

DELANCO TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – DECEMBER 4, 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: **Harry Fox, Township Engineer**

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ORDINANCE 2017-15

AMENDING CHAPTER 65 GOVERNING "FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION" *2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING

Schwab: Just a quick summary --introduced to meet requirements due to new flood maps, DEP, FEMA required us to change the wording of our ordinance so people in Delanco are eligible for flood insurance. We made sure we got all the words in there that our leaders said had to be. There are no significant changes just technical revisions.

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ORDINANCE 2017-15
HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Motion by Jass seconded by Templeton to adopt Ordinance 2017-15 on second reading

Roll Call: Dovey Y Fitzpatrick Y Jass Y Templeton Y Browne Y

ORDINANCE 2017-16

AMENDING CHAPTER 295 GOVERNING "VEHICLES AND PARKING" *2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING

DeSanto: Newton's Landing Shipp's Way the proposal is to move the no parking area from one side of street to the other to allow more vehicles. There's an area in front of Rivers Edge on Burlington Ave where there was no parking signs we realized there was no ordinance backing up those signs. Oh never mind that's not included in this one that will be dealt with in Jan.

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ORDINANCE 2017-16

Steve Maslaw 97 Shipp's Way

- No parking issue on Shipp's Way. There's no issue, there's maybe 5 houses, 4 spaces, and if we get desperate we can block our own driveways. I measured with my measuring tape; we have space for 9 9ft parking spaces. Why do we need to mess with this? Leave us alone.

- Jass: there have been problems over there. People have gotten tickets, you're not allowed to park in front of driveways unless you own the house. There are instances where people have gotten tickets because they aren't able to park in front of their house. Mr. Lester right here doesn't have a parking spot. We looked at all of Newton's Landing, we looked at several spots and the chief felt along that corridor where the park is but that's not consistent with what's going on up East Shipp.
- Maslaw: 171 ft as opposed to an entire street from 1-99 Shipp's Way.
- Jass: what happens when you have a homeowner that doesn't have a parking space or has company that can't park? According to post office there's no law saying you can't park in front of a mail box but if you do the mailman has the option to not deliver your mail. We took the opportunity to remedy this. What is the issue with changing this?
- Maslaw: when there are visitors there's plenty of parking on the street. If someone has a party they're going to park opposite side of the street. We don't need this change it's a ridiculous waste of time, money, taxes. You're gaining at most 9 parking spots across the street but you're moving 9 parking spaces.
- Jass; I have gotten phone calls from people complaining about this issue so we logically took the chance to fix it.
- Fitzpatrick: did it improve the number of parking spaces?
- DeSanto: it improved it because it stopped the issue of parking in front of mailboxes.
- Fitzpatrick: if someone has the situation where there are multiple cars there, can they just call the police and notify them that they're having a need to park across the street.
- DeSanto: That shouldn't be the norm.
- Browne: what do you think about this John?
- Fenimore: doesn't bother me
- Maslaw: 91-99 they're moving that parking across the street but 1-93 it's on the outside of the street. You'll move us, the last 5 houses across the street.

Jim Leusner 99 ships way

- I had an issue in front of my house; my driveway to curb on circle was not enough space for legal parking. My brother is a regular for Sunday dinner, he used to park all the time but after 3.5 yrs he was given a ticket because of the crosswalk going into the circle. I think it was written for formal cross walks but I don't think that's an official crosswalk designated by the state. 30' to a crosswalk you can't park a car. This ordinance won't help my situation because across the street from me is a fire hydrant. I thought I had enough room between the fire hydrant and the crosswalk to park a regular size car but there's no space. You need 10' each direction.
- DeSanto: I think you have 8 or 9ft
- Leusner: So this ordinance won't help or hurt me, I have no spot for my brother to park regardless. The controversy over the parking ticket we mentioned it to proper authorities but it won't help because of fire hydrant.
- Jass: we looked at all areas in Newton's, Jesse, the engineer and I did, because there seemed to be an issue with guests. After several complaints we felt that this area was the best spot to address it at this time. And, Steve, this is just a matter of moving 1 post from one side of the street to the other.
- Maslaw: but it makes no sense.

