still up. Will township take it down?

Fenimore: Yes, haven't gotten to it.

Jass: Willow and Delaware – tree needs to be unbrellaed.

Fenimore: Not sure what we are going to do about grafitti?

Fitzpatrick: Can it be powerwashed?

Fenimore: Can't get water to it.

Fitzpatrick: Another trashcan down there? Phil Bracket wants one. I will ask if he wants one on his property.

Fenimore: 62 cans to empty as of now. Arrow sign there now so we may be able to put one there.

Fitzpatrick: Our right of way – then I don't need to ask him.

Resident: Would pressured water from fire company blow off that graffiti?

Fenimore: They would love it, but it would blow the rocks off.

Fitzpatrick: Graffiti is on seawall at the end of Willow. I haven't seen it. Drug grafitti.

Fenimore: There are several spots with graffiti. End of Walnut too.

### 3.Municipal Clerk

- Coworkers in front office have been willing to jump in as needed in Janice's absence.

### COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Templeton: Attended Rec concert – thanks to Marlene and Phil for work

-Attended financial audit outbrief

-Attended Municipal Court

- Attended FEMA map revision meeting. We are in a 90 day appeal period for errors on maps, to be followed by a comment period and then in spring of 2017 FEMA will issue letter of final determination. Estimated to be in effect Oct. 2017.

Municipalities will have to adopt maps as official flood maps. Boiler plate formats from DEP to come 4-6 months from now. I will try to get links and info on township website so residents can see the preliminary maps as they affect their properties.

Recommendations that individuals need to make properties more resilient – washer and dryer on platform, heater, water heater, any kind of elevation helps as those are the high costs.

-Joint Insurance responsibilities have been realigned. Marie DeSibio has picked up some of Nancy Bray's duties (she retired). I have the inventory to complete and

work with Steve Walsh, risk management consultant. Working with Mr. Schwab on the matter we are discussing at the end of the meeting.

Jass:

-Attended Library Board meeting – lots of programs. Go on library website.

Summer camp also utilizing the library for events.

-Attended Shade Tree meeting

-Attended Nancy Bray's retirement celebration – with Delanco since 2004

-Recreation – cleaned out the shed.

-Summer Camp is progressing well – full day. Movie once a week, a trip and a library event each week. Teachers do a wonderful job. Thanks to Erin, our recreation coordinator.

-Attended Joint Land Use Board

-Attended River Route Meeting to review presentation that was given here.

-Conference call with Congressman McArthur who reviewed tragic happenings in Dallas and their impact on all. Homegrown terror in NJ. Two residents of North Jersey with ISIS affiliations charged last month. Grants available.

DeSanto: Grants are for community programs for at risk individuals to attract them away from terrorism. They pay for training for community organizations.

Jass: McArthur announced support of Blue Line Act to protect officers with harsher penalties for those who attack police, first responders, etc. Additional funding for bullet proof vests.

DeSanto: Purchasing two.

Jass: Moment of silence for Jim Queenan.

-Recreation – concerts at Hawk Island have been a success.

Browne:

-Attended Fire Commissioners meeting – 1. Illinois Ave will be discussed. Pulled them into the loop. 2. (Missed it)

-Joint meeting with Shade Tree – notes distributed. Long way to go with this idea. I will let you know when our next meeting will be. Shade Tree Commissioners received an email from Mike that I didn't get. I would like a copy.

-River Route meeting – got to ask county officials questions and asked NJ Transit questions. Each Delanco rep will be representing a different area of concern.

Process will take two years. Next meeting in August, but we will meet prior to that.

Templeton: Does Economic Development include quality of schools?

Browne: Yes.

Fitzpatrick:

-Attended eighth grade graduation and presented Bret Harris award – (read thank you note from recipient)

-Attended Riverside HS graduation – salutatorian Ethan Radcliffe was our own librarian's son. Handsome young man.

-Attended Nancy Bray's retirement luncheon. Had to leave for lunch with Steve and Sharon Corcoran.

