DELANCO TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING –September 25, 2017 8:00 PM MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 770 COOPERTOWN ROAD, DELANCO, NJ 08075

Roll Call: Dovey X Fitzpatrick X Jass X Templeton Browne X Also Present: Mr. Schwab, Twp. Administrator X Mr. Noll, Twp. Engineer__ Mr. Heinold, Twp. Solicitor __ Mrs. Lohr, Municipal Clerk X Mrs. Martin, Deputy Municipal Clerk X Mr. Fenimore, Supt. of Public Works __ Mr. DeSanto, Police Chief. X Others:

FLAG SALUTE SUNSHINE STATEMENT: Please be advised that proper notice of this meeting has been given in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act in the following manner: Written notice has been mailed to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post and published in the January 3, 2017 editions. Written notice has been posted on the official bulletin board of the Township of Delanco at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT The purpose of the public comment session is to allow residents to share information and/or views with the Delanco Township Committee. Since the Committee may be hearing the information for the first time, it is not always possible to have issues and questions settled within the public comment session.

<u>Solar Panel Presentation—National Energy Partners, LLC (presenter Tom, VP of Business Development)</u>

- NEP owns and operates \$88mm of projects as their assets. They have worked with 61 schools nationally 26 in Hawaii, a PPA with Pennsaukan School district is in development, just completed project with West Deptford this summer. NEP has been in business for 11 years.
 - Fitzpatrick: what can you do for Delanco and what can we anticipate?
 - When we work with school districts we have to open the project up for bidding to anyone suitable to install the solar panels. With municipalities we are guided by FERC and because we are a qualified provider of electricity we are under no obligation to do an RFP.
 - -Fitzpatrick: Have you done this in any local municipalities or schools locally?
 - Yes, we've done Andover, West Deptford, Winslow township
 - Browne: As you can imagine, one of our biggest concerns is fire and safety due to D&W is there anything you can tell us that would set our minds at ease as far as differences or advancements in solar technology or installation since that time?
 - We field this question often—there are definitely differences in regulations now, for instance we work with fire departments and the municipalities upfront in the process. We walk every responding fire company through how to discharge the system and everything they would need to do to fight a fire should one occur. We issue a fire safety manual and its signed off on along with the power purchase agreement ("PPA")—in NJ by law it's a 15 yr agreement. There's no money out of pocket—the municipality just signs up to purchase electricity at a discounted rate for a certain amount of time. That rate won't change for the length of the agreement.
 - Browne: when we talked about how this solar program works I thought you just put up panels, they produce energy and that's the end of the story?
 - o In NJ there's a net meter it's our agreement with the grid to connect to the grid and produce enough power all day so that at night you're drawing the balance back down.

You're overproducing all day long and then at night when you turn on your lights you're using up the credits so ultimately the goal is net zero.

