

DELANCO TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – OCTOBER 2, 2017 7:30 PM MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 770
COOPERTOWN ROAD, DELANCO, NJ 08075

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

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COMMENTS AND REPORTS Professionals Township Administrator Department Heads: Chief of Police,
Supt of Public Works, Municipal Clerk Township Committee

- Heinhold: we discussed everything in executive. Nothing to add
- Noll: I have a couple items to discuss, 1. Seawalls: we'll have proposal for Mr. Schwab tomorrow
or Wednesday. It was ready today but I didn't have time to completely review. 2. Newtons
landing parking—decision to switch parking sides to pick up four spots. 3. Storm water basin:
seems to be draining, John cut holes in them, we'll pump tomorrow and get them as dry as we
can then take borings and go from there with a remediation plan. 4. Grant: received approval on
sept 29 last day for approval for FY from govt, advertising on Friday 10/6 receive bids 10/19
recommend special meeting mon 10/23 rather than waiting for next meeting 11/13 probably
wouldn't start until after thanksgiving which is rough for pouring concrete. I would want
township committee to approve that schedule
- Schwab—2 issues with approving tonight: just got info today, paperwork needs to be
submitted by 10/20 to commit our funds. We haven't seen specs yet, I get the impression
whatever the plans are, they should be approved by shade tree commission since we're
doing things to trees. Better concrete prices if you have 1 bid going all over the place. If we
delay the whole project to spring, we're delaying certain things we don't want to delay but
I'm not sure what the best way to do this is. 2nd issue is that at least 3 have to agree to
show up here 10/23 at 3pm to say aye to this.
 - Dovey: would we as council have ability to supersede shade tree commission and
approve recs of engineers whether that be cut roots, remove trees without their
permission
 - Heinhold- we can't disobey our own ordinance. If it would be a violation then we
can't do it
 - Dovey- it would be a violation because shade tree doesn't allow you to cut roots
which we likely need to. This is an emergency because of funding and its been going
on for so long and it's all shade trees mistake for planting wrong trees.

- Fitzpatrick- The funding doesn't run out. How would we address emergent situation for homeowner with a complaint? I have a tree Shade tree won't let me take it down- it's an emergency
- Dovey- they can appeal that. I'm saying we have a project that's going to be stalled, it's ludicrous to replace concrete pads if it's being caused by tree roots. We have a unique situation. It's a onetime occurrence. Is there a way, I mean we authorized shade tree but we're the body of last appeal can't we bypass them?
- Browne- we'd be asking for trouble.
- Fitzpatrick- I agree and it was planning board not shade tree that chose the tree.
- Noll- I think it's more efficient to do it all at once. We can provide specs but you can always do a change order after and run it by shade tree. Its relatively minor from a cost perspective.
- Schwab -unit prices on root removal/tree removal etc., it can be decided afterwards. If 70 trees to be removed by shade tree only allows 10 then you have a problem.
 - Fenimore- sidewalks are number 1 priority we should cut the roots.
- Schwab- CBGB funds can only be used to remove trees during this process.
 - Fenimore- trees are relatively young now if they survive fine if they die from having roots cut, so be it. The issues are going to get worse as years go on. All these trees get humongous. We have to say go ahead and take the trees down now, or 10 years from now it's a problem and we should address it sooner rather than later
 - Noll—bid tree removal by size. Can interchange by size. And unit price for root removal/root cutting. If we set schedule it forces everyone to make a decision in a timely manner and we can get this done this fall.
 - Dovey-- can we ask shade tree to have a special meeting before 10/25?
 - Fitzpatrick- why not ask them to come to our meeting?
 - Browne- Chris should forward plans to Richard. They are right winged tree lovers, they don't want anything touched, call the arborist in, how much longer do we ask them to control this?
 - Noll- 61 trees which sounds like a lot but it's really only 51 are American ash which are going to die and need to come out anyway. We're only talking about an additional 10 trees. 61 total.
 - Dovey- gentleman improving house in town, he wants to put a drive in, there's a tree planted by shade tree commission 4-5 years ago. It's not 10ft from pole with transformer, he's improving property that's an eyesore and they're bickering about whether he should be allowed to remove this and put in a new one.
 - Fitzpatrick- if resident wants to remove and replace with suitable tree where it can be, we should approve that not shade tree.
 - Jass- but how do you supersede if we do an ordinance if it's in conflict with Shade Tree Commission
 - Heinhold- for purposes of getting through this issue we follow chris' suggestion, they'll have an opportunity to weigh in, chris will have opportunity to review but we're not going to solve the bigger Shade Tree Commission issue tonight.
 - Jass— we do something about roots in future can we put a barrier?
 - Browne- yes