- Attended Bible school – Deep Sea Discover Vacation Bible School. Went to finale. Growing up here almost everyone went to Bible school. Children were happy and involved and singing great songs.

#### MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTION

Resident of Delaware: Need a sign that says “No turnaround.” Neighbors are having parcels delivered and they have installed a gate. Van backed over my property to leave. Told her it was private property; driver cursed me up and down. Called the number on the van. It was Amazon. Talked to Mrs. Malik. She said they would tell delivery drivers not to do that. Got a call from Rick Malik at 5:00. He called Amazon and said not to send her again. If they are expected a package, the gate should be open. I’ve seen it before with big box trucks.

Fitzpatrick: That road is public. You should call the police.

Resident: Can’t a sign be put there that says “private property – no turn around”

Fitzpatrick: We haven’t made a decision.

DeSanto: “No thruway” would be my suggestion.

Fitzpatrick: We need something that says No Turnaround.

Browne: What about what we did for Matt Baiada. Paper street is still ours.

Fitzpatrick: Mallick could use Second Street.

Heinold: Ends at (missed it).

Fitzpatrick: Let’s see if we can get two signs.

Browne: You should put in some kind of landscaping and a small fence.

Resident: I have a berm and some flowers there. Thank you.

Resident of Illinois Ave: Talked to Mr. Schwab regarding permit parking.

Schwab: It’s on the agenda for the end of the meeting.

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

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#### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

##### RESOLUTION 2016-83 CERTIFYING RECEIPT OF AUDIT

##### RESOLUTION 2016-84 CERTIFYING LIENS AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR COSTS INCURRED BY THE TOWNSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 135 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE

##### RESOLUTION 2016-85 AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT FOR PHASE III OF THE PENNINGTON FIELD OF DREAMS PROJECT

##### RESOLUTION 2016-86 ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

#### PAYMENT OF BILLS ACCOUNT

GENERAL 698,914.08  
P A YROLL 169,947.69  
PUBLIC DEFENDER FUND 377.24  
ESCROW TRUST 6,219.00  
MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE 8,609.92

#### APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA Passed unanimously

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 5/2/16 passed with Templeton abstaining since he was absent for this meeting.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

-letter from Burlington Co. League of Women Voters asked for resolution opposing construction of oxidizer facility in Falls Township

Fitzpatrick: Already did a resolution

Resolution 2016-89 in support of opposing the project. Passed unanimously

-Letter from RVA (?) group on Motor Vehicle Facility – plans and documents provided as a courtesy. How would you like them to proceed? They need to have a public forum because they wish to remove a large number of trees from the site and DEP is requiring a public forum. They want to use town hall.

Fitzpatrick: Should they come here and present?

Heinold: Might ask them go to Joint Land Use Board – plans etc. Public forum would be satisfied.

Schwab: DEP might require a separate forum.

Fitzpatrick: They should let Township Committee members know when they will appear at JLUB.

Martin: Currently Aug 2 meeting has one appeal.

Templeton: So JLUB would be authorizing?

Martin: Fees paid for by township since it is a state project.

Schwab: Can ask for escrow, but may not get it. State controls what they do on a property. It is a courtesy for them to come in.

Martin: Will not ask professionals to review.

Heinold: They can do a courtesy review.

Martin:

-Letter of resignation from Joanie Segal from Recreation.

Fitzpatrick: Accept with regrets.

Motion passed unanimously

Martin:

-Letter from Maureen Hildenbrand expressing interest in position on Recreation Board

Fitzpatrick: Board needs to interview and recommend to Township Committee.

McFadden (Rec): She applied at suggestion of board.

Martin: Office of the Governor contacted me to ask us to support the school fairness formula .

Fitzpatrick: Sent the info to Mr. Mersinger and talked to rep from governor's office.

There is no guarantee that we will get more money. Not enough information.

Schools may be restricted in how they use it. Budget has 2% cap for part and no cap on the other part.

