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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – April 3, 2017

Roll Call: Dovey, Fitzpatrick, Jass, Templeton, Browne

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

2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET – PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 2017-62 AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL BUDGET READING BY TITLE

Schwab: Financial impact. \$190,000 is the cost of an average home = increase \$79.00.

Police slots are being filled as well as equipment and vehicles for them. Reduced

Public Works personnel; Increased Shade Tree budget due to blights that will necessitate tree removals. Deferred cost for unsafe building removal last year to this year's budget. Governing body asked for increase in capital fund for deferred

maintenance to deal with tree root/ sidewalk issues, public works equipment, maintenance of the municipal building, seawall repairs, and pole barn at public works.

Fitzpatrick: Thanks to Richard Schwab for diligent work on budget and working with us.

Makes our job much easier.

Dovey: Based on Edgewater Park council experience, Richard has done an excellent job.

Passed unanimously.

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET - no comment

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

ADOPTION OF 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION 2017-63 ADOPTION OF 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2017-60 (TABLED FROM 3/20/17 MEETING) AUTHORIZING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DELANCO TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE BURLINGTON COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND OTHER PARTICIPATING MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN THE RIVERFRONT POLICE CHAPLAINS RESPONSE TEAM FOR POLICE CHAPLAIN SERVICES

DeSanto: Meeting tomorrow with towns involved. JIF had a recommendation. General liability is covered, but not workman's comp as volunteers are not in NJ. Opportunity to have resources available that we would not always have. Chaplain on call. Primarily for the police officers. Objective party if they are feeling stressed. Secondary role is community liaison. Chaplain will help notify families as needed and mitigate tension between police and community if it arises.

Schwab: If chaplain is injured due to negligence of the township, they are covered under general liability as are other community volunteers.

Passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS Session One:

1. VERIZON REQUEST FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR NODE INSTALLATION- PROPOSED RESOLUTION (Continued Discussion)

Fitzpatrick: Aren't we waiting for them to get back to us?

Schwab: Two issues - not connected. Wireless wants the nodes. Direct disagreement between them and the governing body. You want to give permission when they have a plan. Other communities I deal with - once they have the general consent it is hard to turn down locations. If you have any concern, just say no. The issue Jennifer Young was here about was separate - landline and DSL. She took phone numbers and will be looking into those issues. Obviously Verizon wants to get to wireless. They want a blanket consent. Lots of discussion in DC from FCC - a lot going on right now. My opinion is to be patient and let them chase you on wireless, and wait for Jennifer to get back to us.

Fitzpatrick: Yes, I'm not in the position to move forward on this.

Jass: Another town received a stipend of \$1000.

Schwab: They will pay costs for review. If Doug develops an agreement, we should bill them. If they are at the point of installing, they should pay for engineering like any developer. They want this open-ended consent.

Dovey: I'm against consent. They haven't addressed safety or other issues.

Templeton: We have suggested that they do the survey - no consent required for that. They should come back with their results. The handout you passed on showing different installation options... if a pole has too many items, it is suggested that they sink another pole. Maybe we are looking at more telephone poles. That's something to consider.

Jass: They put in a support and you don't know how big it is.

Browne: We will hold off.

Schwab: Until we hear from them.

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

NJ Residents Against Puppy Mills representative: Asking for introduction and passage of ordinance to restrict purchase of puppies and kittens from mills. With an ordinance in place, no store that does this will try to open here. Five towns around the state had legal, police, and health costs engendered by trying to shut down pet stores. Ordinance would only allow sale of dogs from shelters or 501c3. Mills are commercial entities with terrible treatment. Pets have emotional problems.

Fitzpatrick: Just closed a store in Burlington County.

Representative: Springfield - That store has had one problem after another. They weren't complying with state laws. Breakout of Parva. They could open in another town. Besides helping puppy mill dogs, you would be protecting consumers. New pet owner in Brick bought a dog that was sick and spent thousands. Our taxes pay for the Burlington County shelter. Many shelters bring up dogs from the South. It doesn't deny a person from having a choice. Has no impact on buying from a breeder. Haddonfield just passed an ordinance - 100% in Camden County. NJ leads the nation.