- Schwab- special session Monday afternoon for, Dovey, Fitzpatrick, Jass- 3:30pm to vote on schedule. Discussion about curb on walnut in 13,000 to replace curb in front of school. If included on bid specs and paid out of our money isn't that a good way to do this?
 - Browne- that's a great idea. What about the French drain part? Is that what it's called?
- Schwab- we have \$33,000 for prior work we didn't do a for drainage work, we have pricing for a portion of drainage work, duckbilt, back valves additional work \$17,000 to do that and \$13,000 extra for curb work we have sufficient funds in 2012 ordinance to use for projects if we want and be able to use.
- Noll—we can bid as an alternate and if we don't like the price we don't have to award that.
- Schwab need motion for \$17,000 to do curbing. We'll buy the valves we're just doing quotes for work and we're buying valves.
- Dovey- motion, Jass second all in favor no opposed.
- Jass: can you go over schedule again?
 - Noll- Advertisement 6th bids 19th award 23rd
 - Noll: Harry met with Richard and John recommended by Rancocoas Ave, Vine Orchard and Second, \$45,000 but awards are supposed to be double what they were in the past
 - Dovey- congressman McCarthy said something about tiger grants-
 - Noll- that's different, that's federal. You really need a large project to make that work it's a lot of paperwork.
- Resolution 2017-121 Dovey makes motion, Jass second- motion applying for grant for DOT \$444,000 for road repairs. All in favor.
 - Noll- flood plain ordinance Richard met with members of my staff and we have comments from DEP on ordinance and I got a chance to look at it I forwarded it on to Mike and Tom- Mike caught they illuminated a zone we had. We'll get this cleared up middle of next week. Bring up 16th and adopt oct 28th. Last item complete streets plan- I'll send email to Richard shortly, subcommittee needs to be set up to review plan for bikes, pedestrians, landscaping that kind of thing.
- Schwab: we talked about flood prevention, other thing for next week trash contract I attended South Jersey sanitation along with reps from dewater and Beverly we had come to meeting heart to heart about service, and discussed our expectations and intent to use LDs for any issues with them. Better contact info, these are things we haven't needed for years, now that things aren't going smoothly we wish both parties would have been more proactive. Edgewater has a bigger issue because of all the Monday holidays with their Tuesday pickups. Keeping rate same for 2 years, jump for 2018 budget but then it will stay oct 16th agenda to award. Asking solicitors to weigh in on this. Because of holidays, I will not be in office only Wednesday morning next week. Ill follow up on emails much as I can.
- DeSanto- west ave cameras worked with vendor to make adjustments, key is that we're still needing to put camera on sewer pump station. Meeting with vendor wed we'll take look at pump station and make sure its suitable. Take back prescription drug program, I've been informed verbally slotted for oct 28th so once I get confirmation from DEA ill advertise on our end and reach out to Beverly and advertise on website. Police will have table at community day

and have giveaways. We had kickoff event with Riverton team, it went well Monday 25th resource for us to tap into if we have need of police chaplain.