Jass: Is there any more information?

Fitzpatrick: Same amount for every student in the state. \$6,000

Templeton: No substance to it. State doesn't have the money for transportation or pension. Shell game.

Fitzpatrick: Talked to governor's office. Mayors roundtable – state mandate giving veterans a full tax exemption from real estate tax. Diane Allen said that was the first thing she did in office. Not against veterans getting everything they are entitled to, but it is an unfunded mandate. We do get reimbursed the \$250. I am looking into that. Not right for state to mandate something they won't pay for.

Martin: Letter from John Rahenkamp regarding his experience with shade trees at Newtons Landing. Came in this morning. You haven't had time to review.

Martin: DOT notice regarding status of Transportation Trust Fund

Fitzpatrick: Doesn't affect us.

Fitzpatrick: August 1 Township Committee meeting will be held. Last August meeting may not be held.

Heinold: I will provide coverage.

Fitzpatrick: County grant fund subcommittee meant. West Avenue field. Want John to review the plan so what needs to be in it is in it. Baseball field correction.

Schwab: Need to write specs now so they can play in spring. Minor stuff; shouldn't lose the season.

Jass: County is happy with Delanco – we complete our projects in a timely manner.

Fitzpatrick: Want to approve at Sept 12 meeting.

Templeton: Is there money for a flag pole?

Schwab: Don't need to wait for a grant for that.

Fitzpatrick: Let Recreation decide on that.

Jass: Still a flag pole at Babe Ruth Field.

DeSanto: 33 Pennington Court – received inquiry from resident whose car is being destroyed by sap.

Jass: There was no parking on one side of the road.

Martin: Just the way the site plan was.

Fitzpatrick: We changed the whole site plan at Rivers Edge and it worked out quite well. Maybe we should allow parking there.

Jass: Should be looked into. Residents had come in.

Fitzpatrick: Should go through Newtons Landing and allow to park where there are no houses. Open up more spaces. JLUB needs to be aware of these things moving forward.

Jass: These were the first developments. They tell you the total number of places, but you can't park where there were mailboxes.

DeSanto: I will take a look and open up a few areas.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. SET FALL TOWN WIDE YARD SALE DATE – September 24, 2016

2. ILLINOIS AVENUE PARKING ISSUES –

Fitzpatrick: Asked Chris to consider a drive through at the end to create a one-way street. Any other suggestion?

Schwab: Suggestion of permit parking was made by a resident.

Fitzpatrick: Bill and I aren't in favor of permit parking. Chief isn't either. If we free up the street to be one-way and have a meeting with residents to see how they can be more courteous to their neighbors.

Browne: I went out and looked at access from Illinois and West. Needs to be cleared.

Fenimore: You would have to get a professional

Browne: Looking at tax assessor's map. Parking problem all over town. Could stipulate that with any 40 front footage, you should get two spots like a deed restriction.

McFadden: Jesse will go crazy enforcing that.

Jass: Hardly anyone came in for the permits for the permits on Delaware Avenue.

Fitzpatrick: But they can have them. That was their whole thing.

Browne: Should be able to work out with residents.

Fitzpatrick: I would call a workshop meeting. The safety issue is our first concern. Going in one way and going out another. Ask for courtesy for the neighbors.

Jass: We should do this prior to the one-way. Still talking about monies. I would call in the neighbors first.

Fitzpatrick: I will send the letter out and ask them to come in and discuss parking issues.

Jass: The only people that will come are those who are impacted.

Fitzpatrick: I will go door to door. I've had other meetings with other streets. Had them at Township Committee meetings.

Schwab: Could be permit parking for the first two houses.

Resident of Illinois: A one-way street doesn't solve the parking issue.

Fitzpatrick: I might want to address each individual. Do you have one person who parks in front of your house every day?

Resident: No.

Jass: I've been down many times.

Resident: Need to come down and see it later at night. I'm not going to cause a stir with all of the things happening in the nation.

Fitzpatrick: Every street in Delanco has parking issues.