Fitzpatrick: I read the emails. You are right. We didn't do it sooner because we didn't have a store. I would be in favor of the ordinance.

Browne: We can put in on for discussion. You are regulating a store on what they can sell. Chances are rescue dogs are mixed breeds. I don't think we belong in that business.

Fitzpatrick: Let's put it on for discussion for April 17.

Browne: We have enough trouble getting any business in Delanco. A lot of Amish are the breeders. If you are getting into this, if you go to a pet store, they don't belong there. If we get into the business of private industry, ...

Representative: This is a humane issue.

Browne: You are talking to a mayor who doesn't eat meat because I don't like how the animals are treated. . People are educated.

Representative: No, they are not. I go in every store in the state. When I ask for a breeder sheet, health records, they ask me to leave. They don't want to tell you that information. The store in Brick was mobbed on Saturday and they just sold a puppy with Parva.

Browne: Was a victim myself. Gave a cat I purchased IVs, sued.

Representative: Then I am surprised you aren't for it.

Fitzpatrick: I would like to discuss it. Do you feel you need to be here, John?

Browne: Government doesn't have the right to tell a merchant what product they can sell.

Jass:

Representative: The stores source from puppy mills.

Jass: If I wanted to breed here, I could sell my animals.

Representative: If you sell more than 10 puppies a year, have to send a list to the state.

Browne: We had a breeder in town. If someone were to open a store, she couldn't sell an overflow through them.

Representative: Needs a USDA license. Rare that someone has this. This only applies to pet stores. Three stores have gone humane model - puppies from the South. Sell for \$500 to cover spay/ neuter. Saving a life. End goal is to close the puppy mills.

Fitzpatrick: I know what's going on there.

Jass: Can the emails be recirculated?

Representative: I can email and I have a sample ordinance.

Lohr: April 17 - start the discussion

Fitzpatrick: Can you remove the approval of minutes? I've been sick all week and haven't had a chance to read them.

Browne: Yes

COMMENT AND QUESTION SECTION OF THE MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

ORDINANCE 2017-8 AMENDING CHAPTER 295-38 GOVERNING "ONE-WAY STREETS" 1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR APRIL 17, 2017 7:30PM

RESOLUTION 2017-64 AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION OF OUT OF SERVICE OFFICE EQUIPMENT

RESOLUTION 2017-65 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF RAFFLE LICENSE

RESOLUTION 2017-66 AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR HVAC MAINTENANCE SERVICES

RESOLUTION 2017-67 CANCELING OUTSTANDING CHECKS FOR MUNICIPAL COURT

PAYMENT OF BILLS ACCOUNT GENERAL. \$1,602,434.23
P A YROLL. 73,283.72
DOG FUND 10.00
ESCROW TRUST 3,367.83
MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE. 5,266.06

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 3/6/17 & 3/20/17 (removed at Fitzpatrick’s request)

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES 2017-10, 2017-11, 2017-12, 2017-13, 2017-15, 2017-16, 2017-17, 2017-18, 2017-19 & 2017-20

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
Passed unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE - none

Lohr: 116 notices went out for zoning ordinance today. \$500 mailing

DISCUSSION ITEMS Session Two:

1. COMPLETE STREETS POLICY – PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Schwab: Received proposal as follow up to prior discussion. Would give us higher point score when we apply for road work grants. \$4750 + planning costs from Taylor Design.

Fox: State adopted policy in 2009 encouraging town or developer to consider entire roadway when they do work - sidewalk, bike lanes, handicapped ramps, bus stops, etc. You get more points on DOT grant applications if you have a policy. 6 municipalities in Burlington and many in Camden County have them..

Fitzpatrick: We asked the cost because we wanted to have it done.

Jass: Seminars and meetings stress that you need the points to get the work done.

Fitzpatrick: We asked Chris to do this for us. Whether we get a grant or do it on our own, it allows us... it’s important to move forward with this.

Browne: Why the proposal from Taylor Design for existing streets?