- Browne: this affects 5 houses and you're two of them [to Jim Leusner] do you not want this either?
- Leusner: I'm neutral it only affects me backing out of the drive.
- Browne: any other comments on this?

Jack Hafely 44 pennington

- I live on other side this has no effect on me. It seems the only advantage to moving parking to the other side of the street is that anybody can park there. If you leave it the way it is the only people that can park in those 4 spaces where the driveways are are the owners of the houses. If you move across the street the neighborhood can park there. But if you lived here 14 years you're maybe used to parking in front of your house now you're across the street. That's all.
- Browne: committee comments?
- Jass: there does seem to be a parking issue within this planned community. I in particular have this problem when visitors come and have been in other places in town where it seems I'm always parking in a no parking area and we do have new police and have had issues throughout Delanco. Where there are issues with people parking too close to cross walks this is an area we could actually fix. I'm in favor of moving the parking spaces.
- Fitzpatrick: I listen to the residents and we had a real issue in rivers edge we, Jesse, the engineer and I, were able to change the entrance and came up with 81 (?) new parking spaces but from what I hear from the 2 residents tonight of the 5 affected, there's really no advantage so I'm not in favor of it.
- Jass: the one house is a snow bird and they are in favor of it.
- Templeton: is either full year?
- Jass: her husband is there full time the wife is a snowbird.
- Templeton: this ordinance was generated by one person?
- Jass: the 5th house was indifferent they didn't mind parking across the street.

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Motion by Dovey seconded by Jass to adopt Ordinance 2017-16 on second reading

Roll Call: Dovey **N** Fitzpatrick **N** Jass **Y** Templeton **N** Browne **N**

- Browne: Motion fails. Your voices have been heard

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.")

RESOLUTION 2017-141

REFUNDING UNEXPENDED ESCROW ACCOUNT

RESOLUTION 2017-144

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (NJDEP) COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
CURRENT FUND	\$ 655,903.75
PAYROLL	143,084.70
CAPITAL	13,990.00
DOG FUND	90.00
ESCROW TRUST	4,730.75
MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE	30,867.27

APPOINTMENTS:

Deputy Registrar (effective 12/4/2017) – Erin Provenzano
Crossing Guard – James T. McKendrick, Sr.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

*APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA Motion by Dovey seconded by Templeton to approve the consent agenda Roll Call: Dovey __Y__ Fitzpatrick __Y__ Jass __Y__ Templeton __Y__ Browne __Y__

RESOLUTION 2017-142

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF NEW JERSEY TRANSIT PERMIT (SEWER LINE IMPROVEMENTS)

Heinold: the NJ transit requires an area subject to work and requires a permit for some kind of disruption the local jurisdiction has to sign off on it. They gave us a similar document related to sewer improvements and last time the Delanco sewer authority indicated they didn't want to sign off and asked that the township be the one to sign off. The documents dealt with tertiary issues related to the line or main and who would take ownership of line. Property owner takes responsibility for line. As prior permit, Walters Group has agreed to pay all permits fees and costs and insurance to satisfy terms in favor of township.

Browne: discussed in previous history with apartments going up.

Motion by Jass seconded by Dovey to approve Resolution 2017-142

Roll Call: Dovey Y Fitzpatrick Y Jass Y Templeton Y Browne Y

RESOLUTION 2017-143

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR SIDEWALK AND ACCESSIBLE CURB RAMP REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Newton's landing sidewalk repair project changing to remove handicap ramps from town and keep sidewalk repairs in newton landing.

Fitzpatrick: can Chris explain what we plan to do with the handicap ramps in the future so we understand why we're removing the ramps in town.

Noll: The handicap ramps aren't just that, it's includes the sidewalk immediately adjacent as well as asphalt and grading. Its more than just ramps or you'd have issues with ponding. Because its just 3 intersections, prices were high, and the work wouldn't be done until spring anyway. We determined it

would be better to add to them to the road program in feb and construct in spring so we get better pricing than originally anticipated.