- Fitzpatrick: so where is the savings?
 - The savings are the Delta between the discounted rate you're paying and what you would have been paying.
- Marlene: what's the time frame before you start to see savings? For instance you have the 61 schools up and running-- do you have documentation showing their savings?
 - Their average savings are somewhere in the 30% range
- Peter Fritz (resident 303 Union Street): what happens after 15 year PPA expires? Who owns the equipment?
 - Termination of that agreement triggers one of the following actions taken by the user:
 either you tell us to take it off, 2) you keep it for nothing, 3)you sign another PPA or
 sign an operation & maintenance agreement
- Jass: What is the life expectancy of solar panels? And is there a process where they start to go bad and the power diminishes?
 - According to performance warranties, which is what we base our models on, panels
 degrade half a % each year. Panels will last 25 years and they will continue to produce
 electricity for 50 years but they are degrading that half a percent year over year so you'll
 slowly start to pull an electric bill again.
- Fitzpatrick: your electric is your back up?
 - o Yes
- Fitzpatrick: where are they installed?
 - Building, roofs, carports—we would send an engineer out to determine best area, amount of panels needed etc. Everything we're talking about is at no cost to the township. Perhaps with carports your rate we present may be adjusted accordingly to account for price of steel but there's no additional upfront cost associated with the installation of any of the equipment, your rate is your rate.
- Jass: who is responsible for the repairs, maintenance, upkeep? And at the end of the term if customer elects not to renew do you take it all back and what if you damage a roof during removal process?
 - We don't remove carports, for roofing we don't make penetrations on the roofs, there's
 no repairs, we check warranties we certify the roof against the solar system—we match
 up a warranty. We don't want roof repairs 3 years into the agreement so we take care
 of that on the front end to ensure that the PPA term length should match the age of the
 roof.
- Jass: What are the average ages of the roofs of the 61 schools that have been done so far?
 - Solar and roofing go together—we have already in 1st quarter purchased \$25mm worth
 of roofing if you do need a roof repair we can apply the roof cost to the PPA, adjust your
 rate and pay it off as a capital improvement. We pay upfront and the school was still
 showing a savings of 30+%
- Fitzpatrick: you certify the roof?
 - There has to be a recertification, we send out the roofing company to inspect before we sign the PPA and they need to recertify for the warranty maybe make some small repairs then we make sure we have that 25 yr warranty in hand and install the panels.

- Browne: how long does it take to discharge?
 - o Almost immediately-- it just shoots it off.
- Fitzpatrick: The system was never off in the D&W case
 - If sun is hitting panel the panels are hot. But if we discharge the system nothing's going to the inverter so the whole system is down. The inverter is the important part alternating the current. Discharging happens almost immediately.
- Templeton: the direct current will kill you
- Bill Trimble (resident 430 Perkins lane) Panels still have a charge—but you can't turn those off and if the panel is damaged there's still potential for panel to be energized and you would get a shock.
 - Can't certify 100% that that wouldn't happen but it should not happen. Yes, if its damaged it could conceivably become a hazard to a fire fighter who touched it. We have panels right by the ocean and sea gulls drop shells and it doesn't break the glass. Someone would have to deliberately or egregiously damage the panel because it doesn't just happen through but if it did, yes, it could create an issue. We continually monitor the panels and check for damage and make repairs if we found one.
- Fitzpatrick: our firemen had trouble getting on roof because there were no walkways—how has that changed?
 - We have to do set backs on the roof, we have to have walkways to all equipment on the roof—you can see how much time we take to make sure we are complying with all the rules and regulations put in place for safety. Ill send the link to my presentation to everyone here since we don't have a way to set up a projector.
- Templeton: do you do the installations yourself?
 - No, we sub everything out, its union labor.
- Joe Mersinger (Superintendent, DTSD): how many years has your company been in existence? Does your workmanship guarantee last 25 years? In my experience working with various schools and municipalities, companies come and go so what happens then?
 - We have been around 11 years, we own \$100mm of assets, we have testimonials for all the schools we're involved with we're not going anywhere.
- Mersinger: Do you have a list of school districts, municipalities that have had issues in this time? What are the challenges being faced?
 - o Biggest thing with schools—we look at it like this, as an electric consumer today you're paying a bill you have no choice you use electric you pay your bill and you have nothing to show for it. You have a non performing asset, a roof with nothing on it. With schools we can put capital back into projects. If you have a roof or an AC system that needs improvements we can put money into that because we do these projects so often we get incredible prices that cut the cost of the projects in half and then show savings with the electricity bill as well. All the risk happens on this side of the table. We put money out upfront, we take on the asset—we have to guarantee performance. If we don't perform we have to pay those energy bills. That's why you'll see positive experiences when you look at our testimonials there is no downside. I can honestly say we don't know of any negative experiences and I can put you in touch with people at each one of these schools.

