

The following are my personal notes, not official meeting minutes. For official minutes, please go to the Delanco Municipal Building, 770 Coopertown Rd.

Delanco Township Committee meeting December 18, 2017  
Present: Browne, , Jass , Dovey, Fitzpatrick, Templeton  
Also Present: Mr. Schwab, Township Administrator; Mrs. Lohr, Township Clerk;  
Mrs. Martin, Deputy Township Clerk; Chief DeSanto, Delanco Police

DELANCO TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – DECEMBER 18, 2017

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTION 2017-146 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) (Recycling Tonnage)

RESOLUTION 2017-147 2017 BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

RESOLUTION 2017-148 2017 BUDGET APPROPRIATION CANCELLATIONS

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ACCOUNT

CURRENT FUND \$ 154,442.89

PAYROLL 75,671.95

Dog Fund 30.00

Escrow Trust 4,854.75

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

\*APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA Passed unanimously

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 11/13/2017, 11/20/2017 & 12/4/2017 Passed unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 10/26/2017 passed with Templeton abstaining.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

COMMENT AND QUESTION SECTION OF THE MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

CORRESPONDENCE

Lohr: Letter of resignation John Ciancio resigning from Joint Land Use Board

Motion to accept passed unanimously

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Township Administrator

- Basins that were cut – properties were billed. A few haven't paid and have had money added to their bill each week.
- Met with PSE&G service representative on several issues. 1 holiday decorations – towns have to be permitted to put them up. You need to let them know in November. The sooner the plans are made the better. You need resolutions and hold harmless clause by JIF as well. 2. PSE&G will be trimming trees
- 3. Solar. Solar people still aren't doing what they suggested they would provide i.e. solar for this building. Should still be room for us or others in the area on the circuits, but it is first come, first served. 4. Street lighting – green induction not great. PSE&G is going to bring in LED bulbs in 2019. We will see what the lighting levels and costs will be. Explained to PSE&G that police won't be assigned to PSE&G projects in town unless the township is compensated as per ordinance.
- Thanks to John for work as mayor and to Marlene for years of work.

#### Department Heads:

##### Chief of Police

- arrest was made on persons stealing packages. Resident was alert and able to give a great description which led to arrest.
- Gift from Pearson School – second grade class wrote letters to police department. Much appreciated.
- University of Michigan sent a letter as did their chief of police regarding the university's Institute of Social Research. They do national research which is used to develop policies that affect public and private sectors. They have selected certain areas in Delanco for study. Background checks are done and ID is issued. No one is forced to participate. Their budget is \$91million a year.
- Had a controlled bleeding class. Good learning opportunity.
- Attended RiverRoute meeting – jughandle at 130 and Bridgeboro has been identified as a problem in the grant. Grant will be used to document that through engineering. State DOT decides where it falls.
- Fitzpatrick: They chose Cinnaminson to do in the past.
- DeSanto: They had a different study with a proposed way to solve the problem by pushing the jughandle up north.
- Also attended Route 130 meeting – asked about current and foreseeable problems.
- Jass: We identified all of the commercial growth.
- DeSanto: There is lots coming that will impact on Coopertown Road.
- Jass: We talked about sidewalks and lighting.
- DeSanto: Majority of the meeting was us trying to get anything we could

##### Municipal Clerk

- We are working with two companies in town that are causing traffic clogging and storing bulk material in the front of the building which is in violation of our code. We are aware and are trying to do some soft enforcement. We are working with them because there are some problems. They do have some deadlines. Chief DeSanto is talking with them regarding traffic circulation problems. The other company with the bulk in front– working with code enforcement to mitigate. We want the public to know that we are aware of the problem and working on it.

-Thanks to Marlene for her service to the community. It's been a pleasure.