- Fenimore- final brush pickup of year but that doesn't mean much we'll be back around. Cut township properties 4 times, 3 properties cut high grass. 2.5 tons of asphalt, painted curbs along river, put up stop signs, started to haul our leaves it takes a couple weeks. We've been pulling out a lot of trash mixed inside. There's a lot of debris in there. What street were you talking about Shipps way—DeSanto now if heading towards circle you can only park on right side, last 50 ft there's no parking on right but allow parking on left. Need measurements and no parking signs on right side, I'll get with you.
 - Jass- while we're at it is it possible to replace signs? I was under impression the penal system has availability of signs at a nominal cost
 - Fenimore- I don't know, I've never dealt with them we deal with garden state. We save money on blanks
 - Jass can we look into that though? Someone told me they're low or no cost. The no parking signs it's called 'state use industries.'
 - Schwab- go on state website. It's for standard signs no parking this side etc.
- Martin: I have nothing from clerks.
- Templeton: meeting after several hundred emails from Schwab coordinating this, local govt assist NJDEP Marlene and I met with her and talked about our wonderful relationships with DEP and our questions. Talked about hawk island, dunes, sea walls. She got a lot of info from us and will pursue questions and we'll supply her with additional info we'll see if anything breaks loose in the log jam of the past few years. Rooting around dep website coastal engineering found page about a funding source. Info on seawall proposals and some info on repairs and costs. So, I'll send to him and maybe we'll get luck and get funding for seawalls. EAB update on sustainable app in for this year's submission. Got answers back that it was reviewed and as we suspected but they confirmed our app was vigorously refused and the criteria for sustainable NJ program is really onerous and it's hard to get them all the information they require. I think we'll use the idea of list of sustainable programs as a source for our own town projects we just don't have the time or resources or inclination to check all these boxes. My question and what we discovered is that no one could tell us what this information being gathered was used for. FEMA ordinance going through pipeline oct 21 to continue residents of Delanco to participate in national flood insurance program. Serious note regarding events of last night there's not many people here tonight but it seemed like at some point somewhere somehow something needs to be done. Vegas, columbine, Miami, savannah, any number of places it's just got to start. Congress just isn't able to stand up and do the right thing. In any event there's legislation in congress this week that would legalize silencers on weapons and approve the sale of armor piercing bullets and its disappointing we don't have representatives anywhere in this country that can apply commonsense. 33000 die from gun violence every year and somehow that's ok. Our law enforcement I can't imagine coming up on a vehicle in a car stop at 1am and everyone has a gun. It's in the back of every officer's mind. To be blunt congress, members of congress id like them to volunteer to start digging some graves. People are murdered every day. It's never enough.

- Dovey: shade tree meeting last week I brought up tree on orchard and second they were going to look at it. John and I went there this past week, we didn't see where it is a sight problem. I understand John was going to cut the ivy. I don't see shade tree authorizing cutting the trees down. We also talked about dead tree in front of 613 walnut. Can you let resident know its scheduled to come down? Steve Jass came to meeting and requested newtons landing form citizen committee to prune trees they'll get a one-day seminar and be allowed to prune trees that are walking hazards.
 - Fenimore- yea it's an emergency it's over a house. Its approx. scheduled for wed or Thurs.
 - Templeton- why are we making a special allowance for one neighborhood? If you're going to hold a Training program and pay for an arborist shouldn't that be available to everyone in town?
 - Dovey- put in a request mike.
 - Browne- hold the seminar here, put an email blast to whole town and hold it here. We waste a lot of time in this town talking about trees.
 - Dovey- I'll pass that along at the next meeting. Here's the problem with that, the HOA has clout if you prune a tree you can be penalized.
 - Fitzpatrick but if I want to go to that seminar I should be allowed and then I should be able to prune my tree. I don't see how there's any difference.
 - Templeton- if you create a program and exclusive situation for one neighborhood to do something no one else can do that's a problem. It's a great idea but the whole town should be involved.
 - Dovey: NJ shade tree conference at Crowne plaza oct 19 & 20th I would only want to go to one day, \$110 whole day 8-5 lunch included no dinner or anything else. It would benefit with the shade tree ordinances I have the agenda form anyone can take a look. Shade trees going to have several members there.
 - Browne: I motion Bob can go-- its very information I went years ago. Fitzpatrick second. All in favor.
- Dovey; John and I attended NJ American water propaganda session to discuss proposed rate increase and took a tour. I'll let John speak on how that went. 2 streets are slated for water main replacement- Walters and vine street. Slated for this coming year.
 - Noll- we send our plans to facility companies in advance of our projects but its sometimes not enough time for them to prepare and budget accordingly.
- Dovey- sewer and shade tree sent minutes to administrator but they haven't been posted. Residents have asked why they're not being posted. Anyone know why that is?

* martin will send notice.

- Fitzpatrick: I have a couple announcements but first, I did attend riverfront police chaplain kickoff event, it was informal everyone had chance to speak. It was a nice group of dedicated people. Burlington city has had program in effect for some time and it's been very successful. It's great that they'll be able to share. Info: women's club 2 events 10/11 demonstration open to public its CPR for adults and children 10/21 women's club hosting walk/run starting at gateway park. 10/22 history board having rolling on rancocas presentation administrator shroufe and mr Anderson to do a presentation on history of rancocas. DYSA has coaches game 10/13 Friday night and also fall feast is 11/4.