Motion by Dovey seconded by Jass to approve Resolution 2017-143

Roll Call: Dovey Y Fitzpatrick Y Jass Y Templeton Y Browne Y

Templeton: The previous arrangement on this was to do a couple intersections with handicap ramps I agree with Fitzpatrick we're hoping that by doing it the right way we'll be able to take care of more areas correctly in 1 shot rather than piecemeal.

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.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Jim Leusner 99 shipp's way

- Question on resolution 143 how is that impacting newton's landing project, is it taking money away or giving more.
- Noll: it's originally as proposed. No addition, no subtraction
- Dovey: what's the time frame?
- Noll: contractor was ready to take down trees and get started
- Dovey: if you see a white dot on a tree it's likely going to be removed and disposed of properly. Can't use those trees for firewood. And sidewalk replacement will start, if they can't grind roots down they may have to take a tree down.
- Jass: will there be notice when they start work to each of homeowners?
- Noll: yes, the contractor will give 2 days' notice

Frank Friedman 14 (missed the name of the street)

- They'll start removing trees Friday?
- Noll: no, they were going to start last Friday but they delayed pending this decision.
- Friedman: they're not doing anything initially with sidewalks and roots? This will just continue on a regular basis until they're done? Any priority?
- Noll: no they'll start on trees and work their way down.
- Friedman: when will they do my tree? It sits by an electrical line
- Fox: initially they'll take the tree down, grind stump then the GC will come in and in your particular case will take care of the side walks

Jack Hafley 44 pennington

- I received notices about the trees and it was supposed to start Nov 30th they were distributed. I have an issue with a paragraph in original letter. Has to do with sprinkler heads. If when taking trees down that contractor will cap pipe but these pipes are not permitted in this area. We didn't put these pipes in.
- Browne: neither did we
- Hafley: I have 4 or 5 sprinkler heads—are we responsible for redoing the sprinklers? I have 1 line working 5 sprinkler heads. If they cut pipe and cap it we can't reconnect it, we'll have to move 1 or 6 heads or whatever into the lawn.
- Jass: I have 2 on my property that will need to be moved.

- Hafley: I'll have a line with heads that are dead.

COMMENT AND QUESTION SECTION OF THE MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

- Jass: in regard to time frame for sidewalks will you notify each of homeowners?
- Fox: Contractor as he works on each section he'll give noticed 2 days before and as he moves along he'll keep notifying.
- Jass Can you shoot me an email from the contractor and ill post that.

Gwendolin Williams 28 Amory way

- When we put in notification with township about our sidewalks we made note about our wheel chair bound sun and we were told there would be priority and we'd be done before some of the others. Is there a list?
- Fox: that's the first I have heard of priorities.
- Williams: I was told at last meeting that there'd be some type of priority for sidewalks so I was following up. His bus stop is on Wolverton and while my son has access to the front door it's a challenge and we would appreciate the consideration.
- Fox: ill speak with the contractor about getting yours done quickly.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Professionals

Heinold: I have been communicating with redeveooper on former D&W site, still pursuing additional users. There's an email on Friday directing them to proceed I'm trying to improve communication between them and our fire official. This will be my last mtg here for the year. Thank you Marlene for all your years of service in Delanco. I remember Marlene from the old municipal bldg. not just in newton's landing but all over town. Best of luck in all your future endeavors.

Browne: any developments in stengler and galleto?

Heinold: I understand the fire official is still not satisfied. They said "we think he is" I wrote back saying I don't think you understand, he is not and you need to reach out. I can't tell randy Johnson what to sign off on, we have limited authority. If they're not satisfied the recourse isn't with us it's with the state. There are state offices and in fact one of the things discussed recently was that D&W had their fire system approved at state level. I want to facilitate communication so we don't have an issue at the last min.

Township Administrator

Noll: as Doug mention Midlantic Logistics construction has begun, cornerstone and Delanco, storm water basin work to begin this month behind township bldg.. Road crew we'll conclude handicap ramps and drainage. Just want to say happy holidays

Schwab: 1 received notice from JIF we have \$20k dividend, it's a little more than last year. We normally take it as credit against next year to be consistent budget wise. I want to verify or ask for motion that we handle this year the same way.