- (Speaker from SD didn't state name): I believe one roof is 25, the other is 20 years so before we put anything on top you recommend putting on a new roof?
 - That's what we look at as win-win. We come in send roofer there, you can of course get competitive quotes but our roofer has done so many roofs for us and so far his prices have yet to be beaten. The roofs are hurricane rated 125mph. Having solar panels increases length of roof life because it's the solar panels taking the beating from the weather.
- Bill Trimble: do we have enough land around this particular building for a surface layout?
- Fitzpatrick: There's not enough land to put on the ground
- Trimble: so it would have to be roof mounted. How much does 1 panel weigh?
 - 3lb per sq ft load calculation.
- Trimble: while its up there you're handling maintenance?
 - Yes
- Trimble: So if you were to come to this building and it turned out we needed a new roof before installing the panels the cost without a roof might have been .08kWH but when you bundle it with the roof you'd be charging .10kWh so we get less of a percentage of savings?
 - The savings are dollar for dollar. You'll still achieve around 30% savings.
- Trimble: have you ever had to replace a roof down to the studs?
 - O Down south there was one case where we ran into a trust situation. We didn't feel comfortable doing the project so we passed because the roof was complete shot and there would have been no way to provide a savings. But typically when we say roof replacement we do infrared testing and we take a layer off and we put a new layer on. They may replace some of the decking but ultimately for us we are not roofers we're in solar panel business. As long as the roof outlasts the panels we're happy.
- Jass: so before you were saying the PPA is for 15 years but when you're putting on a new roof are you talking about a PPA that's 25 years?
 - No PPA is never longer than 15 years, the warranty for the roof is 20-25 years by law.
- Trimble: When PSEG put panels on poles we were told snow wouldn't sit on the panels because they stay warm- snow definitely sits on the panels will that happen with yours?
 - Yes it will sit on the panels
- Trimble: if some technological update comes up during the contract do you upgrade the system?
 - If it benefits us yes we would do it but if the panels were already up there and we could swap out to shrink the foot print just to lower your rate we might but probably not.
- Trimble: construction codes that govern these—are they state by state or just federal?
 - State by state—we have to use prevailing wage labor they cover everything they have to do.
- Browne: everything sounds nice fix roofs, certify roofs, build carports, 30% savings, we'll be locked into a 15 year deal but 5 years in we hear someone else has come in and is saving 75% on bills do you make adjustments?
 - No. with our PPAs you're looking at a delta in savings. If you were going to buy it for
 your own personal company yes you have to weigh the pros and cons of locking into a
 long term agreement but right now technology is not going to outweigh the benefits.
 What may happen as the result of tariffs is that panels from china, korea, phillipines may

see triple in cost so there's the possibility of waiting too long to sign up, but what's happening with technology is nothing that would make solar panels vs straight consumption unprofitable.

