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Delanco Township Committee meeting November 20, 2017

Present: Browne, Jass, Dovey, Fitzpatrick, Templeton

Also Present: Mr. Schwab, Township Administrator; Mr. Noll, Township Engineer; Mr. Heinold, Township Solicitor; Mrs. Martin, Deputy Township Clerk; Mr. Fenimore, Supt. of Public Works; Chief DeSanto, Delanco Police

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTION 2017-138 SPECIFYING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES WITHIN DELANCO TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION 2017-139 GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 2014-JUNE 2019

Templeton questioned what this is. He was reminded that it is done every year. It funds the DARE program.

\*APPROVAL OF consent agenda

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MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

none

COMMENT AND QUESTION SECTION OF THE MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CORRESPONDENCE - none

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2016 MUNICIPAL PARK DEVELOPMENT GRANT AWARD FOR ZURBRUGG PARK (tabled from 11/13/17 meeting)

Browne: \$138,000 – scope has changed. The seawalls are out of the equation.

Templeton: Why did you say that?

Fitzpatrick: \$290,000 for the whole project. We have three options.

Templeton: There is no point in discussing this until we see what DEP will allow us to do.

Jass: If we put in the seawall, we can gain ground.

Fitzpatrick: When Harry applies for ends of the street, is he applying for seawall?

Templeton: Split (missed it)

Browne: (missed it)

Schwab: Money bonded is for street ends. This would need a separate application. If they get approval for the ends, they may give approval for Zurbrugg. We need to discuss. Do we want to move forward with our money or their money? Do we abandon at this time and ask the \$138,000 be banked?

Jass: You can accept the grant without using it right away.

Templeton: I think that is the best move. It doesn't make any sense to spend money on a plan when we just don't know what DEP will allow.

Jass: Some kind of barrier will need to be built.

Schwab: Cost is \$168,000 just for the seawall.

Fitzpatrick: Should focus on(missed it.)

Templeton: We don't know what they will allow – both geographic location or what type of structure.

Fitzpatrick: We should apply. We only authorized Harry for three street ends.

Templeton: We meet with DEP in 2 weeks. They may have had a change of heart or some common sense.

Jass: That's (missed it

Fitzpatrick: Didn't understand why it wasn't included with street ends.

Templeton: When you do the application, that is your one shot. The meeting is to get a sense of what they will approve. Fox, Martin, and Noll agree that DEP's position doesn't make sense – contrary in regulation and practice to what they have seen throughout the state. Depends on what DEP decides the rules are.

Browne: I assumed when we didn't get the whole \$290,000, someone said, "Isn't that interesting that they backed out the amount for the seawall? Didn't we apply for Field of Dreams under that program? It's for park development. When I went to Atlantic City, I went to DEP. They know about us. Booth right next to Bridge Commission – spoke to environmental engineer there. He suggested leaving them out as much as you can. He said they have engineers at Bridge Commission who know how much they can do. Are you assuming the \$135,000 will be allowed to be used for seawall?

Templeton: A lot more money than that is needed - \$400,000 project.

Fitzpatrick: They approved Phase 2 park improvement.

Templeton: I don't think the county knows what is really on the ground there.

Browne: County said erosion on river should be handled in a larger group. That is another option to get county as shared service for engineering.

Templeton: I would recommend that we do whatever process to bank that money.

Schwab: It's OK as long as you keep them informed.

Fitzpatrick: As we modify, we need to let them know.

Browne: Involve Rec?

Templeton: DEP meeting first. Any discussion at the county level – Zurbrugg waterfront is a keystone– Zurbrugg is historically listed, the park is an Audubon birding site. It's a county asset.

Browne: You got Green Acres for Zurbrugg. What is the state's interest?

Templeton: That's been our argument. While the state has been dithering around, our Green Acres land is washing away.

Browne: If you took Green Acres money, all parks are Green Acres?

Fitzpatrick: Yes, we listed them.

Browne: Recreation should think about what amenities they want for \$138,000

Templeton: No point in building it if it will all wash away.

## 2. PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR SPECIALIZED HEALTH OVERLAY DISTRICT FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT CENTERS (continued discussion)

Browne: This was tabled previously. Consensus of TC was to refer to JLUB and master planning process for 2018.

Fitzpatrick: I wasn't happy about where it was going to be.

Lohr: JLUB won't do master plan until later 2018. Doug Heinold said you can refer it as a separate ordinance.

