

# **DELANCO TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – OCTOBER 16, 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\_\_\_\_ 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.

Deputy Municipal Clerk Kitty Martin administered the oath of office to new Delanco Police Officer Paul Newman. Chief DeSanto mentioned Officer Newman is from Delanco and is committed to giving back to Delanco. Officer Newman was congratulated and welcomed by Township Committee members.

### **ORDINANCE 2017-13**

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

Opened to public. No public comment. Resolution passed unanimously.

### **ORDINANCE 2017-14**

#### **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2017-12 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO PROVIDING FOR AND DETERMINING THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES”**

Opened to public. No public comment. Resolution passed unanimously

## **COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

### **Township Administrator**

#### **Department Heads: Chief of Police, Supt of Public Works, Municipal Clerk Township Committee**

Schwab: Proposal to rearrange parking lot and move drop-off box from the current location to front of parking lot behind the sign. For security reasons, residents soon won't be able to drive behind building to get to current box location. Negative to the plan: Tree roots have filled the space and need to be removed. Recommends removing entire tree.

Browne: Will it tie up parking?

Schwab: No. This is the safest, most visible spot.

Browne: Will box be in view of camera?

DeSanto: it will be.

Browne: Why take tree down?

Schwab: Roots have filled the area. Need to put in concrete base to hold box and need to remove roots for concrete base. We can either remove the tree or hack out roots. Removing the roots could kill the tree.

Browne: How many people use the box?

Lohr, Martin: It's used a lot.

Motion made to remove tree only if necessary for drop-off box. Dovey, Fitzpatrick, Jass, Templeton in favor. Browne opposed. Motion carried.

Schwab: Receiving bids Oct. 19 for tree removal and sidewalk work at Newton's Landing. Will meet to discuss Oct. 23 at 3:30 p.m. Want to get this done before winter hits. Removing 60 trees. Locations and how it's done determined by township engineer in consultation with superintendent of public works before contractor starts work. The project should be discussed with Shade Tree Commission before project starts for input on tree removal and root cutting.

Dovey: Shade Tree Commission meeting is 10/25. He will attend.

Schwab: Request resolution to urge legislators and governor to support 2% salary cap for police/firefighters when contract negotiations are settled by binding arbitration. Law expires at end of year; proposed bill would extend cap for five more years. Motion made for resolution: Dovey, Fitzpatrick, Browne, Jass in favor. Templeton opposed. Motion carried.

Schwab: Received information on optional insurance to handle land-use claims. Should township fill out application and get a quote?

Jass: At least let's make application.

All in favor.

Schwab: Just got notice about contract for electricity expiring next June. Township is paying 25 percent less on electric bill than what PSEG would charge. Township has until Nov. 12 to opt out of contract. Otherwise township is automatically enrolled through June 2020. Schwab advises leaving current arrangement alone.

Chief DeSanto: There are two applicants for police chaplains. Community Day was a great event. Police Department had its new vehicle there. Plan to do some first responders trauma training jointly with Riverside Police. Taking measurements for Shipps Way for changing no parking area.

Schwab: Will introduce new ordinance on Shipps Way at Nov. 13 meeting

Templeton: Does township still have Nixle account for public alerts? Saw an article about California fires where county sent out Nixle alert for evacuation and no lives lost in that county. Would like clarification on what alert system will be the township's primary way to alert residents.

Chief DeSanto: Has been using Facebook alert system. County has alert system.

Lohr: Requesting resolution opposing two state Senate bills making changes to Open Public Records Act and Open Public Meetings Act. Committee unanimously in favor of drawing up resolution.

Templeton: Attended Delanco School Board meeting last Wednesday. Superintendent Mersinger went over spring 2107 PARCC standardized test scores for Delanco students. Delanco scores are in the middle of the pack. The PARCC test is controversial with little confidence in the tests' accuracy. He hopes a new test will come along. Last Thursday Templeton attended Riverside School Board presentation on PARCC results. Scores for high school students are the worst in the area, but there was no comment on the scores from the board or school staff. Concerned about Delanco families moving out of town as their children enter 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grades to avoid sending children to Riverside High School. Would like to see efforts to allow Delanco and Riverside children to get the best opportunity for a good education. He talked with Riverside school superintendent, who appeared to show no interest in looking elsewhere or improving opportunities for children. We should encourage and support Delanco School Board in developing the best educational opportunities for our young people.

Fitzpatrick: It's unfortunate Riverside doesn't see that and want to improve their scores.

Jass: Attended Delanco School Board meeting concerning PARCC scores. Superintendent Mersinger not satisfied with outcome, not much movement from last year, and will look for reasons why and how to improve.

Templeton: Read article about Las Vegas shooting during which people in the audience with appropriate first aid training were first responders in the emergency. Training programs are helpful to community.

Fitzpatrick: 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are coming to tour Township Administration building. Mayor will be here. Police will take them through their office area. Kitty Martin will take them through administration area. Students will run for committee, mayor and deputy mayor and join committee at November meeting. DYSA Fall Feast is Nov. 4, Women's Club 5K this Saturday,

Oct. 21. Historic Preservation Advisory Board sponsoring Rollin' on the Rancocas on history of navigation on creek.

Jass: Community Day was wonderful. Recreation, EMS ems and Fire Department did a phenomenal job coordinating it.

Browne: Will save comments to end.

## **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Steve Lohr thanked Templeton and Fitzpatrick for their comments on school issue and for support. Schools are an issue for the community. Delanco is at a fork in the road; the next five to 10 years will determine what our town will be like.

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

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **1. BURLINGTON COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Lohr: Every 5 years the county updates the hazard plan. Delanco participates. It's being updated soon. County is asking us to appoint one or two people to attend meetings. Lohr will participate as township employee. Templeton will participate from Township Committee.

### **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 2017-15**  
**AMENDING CHAPTER 65 GOVERNING "FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION"**  
**\*1<sup>ST</sup> READING BY TITLE ONLY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FJOR**  
**DECEMBER 4, 2017 7:30PM**

**RESOLUTION 2017-123**  
**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO SOUTH JERSEY SANITATION FOR 'HISTORIC RIVERFRONT NEIGHBORHOOD SOLID WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM'**

**RESOLUTION 2017-124**  
**SPECIFYING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES WITHIN DELANCO TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION 2017-125**

**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) (Library Aid)**

**RESOLUTION 2017-126**

**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) (Body Armor)**

**RESOLUTION 2017-127**

**RESOLUTION CERTIFYING LIENS AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR COSTS INCURRED BY THE TOWNSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 135 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE**

**RESOLUTION 2017-128**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF RAFFLE LICENSE**

**RESOLUTION 2017-129**

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**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

<b><u>ACCOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
<b>CURRENT FUND</b>	<b>\$698,540.26</b>
<b>PAYROLL</b>	<b>129,508.55</b>
<b>ESCROW TRUST</b>	<b>6,162.00</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE</b>	<b>5,833.61</b>

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES 9/11/2017**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Unanimously approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Browne: Next meeting is Nov. 13 because of Election Day Nov. 7. Urges residents to vote. Many important state issues plus governor's race. Mentioned bulldozers on old Dietz & Watson site. Construction has begun on logistics center.

**ADJOURNMENT**