- Browne: what are the benefits of Solar is it just moving away from fossil fuels?
 - O In NJ energy is derived from a combination portfolio of wind and fossil fuels— the benefit of solar is that you'll be supplying your electricity cleanly. The biggest upside for customers is that because we aren't dependent on fossil fuels, it flattens out your cost. There's no volatility in the solar market. Infrastructure in the US is dilapidated—circuits in grids are breaking down. We wanted to do a 2megawatt system. They hit us with \$2.1mm bill for upgrades to the grid system because it couldn't handle receiving so much energy as it was. It's not meant to take on power its meant to give off power. We have done a good job designing systems to mitigate costs but when you're on the grid you're pulling power and the costs to upgrade are divided out. When you're on a PPA you know exactly what you're going to pay for 15 years.
- Jass: If we'll produce so much electricity what do you do with the excess?
 - Net meter agreement- we are allowed to get an agreement to put a system that will produce enough electricity to cover this building 100%- that is the maximum. NJ is 2nd most popular solar state in the country.
- Templeton: you take the tax credit?
 - We get the rate, ESRAs 100kwh of usage, billed cost of the system, accelerated depreciation 5 year makers for 80%
- Templeton: for 3rd parties that do you work is there a small cluster of partners you go to or is it just the lowest bidder?
 - We do not bid, we partner because we need special experience. We are in control of the entire project.
- Templeton: One of the problems with D&W that some have alleged were the cause of the fire was shoddy hardware, connections, etc. it would be nice if you had someone putting the project together who stuck close to the nuts and bolts from end to end to insure a quality job
 - That's the benefit of holding the asset; you deal with us the entire length of the term.
 We're not going to come in build a system and disappear. We're partners for the length of the term and beyond. We send the same core group of guys all over the place.
- Browne: are there hidden maintenance costs?
 - For non-profits its cut and dry. If there's a savings of \$2mm over length of term you are able to monetize that savings and pull the money forward to fund capital improvements.
- Peter Fritz: In my experience with the red cross in Lumberton, a lot had to do with survey of roof, exposure to sunlight, optimal pitch, etc. so it's not until you do the survey that you know what the optimal setup is. Have you done a preliminary survey of this building to know if it's even a good fit for solar?
 - We run 3 different satellites, google, mirror map between those 3 we run shading analysis. We also determine Sq. ft. of roof and panel layouts around any equip on roof.
 We look at bills and figure out what we actually have to offset then consider carports.
- Bill Trimble: you do all the surveys upfront before signing contracts?

- Correct you sign a letter of intent though—basically says if you were going to do solar you would do it with us. Then we send out engineers do the Geotech on the ground etc. we cover costs of everything. The LOI doesn't bind you to anything just we're not going to do all the legwork to have you pick up solar with another company.
- Browne: what happens with our generators?
 - We send your equip to the engineers to design around your equipment to make sure its all compatible.
- Jass: from the time that the electricity goes out what's the length of time that it sends message to the generator?
 - When grid goes down we have to go down by law. We shut down the grid. That way if they're working on the grid we're not sending electricity through. The same way your generator is triggered today causes it to switches either manually or automatically.

Public Comment Statement

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

- Bill Trimbel 430 perkins lane: does anyone know who is maintaining lawn at basin next to my home?
 - o Fitzpatrick: did we mow it?
 - o Browne: we hired a contractor we were going to bill the HOA.
- Trimble: I thought the HOA was defunct
 - Browne: we'll look into it.

COMMENT AND QUESTION SECTION OF THE MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

RESOLUTION 2017-119 SUPORTING ADOPTION OF A STRONG ANTIOIDLING POLICY

Motion by: Templeton Seconded by: Jass

Dovey X Fitzpatrick X Jass X Templeton X Browne X

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ("Consent Agenda items are considered to be routine and will be enacted with a single motion. Any item requiring discussion will be removed from the Consent Agenda; all Consent Agenda items will be reflected in full in the minutes.")

ORDINANCE 2017-13

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF POLICE CHAPLAIN FOR THE DELANCO TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY AND SET PUBLIC HERING DATE FOR OCTOBER 16, 2017 7:30 PM

ORDINANCE 2017-14

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2017-12 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP O DELANCO PROVIDING FOR AND DETERMINING THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND FMPI OYFES"

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RESOLUTION 2017-117

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF POLICE OFFICER.

RESOLUTION 2017-118

AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OF ONE HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE AT 509 ORCHARD STREET

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

ACCOUNT AMOUNT
GENERAL \$568,001.63
PAYROLL \$68,700.00
ESCROW TRUST \$15.00
Dog Trust \$24.25
Capital Account \$7,237.00
Municipal Open Space \$348.20

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by: Jass Second by: Dovey

Dovey X Fitzpatrick X Jass X Templeton X Browne X

Discussion Items:

1. BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY 2017—RICHARD SCHWAB

- * questionnaire on inventory 25 questions must answer yes to in order to not have a reduction. We are ok this year in my opinion. It's not something to approve its for me and Janice to certify but we also certify that we discussed it with you. I'll walk through it quickly. Every one of these questions have been on prior best practice.
- 1. Whether we filed copy of CBA—we have in the fast but now we can't just file a copy but there's also a 4 page financial questionnaire that we need to send along with it. Public works was easy, police was harder should be done this week.
- 2. Public use—exemptions for vehicle use where we don't have to report as income for employees such as police per IRS rules. Answer is yes
- 3. Notify us of tax appeals file: we never formally told the tax assessor now we have a policy so the answer is yes.
- 4. Update website? Yes.
- 5. do we have a need to go over evaluation—NA over 85%.
- 6. has everyone filed financial disclosures, yes.
- 7. policies about outside employment? Yes we have a policy. We'll work on process but its in personnel manual.

- 8. whether or not we've had detailed discussion about authority we've created. We've answered yes in the past but now they've added a section where it's now it's a requirement that we do a findings and conclusions analysis on yearly basis as to the best interests of the residents of Delanco so I had to put no to this. We'll discuss detail during budget meeting but right now it's a no because we didn't do the part they added to it.
- 9. audit report has findings for last 3 years? No the auditor has no findings to respond to—answer is yes
- 10. do we have anyone looking at titles on a regular basis? No we've assigned the assessor and the collector to determine what it should be. Since its part of job description the answer is a yes.
- 11. Do we report on crime on a timely basis, yes
- 12. (missed question) yes
- 13. (missed question) yes
- 14. Whether we have clear prequalification requirements? This was NA
- 15. Whether we have a user friendly budget section—yes.
- 16. Do we introduce and adopt a budget on a timely basis? Yes
- 17. No medical healthcare coverage for part time elected officials—this is a no because we have a part time employee on the healthcare coverage because they were grandfathered in.
- 18. Health benefit contributions- yes under the law
- 19. Any filed for opt out? Percentage of savings for coverage not eligible—NA
- 20. No overtime pay for management personnel—yes we comply with this when acting as a manager there's no overtime paid out
- 21. This deals with payment of sick time accumulation— we had to answer no, because to negotiate out of union contract we would have to give something else up. It's not a financial benefit for us to do this.
- 22. This was a no.
- 23. How do we handle longevity? We negotiated this out of policy.
- 24. Collective bargaining- yes
- 25. Do we have personnel policy- yes we updated in 2016
- * Schwab: We answered 19 questions yes 4 no's 2 NAs there's no penalty if score between 21-25 so we're good.

Correspondence:

Martin: we received an email about a visibility issue at orchard and Second Street

DeSanto: John Fennimore is removing the ivy to improve visibility. We are also putting up a hidden
driveway sign to mitigate concern of the resident. The resident said the solution she suggested is to
cut the tree to remove the issue.

• Fitzpatrick: this really is a big issue not even if you live there. A few years ago there were residents that wanted to put speed bumps there. But speed isn't the issue so we didn't put them up.

Martin: One other item was a request for township committee to support resolution opposing OPRA. Request came in from municipal clerks organization. They want to make changes to the laws I provided information but one of the items is to make the municipal clerk responsible for records from say the fire commissioners. That's one of the proposed changes. I don't know if you want to

- Schwab: they're suggesting that a subcommittee of even 2 of you couldn't meet without announcing it.
- Browne: let's schedule this for a meeting after we've gotten a chance to read it. Let's schedule for the 2nd meeting in October. (16th)

Martin: if you wish me to register you for the league I need to know for sure who is going and if you're bringing your spouse if they are getting a pass to go to the classes. Deadline is fast approaching.

• Schwab- you can also register on site but you pay at the door

Public Comment Statement

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

Bill Trimble: In the name of saying what needs to be asked—regarding anti-idling legislation, but emergency equipment is exempt while on the scene.

DeSanto: that equipment is exempt

Peter F: 303 union ave—a lot of the idling takes place on creek road at the distribution centers how will it impact the trucks at the distribution centers and FedEx etc.