- Jass- attended recycle program very informative. EAB was there they took copious notes. Reminder 10/19 is business luncheon for EAC. 11:30am hope you all will be attending. Chief not sure I put an invite in your box but I will. Community day rec is participating in that event with EMS and fire. Pony rides, petting zoo DJs blow ups we encourage everyone to attend.

- Browne: bob and I attended the meeting it's an 18mth process to raise rates the informal mtgs lay out parameters how it gets done. 17% increase. They never get that. We'll meet somewhere much lower than that. In anticipation of those expenditures, they spend as they go along and fund with rate increases as they need it. They talked about costs of infrastructure repairs. Building we were in was like the Taj mahal. The facility is open for tours. We drink ½ river water out of our tap. It's interesting how clean it comes out. There will be public hearings at municipal buildings so if interested Bob and I could steer you along. Why do we keep paying for water in hydrants whenever used. They told me its maintenance of lines and in case ever used. Its infrastructure. Thank you to Jesse for getting us together with riverfront—shared services are such a great notion for us all to move forward. I attended Beverly community day. Ours is top notch too. I'd like to poll committee on whether we want to move forward on solar energy.

Fitzpatrick- we should move forward. I was impressed and pleased that mersinger is looking into it for the schools. I'm glad you brought presentation to Delanco.

Templeton- I wouldn't mind an open letter there's 2 dozen of those development programs in south jersey. maybe we should check them out too before we expend any money with Solar NEP

Fitz: that's what mersinger is doing he's researching the other companies. It would be nice to find out who else the school is looking into. We should support the school

Browne: we should move forward with this.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. SOLAR ENERGY USE FOR MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

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.

Phil- mcfadden 410 maple ave, status of conflict with shade tree authority and township issue with the field. First time rec has ever said no to another entity. Commission decided not in best interest of commission to plant or in the best interest of residents long term. That said, I sent letter to township as to concerns and subcommittee set up. Moving forward we had gotten quotes, is decision hodling up rec commission from moving forward replacing fence at field of dreams?

Browne- buying new fence as capital improvement its under your jurisdiction. Nothing to do with shade tree. We have no problem wih you replacing that fence.

Heinhold: no issue moving forward

Jass- I spoke with Richard there was conflict.

Schwab- quotes for chain link fence. Because of discussion with trees, Scott put some suggestions as to maintenance, if replaced how replaced everyone had 2 cents on what ought to be there. To just go spend money—whether it's enough depends on what's planned. You've got to plan and think it all through because it's a 20yr decision so that by the time it comes to township committee its all planned out ready for approval.

McFadden- township being hindered by STC and Rec

Fitzpatrick- information being presented to township committee must be presented for public comment. My only concern with fence is not that path was turned down its just that they only allocated so much money because they were generous with us all along. I think they want to see the fence continue as is the rest of the way. I think the process is clear. Subcommittee presents it to township committee on formal plan and its approved by us.

Heinhold- you have answer to one question, other question with conflict, I talked with kitty today it references ordinance page 10 that doesn't speak to issues before us. My recollection is what you want to do is not wait for Shade Tree issue to resolve and we have a whole planning process.

McFadden- I will approach ST about where to purchase xmas tree from.

Templeton- if you have a plan moving forward with planner and engineer and you make circles where trees will be, talk to ST and they say if you plant this tree it will do this, there's enough people but that has nothing to do with fence

Heinhold- within parks because we have such an intense planning process and it reaches governing body and gets approval not Richard is also saying what about right of ways we'll put a pin in that.

Steven Lohr- 29 colgate ave larger projects its beneficial to form subcommittees but right there its cost saving because professionals are there but just like Zurrburgh park commission we did that project but came to township for approvals. Recreation projects with open space its beneficial to form subcommittees and have members of township on them to help move things along. We made aware of issues in conflict will that be resolved.

Heinhold- we're working on it.

Lohr- we appreciate the volunteers on both committees.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Dovey I found my notes, its Walters and Washington 1600ft of main replacement.

Jass- don't we notify them when we have projects coming up? I mean we paved a road and they went and opened it back up and now there's a big patch there.

Noll- issue a violation notice and let them know. We should send the violation notice now. They should have a bond required by law.

Jass- should this be done automatically?

Noll- they have 10k bond. Even if they opened for emergency repair they should still repair to the satisfaction of the town.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion jass- all in favor