## Township Committee

### Templeton:

- Attended DEP meeting on seawalls – frustrating, more disappointment. Same people who say no emphatically. They managed to come up with more obstacles.
- Attended end of 130 meeting with county engineers. Interesting that they were unaware of bus stop and lack of sidewalks and difficulty getting across 130 without a crosswalk at the jughandle.
- Attended Coastal Resilience Conference sponsored by Stockton College. Emphasis on living shore lines, soft shoreline protection. Not appropriate for Delanco. Got to talk with other engineers and technical experts – 150 participants. Got some contacts and am pursuing them regarding our waterfront.
- Attended JIF Anniversary Dinner for township – grant was made in gratitude for making JIF work. Thanks to Erin for putting that together. Nice event.
- Conference call with Mrs Lohr regarding HAZMAT update. A county contractor is doing the update. They are behind on their own powerpoint by months, but wanted our forms by the end of last week.
- Attended Township Safety meeting – went over items granted by JIF - protective gear and safety equipment. Emphasis on prompt reporting of incidents for timely medical care.
- Attended school board meeting. Students who scored very high on NJ ASK Science were recognized in addition to the usual character awards. Broader course offerings for (missed it). Holy Cross to be closed by the end of the year.

### Dovey:

- Marlene, thank you for your help and advice. You have been extremely helpful. You will be missed. Thanks for the things that you did that people didn't see.
- I'm getting complaints about Drive Time. Drivers are using Newtons Landing as a turn around.

DeSanto: Are they violating the law?

Dovey: No, it's weird how they drive around. Trying to avoid Creek Road.

Fitzpatrick: How does that affect Newtons Landing?

Dovey: They are doing U turns. They are young kids.

DeSanto: I will tell the officers to keep an eye.

Dovey: Update as to workforce housing site with slab and contamination?

Browne: Haven't heard anything.

Dovey: It's a rumor.

Schwab: We called Harry Fox. He is not aware of anything.

Dovey: Solar company came in. Mike specifically asked for panels to be on side of the building – not the front. Plan still shows panels on the side.

Schwab: Will get a report at the end of the year.

Dovey: Atlantic County didn't accept that company.

-29 Shipp's Way – shade tree has been on the list of a year. Not on the current list. It is dead.

- Happy holidays – Christmas and New Year.
- Fern, looking forward to working with you.

Fitzpatrick:

- Attended senior luncheon – 60 people.
  - Saw Santa around town.
  - Missed carriage rides – didn't feel well. Sorry to have missed it.
  - Got a suggestion from Sam James. With Motor Vehicle building, would be nice to have some signage to direct people to our local businesses. It is a great idea.
- Browne: We did discuss that with Economic Development.

Jass:

- I would like to see a sign that says Police out here.

DeSanto: You pay for it, we will get it.

- Jass: Many new people in town. Drivetime test-drives the cars. They do gun them.
- attended both 130 meetings as well as RiverRoute meeting. Took it into the future.
  - Recreation – Many holiday activities were held: Santa, tree lighting, gingerbread houses, 339 tickets for carriage rides. Mr. and Mrs. Claus were at Zurbrugg Mansion. Rec, Fire and EMS did a fantastic job.
  - Attended Economic Development – John will report
  - attended Marie's retirement
  - Happy New Year and Merry Christmas
  - Thanks for an informative nine years. Never thought I would be in this position when I moved here. Staff here is wonderful. Delanco is fortunate to have so many people who work here, live here. I will be on the other side of the dais.

Browne:

- Has been a privilege and an honor to be mayor. It's healthy that all of us don't always see eye to eye. I will have less responsibility next year, so I will have time to achieve goals I had as a candidate.
  - Attended meeting with DEP with Mike. I don't think we should give up. Waiting for Harry and Chris. One option is rebuilding existing seawall.
  - Carriage rides – smoothly run popular event. Families look forward to it. Snow added to the magic of it. Unsung heroes – Recreation commission and public works.
- Fitzpatrick: Carriage rides were John Browne's idea originally. Only had one carriage the first year. We did different routes in town. It has come full circle with what Rec has added to it – tent and Zurbrugg Mansion.
- Lohr: Do scouts still do luminaries?
- Fitzpatrick: Yes. Rec used to do them.
- Browne: Attended Operation Yellow Ribbon ceremony. Welcomed back a veteran on behalf of our town which is like a family.
- Thank you to Marlene for being Deputy Mayor. All of us up here do this for our neighbors and friends and those we don't know.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

2018 PRESERVE NJ GRANT APPLICATON

Fitzpatrick: Thought Peter Fritz would be here. I did review this. Since we are thinking about doing restoration at Zurbrugg Park, maybe we could apply for historical grant to do archeological study.

Templeton: There is a long lead time on this.

Schwab: Property involved has to be eligible to be listed on the state historical. That property wasn't listed with the mansion.

ADJOURNMENT

*Submitted by Maureen Barrett*