Fox: It’s an amendment to the master plan. Includes long range plans. What this is is a 6-7 page document that states where there is a bike lane, (ex). Complete Streets Committee is required to review and make recommendations.

Jass: It's in state best practices.

Schwab: Not yet.

Jass: Have to spend money to get money.

Schwab: Increase in gas tax, doubt DOT will actually make a requirement as opposed to giving you an advantage.

Templeton: When you have this and apply for grant, does it require you to do all of those things?

Fox: No, there are exemptions. You can set that yourself - more than a certain percent of total project, you don't have to do it. You set the percent.

Templeton: If you receive the certification, you can just fix a street, you don't have to buy the whole fixed price meal.

Fox: Yes.

Templeton: Who is the subcommittee?

Fox: Appointed by TC.

Templeton: Makes you buy more than you need. They keep coming up with these things - lots of hoops. Spending hard-earned tax dollars to get into the pool.

Jass: Cooper Street - how long have we been trying?

Templeton: This isn't going to change it.

Jass: Gives us the opportunity to look for money. If we don't do this, we won't be able to compete. \$4700 + amendment to master plan. JLUB needs amendments anyway. Opportunity to supplement what we can afford or we can plod along and hope for the money.

Fitzpatrick: Is JLUB aware of this?

Jass: No, but this can be added in.

Martin: JLUB needs complete review of master plan in a year.

Templeton: Paragraph 1 - all that language is already in the master plan. We spend \$30,000 every couple of years to say the same words again.

Jass: You are right. Government is like that.

Templeton: Does this bind us to a whole package is the question? I think Mr. Fox addressed that.

Browne: Not sold on it. Don't see what we are getting for it.

Jass: When we go for grants, we spend money on the engineer. We get turned down every year. We are spending money for that too.

Browne: Don't we have an application for RiversEdge and Fenimore? Approved?

Fitzpatrick: Yes. No.

Fox: That one is pretty much guaranteed.

Browne: Paper reported today - we weren't one of the recipient.

Schwab: This has no affect on Safe Streets for pedestrians.

Browne: We have money in budget for capital and are going to start fixing stuff.

Jass: Many streets need to be milled down. Looking at a large amount of money for most of the streets in our town. When we get the grants, we only get part of it. A street runs about?

Fox: 2 blocks for \$150,000 - curbs and aprons.

Fitzpatrick: Will this help us be more competitive?

Fox: Gives extra points. If you are tied with another town that doesn't have it, you would get it.

Jass: It's a crap shoot.

Fitzpatrick: i would roll the dice.

Fox: Could put it off until next year when they are doing the master plan. We would do it on our own and give it to them to be sure it matched the master plan.

Fitzpatrick: It doesn't need to be done in conjunction with their changes. Are they making changes for this?

Fox: They might.

Jass: Move that we authorize complete streets policy.

Templeton: As outlined in March proposal.

Passed with Browne voting no.

2. REPORT ON MEETING WITH NJ TRANSIT AND WALTERS GROUP FOR PEDESTRIAN ACCESS EASEMENT AT LIGHT RAIL STATION PROPERTY

Browne: Question about work permits, construction easements regarding sidewalk access to rail. Worked out well. Two questions:

1. Iron Flange Man has to go.

Browne: Could ask Mr. Rhawn if he wants one.

Jass: Historic Preservation asked for both of them.

Browne: I will ask and find out what's going on.

2. The other question is that Rhawn Street is an easement that NJ Transit will plow for snow. They are worried that residents won't be plowed out until the second day if there was a state of emergency. They would like us to plow Rhawn Street.

Fenimore: (missed it.)

Templeton: Supposed to be an entrance to a proposed residential development.

Jass: Main entrance is off of Cooper Street.

Fitzpatrick: Who does sidewalks on Pennsylvania Avenue?

Martin: NJ Transit said they have a contractor. I told them they aren't getting their money's worth.

Fenimore: They push the snow right to the lumber yard.

Jass: If you plow the easement and plow them in...

Fenimore: When we plow, snow has to get pushed somewhere.

Templeton: Who are we plowing the street for?

(not sure who answered): the residents.