Motion by Browne Jass second.

Energy partner to follow up on solar discussion we learned a lot of good stuff but maybe this is something we want to move on.

Department Heads: Chief of Police, Supt of Public Works, Municipal Clerk

DeSanto: Oct 1464 police actions, 34 investigations 75 warnings 127 tickets for mvw 23 arrests 6 accident investigations. There was an inquiry about Burlington Ave—on my end the school had no walkers on record but based on their end all I can suggest is continuing on—the grant for the sidewalk is a benefit. Maybe a crosswalk there isn't the best idea but even if we get grant and can reduce speed if we get sidewalk in place we can get the kids walking to school continuously without interruption. If we could put crossing guard at Perkins Lane we could let them cross there not Burlington Ave. there's a lot of people leaving rivers edge in the morning.

- Fitzpatrick: that would be something we talked about at last meeting, Chris, safe streets to schools grant program because there's no sidewalks there, we want to show state there is a need there. The safe street to transit hasn't worked out but maybe safe streets to school will.
- Noll: that would have to be next round.
- Fitzpatrick: we should wait until we can apply and hopefully get the grant.
- DeSanto: yea, wait, we can look at reducing speed but maybe there won't be a need to put in a cross walk if we have sidewalks all the way down.
- Fitzpatrick: so Richard, we won't send anything for now.

Desanto: training for first responders for trauma—2 hr presentation he asked if anyone in bldg wanted to sit in on it, its Thursday 10a -12p and open to public. You get practice packing a wound using rubber body parts he wants us to carry a tourniquet at all times and be able to apply to yourself. Cooper hospital puts on the program for free. Goes over how much time you actually have before you bleed out. Next step in public accessibility is medical equipment, we have AED's next thing is emergency packs with gauze and tourniquets.

- Templeton: did you find them or did they find you?
- DeSanto: I heard about it in maple shade so I reached out to him.

Fenimore: 1/2T asphalt, picked up 1075CY leaves, it seems the leaves fell all at once and we're behind the gun. Our biggest task is pulling the brush out going through the knuckle. Debris in the leaves is unbelievable. If it gets sucked up it damages the impeller there's bricks, stones, rocks. Anything you can do to keep that debris out of there. Final shade tree and stump removal plan. I've been shorthanded with Larry who pulled something in his neck so he's out the next couple wks. There's only 4 of us. Hopefully with some rain we can move a little faster with the dump truck.

- Jass: I noticed several times at shed sat & sun, whoever has keys to gate they leave the gate open while they dump, leave and come back. They should be locking it each time they leave.
- Fenimore: we've been working overtime over the weekend.

- Jass: can you have them lock the gate?
- Fenimore: what scared me last week is that there's people that walk back there, there was a lady with kid in stroller I told her that she's not permitted in there she got a little attitude. As she turned to leave a second kid burst out of a pile of leaves. Hopefully she got the message how dangerous it can be and won't walk back there.

Lohr: some of you know county recycling dept which does recycling is sending people out into sections of towns to check your recycling. My section was done and many people didn't get their recycling picked up myself included. They came back next round to recheck us. It's not because they want to be mean it's because we're putting in the wrong stuff the recycling has become contaminated so it's harder for them to sell at the county level.

Fitzpatrick: the information sheet is so detailed—they diagram everything you can't put in there. No shredded papers. It's important; they're going throughout the town little by little. If anyone has a broken li to their recycling contact public works.

Township Committee

Templeton: Mr. Schwab mentioned we met with reps of the solar energy outfit that basically facilitates solar projects. They put project together not the actual contractor for installation. 2 hours with a lot of terminology and detail from solar people. Basically doing 2 months research digging and trying to educate ourselves on this. Proposal was to install some solar units on rooftops or carports around the bldg. to offset some of the energy use here. Nothing further just doing research. I was skeptical they came out with proposal where they would put panels and they had carport covers out front of the bldg. we looked out at noon, the street side parking was in shade so it didn't seem they had done their research. I went to Municipal court last Wednesday which is always interesting. Thanks to Jenn Esposito, police staff and officers, they keep a well-run operation on muni court nights. Most players here for safety meeting next wed 1pm was supposed to be this wed but there were various conflicts. All dept heads come together to go over problems issues etc. JIF initiated. And one big item: tomorrow mayor Browne, Chris and Harry and Dan Martin are going to DEP in Trenton tomorrow to discuss the project of rebuilding seawalls at street ends. This meeting has been a long time in coming. We had a lower level mtg with officials a year and a half ago and we were told things that didn't seem to match up with what we were seeing across the state. Hopefully we come back tomorrow afternoon with good news.

