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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – APRIL 17, 2017

Roll Call: Fitzpatrick , Jass, Templeton. Meeting chaired by Jass as deputy mayor.

Also Present: Mrs. Lohr, Municipal Clerk; Mrs. Martin, Deputy Municipal Clerk; Mr. DeSanto, Police Chief

Jass: Moment of silence for Marie Reese, longtime Delanco resident, served on Economic Development Advisory Board and Library Board.

ORDINANCE 2017-7 AMENDING CHAPTER 110-3 “ZONING MAP” 2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING

Lohr: Joint Land Use Board found revised zoning map to be consistent with township master plan.

Approval of ordinance requires 2/3 vote of full committee, or four of five committee members. Because only three members are in attendance, public hearing will continue on May 1.

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Templeton suggested comments should be heard by full committee. Lohr said residents must be given an opportunity to comment. Martin offered to explain changes to zoning map. Map hadn't been changed since 2003. Joint Land Use Board took master plan adopted in 2009 and compared with ordinances passed since 2003 to amended the map to reflect changes that have been approved and adopted by the committee. The ordinance identifies properties undergoing a change in zoning. Residents asked about changes from industrial to residential zoning. Martin explained that changes were made to reflect the actual use of the property. Lohr reiterated that discussion will continue at May 1 meeting, although no further notice will be mailed to affected residents.

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

No vote taken on Ordinance 2017-7 because not all township committee members were present.

ORDINANCE 2017-8

AMENDING CHAPTER 295-38 GOVERNING “ONE-WAY STREETS” 2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING

Fitzpatrick: This ordinance will make Washington Street a one-way street going out. It's a hazard when someone is pulling in. Will keep parking on both sides of street. Police Chief DeSanto has endorsed the plan.

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ORDINANCE 2017-8

No public comment.

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Ordinance approved unanimously.

Lohr: Ordinance will be effective upon publication. Township will send out an email blast and put it on Facebook.

DeSanto: Will put sign up and give public notice it's a one-way street.

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

No comments

COMMENT AND QUESTION SECTION OF THE MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

ORDINANCE 2017-9

VACATING PORTION OF PRINCETON AVENUE

1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR MAY 1, 2017

7:30PM

RESOLUTION 2017-68

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)

RESOLUTION 2017-69

AMENDING CHAPTER 295-40 GOVERNING "STOP INTERSECTIONS"

RESOLUTION 2017-70

REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
GENERAL	\$112,472.44
PAYROLL	84,856.66
MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE	868.36

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 3/6/17 & 3/20/17 (tabled from 4/3/17)

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES

2017-21 through 2017-37; 2017-39 through 2017-41; and 2017-43 through 2017-46

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Lohr: Letter from resident on Princeton Avenue.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS – SESSION TWO

No public comments.

COMMENT AND QUESTION SECTION OF THE MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Department Heads:

Chief of Police DeSanto: April 29 is the date to turn in unused prescription drugs 10am-2pm at township building. Completed evaluation of quotes for security system for West Avenue area. Put together an email to township administrator Mr. Schwab, deputy mayor and Recreation liaison Mrs. Jass, and Mr.

McFadden of Recreation. Met with Harry Fox about parking at Newtons Landing. Will be evaluating code concerning one-way streets, stop signs, and parking. What's on the books and what signs are on the street don't always match.

Templeton: Attended public safety breakfast with Chief DeSanto and others. Environmental Advisory Board is plowing through paperwork for New Jersey sustainability plan. Has a grant application in. Will determine if time is better spent on public education and events. EMS is covered under township insurance. Wants to train them on compliance. Attended school board meeting. An ad hoc committee of the school board is exploring options for 8th grade students graduating from Walnut Street School to have more options than Riverside High School. Not intended to slight RHS, but Delanco students should be given the widest opportunity possible. Wants to credit school board for exploring the options. The ad hoc committee will meet with members of the Riverside school board in the near future. School superintendent has met with peers from riverfront districts to discuss in a preliminary way regionalization options.

Jass: Great to see people asking questions and moving forward. Shocked to hear that less than half of last 8th grade graduating class is attending RHS.

Templeton closed by paying tribute to Marie Reese.

Fitzpatrick: Was a dear friend of Marie Reese and will miss her. Fitzpatrick spent a few hours the previous Saturday at the park gazebo by the bridge cleaning flower pots and planting pansies in time for the sunrise service on Easter Sunday, which she attended. The Route 130 jughandle coming into Delanco has been a problem with more and more traffic. The county is aware of the problem, and a \$20,000 grant has been awarded to see what they can come up with to solve it. The study won't be done until 2018, however. She will report again on this matter at the May 1 meeting.

Jass: Attended Marie Reese's memorial service. Jass and Reese were opposing candidates for township committee but communicated with each other despite that. April is volunteers' month. Township committee has been giving tokens of appreciation to volunteers serving the township. History committee: Reviewed plans for a vintage baseball game at the Babe Ruth field July 1. Delanco summer camp: Runs July 10-Aug 18. Go to township website to register

. Resident who had arrived late was given an opportunity to speak. He had received a certified letter about the zoning map change. He wanted to know if his property was being changed. Martin said his property was being changed from I-2 to residential. Resident said that could affect resale value. Martin gave him a copy of the zoning study, and Jass and Fitzpatrick invited him to come back for the continuation of the public hearing on May 1. Templeton pointed out that residential zoning could be advantageous if resident wants to make changes to his house. Lohr and Martin offered to answer any questions he might have.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by Kevin McLaughlin