• Browne: will it be a fully enforceable law over there? No they'll post signs but it's more like people sitting along the river eating a sandwich with the car idling.

Peter F: cultural and heritage commission did a survey of houses in town they thought had architectural or cultural value one of the things they recommended at that time was to establish a riverfront historic district. It would go north some distance starting at the zurrburg mansion to give homes some protection but nothing has been done since 1977. 10 years ago we took the recommendation and put in our master plan. Janice said still nothing came of that. As we get ready for the next master plan what are we doing moving forward.

- Fitzpatrick: I thought you were working on that?
 - Peter: we did one 10 years ago we thought there was reason to put a secondary historic district such as workers cottages by shipyard, the saw mill, as a secondary site. Now I'm not quite sure how to move forward. I've made contact with beach haven advisory commission over the summer. I said we w were contemplating it and they suggested our board meet with their board to discuss how much was involved. We did that last weekend, we toured their district which is 30 sq. blocks, we got loads of materials, had a 1 hour meeting, and it's definitely a process. It's not just putting up signs saying it's a historic district we also want to find out how you want us to proceed. You really need to be at commission level for this

stuff to be implemented once established. Homeowners within that district have to abide by rules and restrictions on the homes. You're trying to maintain level of properties and preventing them things from happening to change the property values. Initially people thought the property values would go down but what they discovered after 5 years property values were going up because people realized their neighbors had to maintain a level of care. 25% of townships in NJ have historic commissions. I'm not saying we're ready to make that move but in the long run to make this happen we really need to be a commission.

- Fitzpatrick I know in Riverton when they did this they didn't have a commission they had an
 architectural review board but they had certain limitations and restrictions people could do in
 certain areas and the board suggested that if someone wanted to make a renovation to their house
 the people came before the architectural review committee who could recommend things they
 could do to stay within the Historic preservation aspect.
- Jass: historic preservation hasn't updated their survey have they?
 - Peter F: no we would need to do another but we're hoping Burlington County will get this
 done I'm not seeing it happen but it would be efficient.
- Jass: do they have grants for this type of thing?
 - Peter F: ves
- Templeton: I think you need to back to preservation board discuss what Riverton did. Look into ramifications of what can happen; historic districts can be quite onerous to manage. I personally wasn't happy when that survey went into the master plan. It shouldn't have been included in an official document.

Peter F: You passed a resolution in June that supported the Rancocas Creek project. Over the summer in July Riverside passed a resolution but they did it because I had talked to Lorraine and they moved so fast that john Anderson didn't even know they were considering it. We're concerned that we don't get the resolutions ahead of the townspeople so they know what the ramifications are. We're going to have a presentation on the history of the rancocas creek called Rolling on the Rancocas. This talks about the history and steam boats on the creek. We'll leave time at the end for John Anderson to say and where we are with the project. The presentation will be Oct 22nd here at the township building from 3-5p. We've invited people of Delanco and riverside as well as the Delran township committee. I'm publicizing close-in and it should be a great program.

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Comments and reports:

<u>Schwab</u>: received notice NJ American Water for rate increase. They are hosting a breakfast at their facility sept 28th 8am in Delran- you can learn about this directly from them. One thing that could come from making an appearance is they see municipal users are fighting back because it impacts our residents. I think someone should go to the breakfast.

Browne& Dovey will attempt to go

<u>Schwab</u>: I'll forward you the email so you can reply to it. Other thing I mentioned in Best Practices there's a proposal from local finance board to deal with accumulation of unused sick leave. The main change if they alter the rule, there will be a restriction on the accumulation of the sick leave and make it

so pay of the unused sick leave occurs at the rate of pay at the date of accrual not the date of retirement. Employee groups are likely to be the strongest opposition. Last thing, chief mentioned changing the township parking lot to keep public out from back of building where police parking is. The drop box will have to be relocated. New location will be at the exit on the left corner. Buying a new one and installing it might be a couple thousand dollars.

- Jass: will cameras still focus on it?
 - DeSanto: they don't focus on it now but we can see about doing that.

<u>DeSanto</u>: first item new police car complete, done and finished but we haven't accepted delivery because Ford is having trouble with the interceptors and explorers collecting carbon monoxide. Started as them blaming people outfitting the cars, drilling holes and not properly sealing but now it looks like a recall is coming for thousands of vehicles. They put a hold on the vehicle until they get the parts to resolve the recall issue. Our car will be one of the first 30 to be remedied but it's going to be a while longer. Second, walnut street school collaboration to conduct discussions on bike safety, opiate problems and address with kids the issue of unsafe bike riding habits going on. He'll do it in classroom so its small. third, I attended back to school nights at both schools and talked with parents about pedestrian safety. Next, body camera program I submitted policy it's being reviewed by prosecutors office to make sure it's all legal. The ordinance for shipps way is very vague, we'll have to remove no parking signs to allow parking, figure the distance we can work on it in house. I did forward ideas for the rental ordinance.

Martin: With Janice out everyone has been jumping in to help. We have a good crew up front.

<u>Templeton:</u> school board meeting one thing of interested Mr. Mersinger reported on a meeting of various superintendents from several river towns where they discussed not so much regionalization but some kind of hybrid program to broaden curriculum at the smaller districts. That group is going to compose a letter to send to the state to create a middle road program not as far as regionalization and not as far as terminating send/receive but allow an exchange program to take advantage of programs available at one district and not the other. Police had seminar program, 2 more to go with. Township safety meeting mainly discussed JIF allocates different funding amounts for different activities and funding opportunities for things that fall outside the budget. Went through suggestions and that process we have yet to finalize some of the purchases we're trying for before end of year. Back on 20th went to monthly report session

<u>Dovey</u>: I wanted to let you know sewage authority signed agreement, last several years have been calm and quiet. I appreciate the emails chief was sending about various crimes being addressed in town. We're putting on hold discussion with inspector? I'm ok rescheduling for the 16th during executives session. Nothing new on shade tree side of things.

<u>Fitzpatrick:</u> Went to DYSA soccer opening day. 3rd field still looks a little choppy, someone approached me about Jim McHugh's company doing field work are we going to bid on it every year? (Schwab: yes) it was one of his employees and he's saying the other fields are in pristine condition so I'd like to check those out and hopefully it goes better when we put out to bid next year. Ralph Strong to discuss library situation, apparently county has been using formula for years based on number of people and hopefully Delanco gets more funds next year. I noticed an ad in the paper for room for rent in Delanco so I contacted the lister and told him that he can't rent rooms in Delanco. I forwarded the info to Cindy.

There's quite a few events coming up in October, Women's club 5k run is oct 21st. Mock election for school is Oct 17th sponsored by women's club. Oct 22nd is the History board presentation

<u>Jass</u>: I attended school board and witnessed lively discussion on bullying. Seems there's a program in place where if there's an issue they can put info in Ms. Donnelly's box and she's made aware of it. Attended EMS training briefly, wrapped hoagies--- 500 of them on Saturday. Sold out really quickly. And thank you Jesse for the transparency on fb and sending us messages. It's important to notify what's happening. Recreation reviewing things for concession stand on west ave, a lot of things are planning on making arrangements for community day. Planning for Santa parade and looking forward to great winter season.

<u>Browne</u>: I was emailing with Mr. Mersinger about a curb at the Walnut Street School. Did I not direct Harry to get a cost estimate for repairing curbing? (Schwab: there was a misunderstanding he only thought about the handicap ramping and the gutter, he'll go back and look into it) I'm assuming because the kids are back to school some parents have brought up this issue and we're trying to get our roads and streets done. We did just find out about this in August but we need to address it we need to stop talking about things indefinitely. We need to start using capital improvement funds to fix our town and our assets.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Fitzpatrick @10:25p