Are they plowing the parking lot at Cornerstone?

Fenimore: They are.

Templeton: They should do the street. They need to get to the parking lot.

Jass: Because it is an easement into Cornerstone, responsibility lies with them. I don't think we should make any commitment.

Fitzpatrick: Whose easement is it?

Jass: Belongs to NJ Transit. Cornerstone has easement. Who plows road back to Silvas?

Fenimore: We do. They are residents.

Fitzpatrick: These people will be too.

Templeton: Cornerstone should take care of it.

Jass: Nothing in writing now. They are working on expensive improvements that we aren't paying for.

Fitzpatrick: Not our problem right now.

Browne: We help each other out.

Fitzpatrick: Then plow it.

Fenimore: How are you going to stop plowing in the middle?

Jass: Cornerstone has a responsibility.

Templeton: They bought a landlocked property.

Browne: Not landlocked. NJ Transit parking lot.

Lohr: In state of emergency, are they asking us to plow only when emergency is suspended or all of the time?

Martin: All of the time.

Fitzpatrick: If Rivers Edge takes care of their entrances, they should to. Walters Group should take care of it.

Dovey: John will be coming out Rhawn. He won't be stopping.

Fenimore: We are here to help people out.

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

COMMENT AND QUESTION SECTION OF THE MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Township Administrator: none - will miss next meeting

Professionals

Fox:

-Seawalls - got letter from mayor to submit for emergency seawalls for 3 street ends,

-West Avenue fields are completed. John has been a great help.

Fenimore: Hard to put new clay in an old clay field. Trying to blend it in. Starting to look good. Very nice job done there. Street to compost starting to disintegrate.

Fenimore: Asphalt needs an overlay.

Fox:

-Long-range program document - map, description of each road and condition. Will get that back to John and Richard.

-High Point Newtons Landing - Re: trees, approved by planning board to put expansion joints every five feet by the trees. I did look at it. Some lots can't have trees behind the sidewalks. Developer wants us to tell him what you want.

Jass: They are putting in barriers.

Templeton: Are they using Irrigation? What is the tree species?

Fox: Yes, and they are lindens.

Dovey: Sent you list of 10 recommended trees for street trees. Lindens weren't on there.

Browne: Other towns don't have trees in the strip.

Fox: Ask an engineer - they will tell you not to put a tree in a strip. There are three lots there where you can't have a tree because of utilities.

Fitzpatrick: Don't put those trees in if they can't go on the lawn.

Jass: Conversation on JLUB - plans were already approved. Mr. Germano was going to be talking with Mr. Heinold to decide who prevails.

Dovey: We have how many dollars needed to fix Newtons Landing due to decisions made by the same group?

Fitzpatrick: I think the town should prevail.

Dovey: They work for us. They don't go out for reelection.

Browne: If the developer sold it with the tree, they have to provide the tree.

Dovey: I didn't buy my house due to the tree.

Jass: It is a legal issue.

Fitzpatrick: It's common sense. Let JLUB come here when Doug is here.

Browne: Need to look at our ordinances regarding what the sidewalk strip should be.

Jass: Any new development we could do that, but existing plans we can't.

Fitzpatrick: Nothing says this plan can't be amended. Plans are amended all of the time. Engineer is the ultimate one to sign off on it.

Fox: Developer doesn't care. Lots were sold showing a tree on the lot.

Fitzpatrick: He only sold three. I would just hold off of the trees. I would stand my ground on this.

Fox: When the developer wants to get off the performance bond, that's when we look at living trees and are they were they are supposed to be.

Jass: Need to hear the legal outcome.

Fitzpatrick: No trees until our next meeting.

Fox: Developer is ready to plant them.

Browne: On Walnut Street bonding issue, waiting for good weather. Current application. Which are we doing?

Fox: Doing both. Finishing ramps. You get a better price doing more ramps.

Department Heads:

Chief of Police:

-Received quotes for cameras at West Avenue and evaluating.

-additional parking at Newtons Landing - engineering costs of \$1200 + \$500 for markouts if needed.

Jass: Ready to roll on this. Issue for 16 years.