Dovey: Regarding the solar company NEP has been in business 11 years, 1mil assets they own solar panels, equip responsible for maintenance, the township has nothing to do with it. We convinced them to reevaluate along the side and have roofing that would be waterproof but there'd be no panels on roof of this building. We talked about other facilities like public works garage (panels on roof there) they didn't look at field of dreams yet. It worked out they did prelim \$8300 savings per year off electric bill during day it pumps out electricity goes into the grid, used by PSEG wherever they want it to go. At night or no sun you get credits but it's not dollar for dollar. We need to see if this makes sense or if there's any other option to explore. We think it could save taxpayers money. If you live in newton's you may be wondering about the pounding going on close to rail line—they are breaking up the old Rawn concrete pad and making room for new workforce housing project. I did ask booklets be purchased for all members of land use board and shade tree and this committee which outlines trees, species, where they should be planted, right tree/right place. I think it'll be helpful when planning projects in town. One

problem we have now is the Ashbore on private property. Something has to be done about that and the answer is removal which I hate to say.

Fitzpatrick: I attended the retirement luncheon for Maria Disilvia started 2003 she was a real asset. I Attended the tree lighting ceremony Saturday. It's always a pleasure to see how excited kids are when Santa gets off the sleigh. Our Santa is Fred McQuay—he's been a fireman and lifelong resident of Delanco. He takes his time with the kids its incredible we are blessed. History Board wed at 7, peter circulated Smithville mansion is having tours during the holidays see me after the meeting. The Sneakbox has been taken back to museum.

Jass: I also attended the tree lighting there were over 80 kids that participated and saw Santa it was a wonderful evening, we also had gingerbread houses 40 kids—they had all sorts of houses this year. I attended the economic advisory board meeting. I attended NJ economic advisory board they talked about NJ partnership for action we had people interested in coming to town it lets you know different agencies you can contact for businesses. Featured solo design because they applied for money from the state and got it. School holiday auction was a success at the walnut street school. Carriage rides are this Saturday and rain date is Monday the 11th. Carriage tickets are avail at John Browne's jewelers-- \$5 gets you ride on carriage, hot dog, hot chocolates, it's under a tent its warm. I'd like to say it's been a pleasure to work with the professionals; it's been a pleasure serving for 9 years on the committee. If you can, encourage more people to come to township meetings.

Browne: tree lighting was super cute; I brought my grandkids this year. The volunteers and fire company—I'm telling you we're so lucky we get to go and have fun they do everything for it. The 6pm slots are sold out for the carriage rides but really Dec is such a great month in Delanco. Jesse, do you know about an issue on Poplar and Franklin?

- DeSanto: I was approached by a resident about people running the stop light on Franklin. But when we sit there no one runs it. We're aware of it.

Browne: I also wanted to ask you, Doug, what you think of the ordinance where you live in Shamong the feral cat ordinance it seems interesting.

- Heinold: It's a county initiative. It involved a non-profit but they're not active anymore. With the new program the County is sending people around to introduce towns to the issues. I think the counties making its way around the towns to make them aware of this.

Browne: I found a letter Richard from Mr. Slaughter back in August—he has no sidewalk out front of his house. We notified him sidewalk was his responsibility, we watch for cars illegally parking there and never saw anything. It's a closed issue then. Also, river winds basin—heard from all but 2 have paid. Haven't set up meeting with them yet so they can formally agree to do this on a routine basis.

Jass: I'm going to light a candle tomorrow since you're going to DEP. We really need these seawalls taken care of.

ADJOURNMENT Dovey move, Fitzpatrick second