Resident: When these houses were going to be approved, we came in. It was four houses, then it went to eight.

Jass: You are right. The JLUB hands get tied. The state says a single driveway serves two cars – one in driveway and one in garage.

Resident: Builder had six and said that six wouldn't be profitable, but eight would. I was there since we have solar panels. Five years ago.

Jass: They asked for a density waiver.

Resident: We go out to shop at 7am. We can't go out at 12 because when we come back, we can't park. That is our life.

Jass: What JLUB would like to do and what they are allowed to do are different. We imposed this on people who don't have drives. We have to look at this from a different aspect.

Fitzpatrick: If you are in favor of permitting, we can vote.

Templeton: We won't be acting on that tonight.

Jass: JLUB has to take legal things into consideration when deciding.

Fitzpatrick: Opens a can of worms.

Resident: Can is open.

Browne: An idea - 40 feet frontage or under, you get a white cone with your address on it. It's not a crazy idea.

Resident: I have been the only one here. People won't attend a meeting

Noll: Building plans are subject to state Residential Site Improvement Standards – if builder meets those standards by state definition, board can't do anything else.

Creates problems everywhere. Has to start at the state level.

Resident: Only two people will show up. The rest aren't being imposed. Further down Illinois, it opens up. I don't want to park at the end of the street and walk back. It isn't safe. I'm a woman. Don't want my 19 year old daughter doing that.

Templeton: Should hold a meeting for residents to discuss. New residents should be impressed that their spaces in driveways should be utilized. If no accommodation, it puts it back on the committee to consider permits on that street.

Fitzpatrick: Explain the situation and what we plan to discuss.

Resident: Why is it taking four months for it to be discussed?

Browne: Government.

Resident: Why wasn't that suggested last month?

Fitzpatrick: I wasn't at the May meeting. Will send a letter and ask them to come to next meeting. State that they should park in the driveways and not in front of the existing homes.

Browne: I suggested that you talk to your neighbors four months ago.

Resident: Schedule doesn't allow.

Browne: Letter will go out from governmental authority.

Fenimore: Similar problem at my daughter's house. I painted her address on the curb line. It was pretty effective. It may make them think. Use a stencil.

Browne: Don't get frustrated.

### 3. MOWING OF HIGH GRASS – Newtons Landing Basin and Hovnanian Property.

Fitzpatrick: Supposed to be cut twice a year. Meadow mix. County not supplying the cutter. We are using the same company.

Schwab: Prior triparty agreement – basin on county property, but we must maintain it. Met many times. County soil conservation district hires a farmer to do park and the basins. Every year Matt Johnson said we aren't sure they have the budget. Got an email in March – switching from spring to fall. Outfalls were blocked. Tried to get county to let us pay them to pay him, but now it's too late. Three calls a day from Newtons Landing people. John did it. Cutting meadows disturbs nesting animals as per one resident. Learned something. JLUB meeting – enforcement officer had been pushing Hovnanian to cut, same problem. I contacted code enforcement to ask him to hold it off, but it was already done. What is our policy?

Templeton: The reason for basin and meadow, there is a peak season and a time it dies off. Cut before it grows, and cut at the end of the season.

Fitzpatrick: Next year we will do it once a year at the end of the season.

Schwab: Talk to Homeowners Association.

Templeton: It's our basin to manage.

Heinold: Have Chris look at it.

Fenimore: Early spring. Might be nice to send a letter regarding township's responsibility. Explain our policy.

Jass: What Newtons Landing does is mow the slopes.

Schwab: We are talking about the bottom now.

Jass: Will removal of scrub trees grow back?

Fenimore: Special herbicide can be used or a machine, but you don't want to disturb all of those stones.

Noll: What clogged the outlets?

Fenimore: Brush floated up on the top of the screen.

Noll: Need to clear it at the fall

Fitzpatrick: Need to go back to the original plan.

Fenimore: Farmer on tractor comes from Southampton down Beverly Rancocas Road.