Passed unanimously.

-300 block of Delaware Avenue - Public Service is going to come out to do the light.

-Noise issue at church at Poplar. - Pastor is stopping band from playing at night. He is trying to be a good neighbor and wants to reduce conflicts. Band - only between 6 and 7 on Sunday. Hopefully, that is resolved.

Templeton: Officer Maloney handled that situation very well.

Fenimore:

-Collected brush

-Removed 3 trees

-replaced street signs hit by tractor trailer - he was lost.

Fitzpatrick: That's why we needed a zip code change.

Fenimore:

- Snow plow - wet heavy snow. 10 tons of salt
- Replaced 37 lids on big blue carts.
- Sent out 4 letters regarding not recycling.
- Cleaned up Magnolia. Neighbor was really happy.
- Public Works - 2 day seminar - sidewalk repair guy - they estimate and map everything, but they grind the sidewalk down. I asked what happens when the tree raises it again.
- Babe Ruth Day in July - will get field ready.

Fitzpatrick: Shade Tree - have you gotten every tree on their list?

Fenimore: Except for two trees - one on Maple (this was a trim) and oak on Third Street. (large branch was a concern). Both trees may need to come down. Everything else is done.

Templeton: Shade Tree had some trees delivered last week?

Fenimore: Their lift truck broke. Loader had to pull him out. 15 trees out there.

Municipal Clerk Township Committee: none

Templeton:

-Singleton's office meeting with staffer to discuss our view of seawall projects at street ends and Zurbrugg - 3 meetings with DEP - one they didn't show up. Failure to communicate on the part of DEP. Trying to garner legislative support. Trying to get some time with Diane Allen. Need to get to a higher level at DEP. Great technical advice from Dan Martin. We feel we have a great chance to restore Zurbrugg property to original tideline.

-JIF - served for several years on Safety Committee - go through claims and losses - good group. Also have a regular monthly meeting. Safe Lifting Program - JIF wanted police fire and EMS to go through it. Passed the info on to fire department even though they aren't covered.

-Attended Library book club - Third Tuesday of the month. Every other month is to share what you are reading.

Dovey:

-Shade Tree Ordinances I circulated - please take a look at it. Need to discuss in work session. Have Janice look at ordinances in other towns that have been successful.

Browne: Could form a subcommittee.

Fitzpatrick: You are on Shade Tree.

Browne: I will work with Bob.

Fitzpatrick:

-Bought Spaghetti dinner at fire house - very good

-Attended Mrs. Mohrman's service and spoke. They came to all the TC meetings. They cared about their town. They did a lot of volunteer work.

-April 22 10:00 DYSA opening day.

-Peter Fritz attended meeting - trying to promote activities along the Rancocas Creek - kayaking, etc. Delanco should be on the forefront. Should do an ordinance in support. Asked Peter to come to our meeting on April 17.

Jass:

- Attended meeting with Mike at Singleton's office
- Attended spaghetti dinner
- Attended NJ Transit meeting - 130 intersection study - I made sure they knew of all the car carriers and FedEx and DOT traffic. They were considering a roundabout.
- Attended Shade Tree regarding trees and Recreation
- Attended insurance meeting - interesting.
- Mayor and I will represent TC and go to all departments and thank the volunteers.

Browne:

- Gateway Park - cherry blossoms beautiful - a tremendous asset.
- Happy to hear we are moving forward on sea walls.
- Egg hunt this weekend.
- Marlene and I went to JIF dinner - seminar for elected officials - how to avoid lawsuits. Land use portion very interesting. When you are representing your town, have to let your ego go. If you say no because you don't like it, you will get sued.
- Estimates for cameras at West Avenue, don't remember this being brought up.

DeSanto: This was spurred on by two criminal mischief issues. Lots of money has gone in there.

Browne: I have cameras, but with a hood, you can't see. Decisions we make cost money. \$1000 to talk about it and a monthly fee.

Fitzpatrick: Spent thousands of dollars on the fields. Protecting your assets.

McFadden: Police department has already apprehended someone and they are paying for damage done to the fence.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by Maureen Barrett