Browne: I asked it to be put on. At conventions, I sat in on a seminar of speakers from Northern counties. Issue is along with any school or medical facility. Drug and alcohol rehab centers aren't the answer they are finding. The support system needs to be in place after rehab- halfway houses, 3/4 houses. Jesse, do you know if there are any halfway houses nearby?

Dovey: Edgewater Park has some.

Browne: Governor put in \$2+ million - lots are partnering - YMCA. Where is the money coming from? Taxpayers? Right now it's nonprofits doing the rehab. Latest buzzword is that they need a roof over their head and food on the table. How do we want to structure our town to accept?

Templeton: They are two different things. This overlay is for treatment centers. Housing is a different thing. We have learned that treatment centers can go anywhere.

Jass: Can control with overlay.

Templeton: Has this already been to planning board?

Browne: No

Templeton: Ms. Taylor drew this?

Fitzpatrick: She was being proactive as per Doug Heinold. I suggest the end of Creek Road.

Jass: If you are looking at the Drivetime area, the backs of the houses are affected anyway?

Fitzpatrick: It's not Delanco there. The last house in Delanco is the white house on Coopertown.

Browne: When we rezone, do we have to let Edgewater Park residents know?

Lohr: Outside of master plan process, you need to do the 200 feet notice and notice other authorities. If you do in master plan, you just do a publication and notice county planning board. It depends on how you do it.

Martin: Joint Land Use Board hasn't even started discussing reexamination report.

Browne: There isn't consensus on this committee as to where to put it.

Lohr: Would trigger consistency review for planning and all the other certified notices.

Fitzpatrick: Creek Road affects less residential property than Coopertown.

DeSanto: It's a rehab facility. They volunteer to be there and want to be there. The short term isn't as crucial as the long term. Rehabs are highly supervised.

Templeton: I suggest this is sent to planning board. Ms. Fitzpatrick, submit to Ms. Taylor. I think we should get this going right now.

Fitzpatrick: I had three residents contact me when they heard about this. That's when I suggested that it go to Creek Road rather than Coopertown.

Browne: Put in hands of JLUB

Fitzpatrick: Have them look at it now.

Browne: Ms. Taylor said that Coopertown was the best choice.

Martin: You want to revise.

Browne: I know that you, Kate, are opposed to Coopertown. Does Creek Road have more viable option?

Fitzpatrick: Ms. Taylor hasn't answered anything that Doug was confirming with her.

Jass: Properties on Creek Road are very large. Coopertown has smaller lots and would be more likely to have that type of use. Commercial property owners are then limited in who they sell to.

Browne: There are homeless and less fortunate types in industrial zones in other areas right now.

Fitzpatrick: I would suggest that (missed it)

Jass: Their properties aren't that large and maybe they wouldn't be able to sell for this use.

Fitzpatrick: There were people in town who were concerned – business owners and residents.

Browne: When you sit up here, not every decision will be popular. Where are the people who contacted you? What is their objection?

Jass: (missed it)

Fitzpatrick: I don't want to talk about that in public. It would be hearsay. I would invite them to the meeting for first reading or public session. They couldn't attend the meeting. They will have an opportunity to say why they don't want it.

Templeton: We aren't at that stage. We're just determining the borders.

Martin: This ordinance hasn't been changed. It still says Coopertown.

Fitzpatrick: Doug was supposed to confer with Michelle about where to put it.

Jass: Would like those people to come and voice their opinion.

Dovey: Can we put it on December meeting? Right now we are considering Coopertown Road.

Browne: I take offence with the people who talked to you. They should have come to me.

Fitzpatrick: They were told that I spearheaded this.

Browne: Marlene and I attended a JIF meeting and were told to get an ordinance. If they sue, it will cost us thousands. Unfortunately, no matter where we put it, no one is going to like it.

Templeton: Obviously needs to be crafted to have least impact.

Browne: I-1 zone has our sexually oriented businesses. No one has built one, but... Aubrey Fenton's project, Drivetime, Costume Gallery – if one of the businesses goes out, why not a drug and alcohol center? Code blue shelter on Poplar didn't go well-constant chain smoking outside, complaints from neighbors. If you go to Coopertown, how does that affect Newtons Landing?

Martin: Within 1000 feet.

Jass: 1000 feet zone would have to be noticed.

Martin: You take the perimeter of the zone and go out 1000 feet.

Templeton: Let's make the inquiry of JLUB.

Lohr: Doug already thought it was referred to Michelle. Doug isn't working with Michelle.

Templeton: Point is to get something on the books that is defensible. JLUB can adjust in master plan process.