Schwab: What about code enforcement?

Fitzpatrick: Just because it was growing...

Martin: Needs to be explained to Homeowners Association.

(missed some of this – concerned the field owned by Hovnanian)

Jass: I made sure that the DMV was cut.

Fitzpatrick: Residents complain.

Fitzpatrick: I called Bill Matulewicz and talked with him.

### 4. RIVER'S EDGE IDENTIFICATION SIGNS

Browne: Fire Commissioners agree that there is a problem. Randy Johnson seems to have the answer. \$5000 to label those buildings seems excessive. Improvement should be on the Homeowners Association.

DeSanto: Garage is the street address. Houses have the garage facing the front, but we figured it out. Signs will help.

Fitzpatrick: They need to pay for them.

Schwab: No requirement to have them and no contribution from township.

## 5. DEMOLITION OF TIEMAN'S GARAGE, 551 BURLINGTON AVENUE

Schwab: Have the agreement to have it torn down. Mike Templeton had environmental JIF engineer look at it. We will be asking if we can get our money back through lien or if it will be sellable. They have to make an appointment to see the files at DEP. Saw wells. Question as to whether tanks were removed. Owner told Mike that they were. Asked Mr. Tieman to remove personal property. Should we contract to have fence put up to avoid attractive nuisance or does it make it more of one? Should paint be tested or have contractor dump entire debris field in hazardous space? Barrels of waste outside. If we order the fence, is the cost part of the lien?

Heinold: Yes. If concern is that it should be fenced, could be liened. It cost more to test things than to just dump everything as per DEP requirements.

Noll: Harry says it's unsafe to enter so there should be a fence.

Heinold: We aren't obligated to fence.

Noll: It should be fenced.

Schwab: What is the cost for a temporary fence?

Noll: Can have the contractor do the fence as soon as the contract is awarded.

Templeton: Kids have been in the garage – fresh trash. Kids have been in there recently.

Jass: When we make the approval, the contractor should put the fence up. It's not our property.

Fitzpatrick: Vote?

Jass: Can't put a fence on private property.

Heinold: Have notified Tieman's attorney that a fence would be part of the lien.

Templeton: I think we should put a fence around it. If someone goes in and it caves in, I would hate to see that.

Jass: I'm with Mike

Browne: Put up the fence.

Noll: Test – cost \$3-4000. We're assuming it's contaminated.

Fitzpatrick: I wouldn't test it.

Schwab: Contractor needs to know what he's dealing with.

Noll: It's contaminated. That's what he's dealing with.

Schwab: Concrete floor to be demolished too?

Noll: Yes. DEP search might change everything. Want to have a clear lot to sell.

Heinold: We may not take this property. We just need to make it safe.

Schwab: This is cost we are not going to get back.

Noll: Normally when you do a demolition, you take everything back. So purpose is just to make it safe.

Schwab: It will be like that for many, many years.

Noll: I will send an email.

Schwab: Specs for the end of the month?

Noll: Yes.

Schwab: If needed, we can advertise a special meeting for that purpose.

Browne: Fire Commissioners working on 911 memorial – they want Christmas tree out and advise that Rec needs to find a new location for tree lighting. They don't want a parade.

MacFadden: They don't want anything.

Browne: JIF concerns regarding parades. Santa parade at night has never been a good idea. We need a new location for tree lighting and Santa.

Browne: Have it at the library?

Fitzpatrick: How many people does it hold?

Delanco Public Library Board member: 43? by fire code

Fitzpatrick: Can go back to the Columns.

Browne: I like the Pearson School.

MacFadden: We shouldn't have it.

Fitzpatrick: Have it here.

No decision was made.

Fitzpatrick: Was a fire at Zurbrugg. Mike texted me about it.

Templeton: Todd said they could use a set of plans.

Fitzpatrick: Randy Johnson has a set.

Jass: They get plans from Joint Land Use Board.

#### ADJOURNMENT

*Submitted by Maureen Barrett*