Fitzpatrick: I feel that someone lost the ball.

Templeton: We found it. It needs to go to Michelle Taylor.

Browne: We gave her the authority to pick the spot.  
Martin: Where are the people?  
Templeton: If it gets to an ordinance, they will be there.  
Fitzpatrick: We need to hear something.  
Lohr: Do you want to(missed it)  
Templeton: See what Michelle comes back with...  
Browne: When I talked to Doug,  
Jass: Take a straw poll. How many people want to move forward to Coopertown Road?  
Browne: I would go with Michelle's recommendation.  
Resident : Jesse, if you had your choice?  
DeSanto: Creek Road- you do have the park.  
Browne: Every drug and alcohol  
Resident 2: Is it considered an inherently beneficial use?  
Martin: Yes  
Resident 2 : Then is this really a defense to it going anywhere?  
Lohr: If we had it zoned somewhere vs. nowhere, it gives us reason to deny the use variance. Adult entertainment business are zoned.  
Browne: I know everyone is gun-shy of the whole matter. JIF max is \$20,000 in litigation. We could take our chances and wait for planning board. Doesn't it come back to us for ordinance?  
Lohr: Yes. TC responsibility to put recommendations in place.  
Dovey: If we put this in place, JLUB could come up with a better plan?  
Browne: Yes  
Fitzpatrick: Do we have time to pass tonight?  
Lohr: If you introduce it tonight? Tons of notifications.  
TC didn't want to do that.  
DeSanto: Coopertown would be least impact for residential. We've sent letters out in the past. Could just send out letters.  
Browne: I'm comfortable with moving on this.  
Lohr: People don't understand that zoning for something doesn't give permission for a business to come here. Without a zone, they can go anywhere in town.  
Templeton: We're asking for a phone call to Michelle Taylor.  
Browne: Are you motioning to table?  
Templeton: Yes.  
Passed unanimously

### 3. 2018 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE January 2 , 2018 Reorganization at 7:00

#### COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Township Administrator  
-Personal Policy Training

Browne: Is there a manual?

Schwab: No, they get a handout. George will do a sign in and report.

-Field of Dreams: Feb 14 – contract expires. Right now contractor is doing end of season work. We don't want anyone using it. Recommending to Rec that it be closed for 29 days. Recommendation is to go out to bid for one year and go for a two year option. We will make a few changes in the bid. They use a fixed cost of living increase. Compost will be dropped from bid. We will control that cost. That was a significant variable in the bids. Open bids Dec. 23-28. Award Jan. 22.

Browne: Is this program a winner?

Schwab: 70% winner – due to communications, contractor and specs in contract. Every year will be better. Turf is better today than a year ago. Supercompost is being used. Grass grows quickly. They need to do more in the common areas. Seeding there instead of doing the compost.

Browne: When I see our public works trucks there, why are they there?

Schwab: Contract is only for the turf.

Department Heads:

Chief of Police

-West Avenue cameras

-Field of Dreams cameras were already helpful – stop sign was run over. Officers recognized car and insurance documents were obtained.

-Working on Ms. Fitzpatrick's request about crossing at BCCAP – person wasn't there today. Talked to Mr. Mersinger. His opinion is that sidewalks on both sides of Burlington would be beneficial. They could stop busing. Issue will be getting across Boggs Ditch.

Fitzpatrick: Resident told me she walks.

DeSanto: They said they have some walkers. They encourage parents who walk to park on Perkins so they don't have to walk across

Jass: I've had complaints that people park near fire hydrants.

DeSanto: The law is 10 feet and the hydrants there sit back. They are giving parents permission to come in that way through the tree line.

Municipal Clerk

-At Boggs Ditch, there is a dead doe. Do we get those?

DeSanto: Call John.

Lohr: NJ Local Freight Impact Fund Grant – called Mark Remsa who took a seminar about this grant – it is for a severely failing road. Requires more engineering -traffic study, inventory of types and weights of vehicles. County has identified Route 130 at Florence Columbus Road. They are working jughandle and will be coming in with plans soon.

Township Committee

Templeton:

-Studying for DEP meeting

-JIF meeting late tomorrow afternoon

Dovey:

-Date for solar mtg?

Schwab: Dec. 1 - confirming that he is coming. 9 or 10 am.

Dovey:

-Asked Janice about providing Trees for NJ Streets NJ Shade Tree publication – the latest revision and not the one we were shown at the dog and pony show last week – asked that TC and planning board get copies. Can't find sycamore as a tree to be planted along the street. Excellent guide – could adopt as standards. Mailed list of ideas to formulate Shade Tree ordinances and what we need to include. I'd like to see Shade Tree Ordinance in one spot instead of throughout the book. Doug will advise. Parks vs. Shade Tree Commission – talked about ordinance. Can be divided as it is in other towns. You can have shade trees on private property under Shade Tree control. If they had gone on original plan for Newtons Landing, trees would have been in lawns. Planning board wanted them in the planting strip. That was a mistake. Want to avoid mistakes in the future when developers come in.

Browne: You are doing a great job.

Dovey: Newtons Landing will be here to discuss sprinkler issue. Not illegal to put in curb, but township has the right to remove if it is creating an obstruction in the easement.

Templeton: Are they here tonight?

Dovey: No, they want to check with original homeowners and what they were told.

Fitzpatrick: Told from who?

Dovey: To see if they paid for it (sprinkler).

Jass: As one of the original owners, sprinkler came with the house at no extra charge. Landscaping company chose site.

Templeton: Sprinklers aren't on the plans.

Fitzpatrick: Not required to be on the plans.

Templeton: This committee needs to end the endless blaming and derogatory accounts of others.

browne: They didn't hold back.

Templeton: Yes, but this body can't do that.

Dovey: I try to work with people. Try to improve. When you bring up something that is a problem, it is perceived as saying they did something wrong. Everyone makes mistakes. Nobody came to me and said sycamores were approved. We were told that they are OK now.

Templeton: Mr. Matulewicz said it is an evolving document – most recent says it isn't.

Templeton: Don't throw darts at people who made decisions based on what they had 12 years ago.

Dovey: I'm throwing darts because that person said I was wrong.

Jass: Re: sycamore. Richard has email that the sycamore tree was used in Robbinsville and was told there was no problem. I called Robbinsville and they said get another tree.

Dovey: Happy Thanksgiving.

Fitzpatrick:

-Attending Senior meeting

-Attended library Soup and a Bowl. Found I have a little artistic talent. Resident brought bowls he made with minor imperfections. I was impressed. I put a sunflower in the middle of the bowl. Cathryn Plum and Wendy Flanagan are incredible artistic people.

Jass:

-Attended school board meeting and made announcements for school board meeting.  
-Attended National Foundation of Women's Educators in Midwest – informative. Talked about drug rehab issue, human trafficking, sexual harassment, bullying; resolutions were made to present in DC

Browne:

-Attended League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City – attended seminar on staying out of trouble which I attended 15 years ago. Lots about social media. Everyone has a camera. You have to assume you are being recorded. I questioned residents of town forums– tempted to chime in. Advice is to stay off the forum. Another topic: if you feel there is a conflict of interest, step down, there probably is.  
-With opioid issue, if someone approaches me, who do I call?

DeSanto: We have a referral number.

Browne: I liked two things that were said. When I ran and made campaign promises, I wanted to work on cleaning up the train from Camden to Trenton. I was told an angle I hadn't thought of. He said he would send counselors on the train. Morris County has a mobile center packed with info and counselors who find homes, beds, and get them back to society. There will be more to come.

-Made a connection for the IT. They will contact Janice and Richard.

-A year ago, I came back regarding flashing beacons for crosswalks. I got a new proposal per crosswalk - \$6900 per includes solar and lights. I went to a second vendor as well. Hopefully, we can get that installed. John can do installation

-Ran into Public Service in AC also – programs for those who can't pay.

-Wednesday Freeholder Economic Development – ours meets for the last time tomorrow night.

-Our employees who were there were working very hard.

Lohr:

-email from resident requesting township to provide stickers "I voted today" at the polls. Cost involved \$180

Dovey: Why would we need that?

Browne: I would think it would be up to either party if they wanted to provide.

Lohr: I am asking if you want that provided

Templeton: I like it. It's good for citizenship.

Fitzpatrick: I like it too.

Dovey: What about absentees? I would to see each party pay for it.

Browne: I would too. Both political clubs should make a donation.

Lohr: The township is in charge of election function.

Browne: Will take it under advisement



Browne: In AC, ran into instant verification folks? What is the policy for knocking door to door?

DeSanto: They come to us.

Browne: Politicians?

DeSanto: Exempt.

Browne: In all of those towns where I campaigned, no one asked me who I was. We should have ID.

Fitzpatrick: Why would I question you for walking down the street? Lots of people walk down the street.

Browne: Howell passed a “no knock” ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT