

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 October 1, 2018

Present: Browne, Ouellette, Dovey, Fitzpatrick, Templeton

Also Present: Mr. Schwab, Township Administrator; Mrs. Lohr, Township Clerk; Mrs. Martin, Deputy Municipal Clerk; Mr. Heinold, Twp. Solicitor; Chief DeSanto, Delanco Police; Mr. Fox, Township Engineer

COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

COMMENTS – PROFESSIONALS

Fox:

-seawalls – waiting for Tidelands approval – 4 projects are ahead of us. That is the last approval we need before moving ahead. Consulting engineer is going to check the plans to see if there are suggestions.

-People moving into (missed it)

-2017 road grant– fixed ponding areas. Having West Avenue one done again.

-Cornerstone – should be drivable by the end of the week.

-2018 grant – one section of curb was flooded from rain – needs to be replaced.

Grading and paving on Monday. Going to have police officer to be out when we close off Rancocas. I will confirm date with the chief on the date tomorrow. Grade for two days and pave in one. Should be done by the end of next week.

-2019 grant – due the 8th. Application is done and will be submitted.

Templeton: Rhawn area of Coopertown Road was opened up and the entrance sign for Delanco NJ Light Rail was replanted back in the street. It has asphalt footings.

Fox: They worked around it. It will have to be removed.

Templeton: It was on the ground during the construction and they planted it back.

Lohr: I sent your photo (Templeton's) to the state and haven't heard back.

Heinold:

-Labor counsel at Parker McCay resigned – Susan Hodges will be the replacement at Parker McCay. I would ask for a motion to continue on with Susan Hodges for the remainder of this year. Motion passed unanimously

COMMENTS – TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

COMMENTS - DEPARTMENT HEADS COMMENTS - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT

1. Police

-Talked with Public Service regarding light from fixture for crosswalk as per Templeton's question about shielding the light. The LED is cast directly down with no spillover. I have proceeded with the order so it is in the works.

-New Chief's vehicle will be delivered this week.

-Parking sign for First Bank on the street for customers.

Fitzpatrick: It was always there

DeSanto: I let them know that we can't enforce it, and let them know the process if they want to apply for reserved street parking. They have a parking lot. If they want a spot for a few minutes, they need to go through the process. The one there now has to come down because there is no ordinance for it.

2 .Municipal Clerk

-Events: Oct. 13 from 11-3 is Community Day/ Oct. 20 from 7-3 Community Clean up day at Public Works/ Oct. 27: 5KRun and Police Department 10-2 Take back Prescription Drugs/ Nov. 10 from 10-12 Free Rabies Clinic. Nov. / Nov 10- Women's Club Bunco Night

-Applications for Cornerstone apartments are available at municipal building- submit to Walters Group by November 10. Lottery is Nov. 12 here.

-Please sign up for Recycling Coach

-RFP process for 2019 – authorization for volunteers?

Fitzpatrick: Yes.

Ouellette:

-no report

Dovey:

-Mid Oct evenings for Shade Tree discussion?

Lohr: Waiting for dates that work for you.

Browne: On JLUB agenda tomorrow night.

Martin: Waiting for another draft. Was planning to announce that you were having an evening meeting.

Dovey: 2 members from each.

-Shade Tree had emergency meeting – ash removal on Delview was approved.

Branch had come down. Need to prioritize list – ash trees are high

Fitzpatrick: Please send a list of trees of Township Committee

Dovey: Newtons Landing was given approval to move forward with Newtons

Landing Boulevard sidewalk. Trees are approved for removal. John Browne

suggested that they get a price from the contractor for tree removal.

Fitzpatrick: They are not authorized to remove trees.

Dovey: Might be cheaper.

Templeton:

-participated in yard sale – Had a good sandwich and helped with the library at the end of their sale.

Browne:

-attended Shade Tree – residents are starting to come to these meetings. During the budget process, Shade Tree needs more money. We need to look into going out to bid for a dozen trees. Residents were concerned about sidewalks. Appeal process will come into play. There are a couple of magnificent trees that have outgrown their spaces on Union. Sidewalks are up a foot. Another one on Iowa. People are having trouble understanding that they can work around the root.

Fitzpatrick: They need to be educated. If they go to Shade Tree, they will learn about other ways.

Browne: People are interested in options. People want to save the tree.

Dovey: Board and Bill Matulewicz - approved Kevin S (missed name) to talk with homeowners about the alternatives.

Browne: Quite a bit of work for Shade Tree – trimming, bugs. Lots of interest in improving trees in Delanco.

-Got email from woman in Rivers Edge – residents are storing trash cans in front of their residences. Ron Holt has cited some of them.

Fitzpatrick: When we adopted national code, Tom Casey said it covered some things about front porches that we couldn't do.

Browne: Their HOA contacted Richard in March wanting help. I drove through on trash day. They need to be reminded they need a trash can.

Fitzpatrick: There was a parking issue on my way in today.

Lohr: I think our code now doesn't prohibit use of just bag for putting out trash.

Fitzpatrick: I thought you could do a bag, but it had to be heavy duty.

Lohr: We have to address the amount – clean outs. We don't regulate where you store your trash.

Fitzpatrick: We should – should be stored with a lid. Let's do it while we have a subcommittee. Mattress floated down the street in the rain. It was out days before trash day. Right now, there is full apartment's contents worth of trash on Washington Street. I emailed Ron about it. We need to notify residents.

Browne: It's most effective when it comes with the tax bill. Not everybody goes on Facebook. Maybe we need to do one or two mailers a year.

Fitzpatrick: We need to reach all of the residents whether we mail or hand-deliver. Sidewalk, trash thing summed up. We should budget for it.

Browne: Tax bill goes out once a year. It shouldn't be too much for a municipality to do a bulk mailing.

Lohr: We have a lot of requests to stuff things with tax bills. Postage is already on it. We are already right at the limit of what we can fit.

Fitzpatrick:

-Yard Sale - Funnel cake was delicious, had a delicious hoagie and Scout breakfast.

-Alcon meeting – Oct 10 in Bordentown at 7. Need someone from Township Committee to attend.

-RLS open house – 10-1 on Nov 1 for Township Committee. Need to let them know who is attending. Forwarded it to the county.

-Oct. 17 from 7-9 –Dobbins – Historical presentation about the book written about the Alligator submarine - supposedly in the Rancocas Creek somewhere.

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTION 2018-104 AUTHORIZING CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO ADVANCE PAYMENT FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES INCURRED BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS FOR THE NEW JERSEY LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION

RESOLUTION 2018-105 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF RAFFLE LICENSE FOR RA2018-01 – for PTO

RESOLUTION 2018-106 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF RAFFLE LICENSE FOR RA2018-02 - for PTO

RESOLUTION 2018-107 AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OF PROPERTY FROM TAX SALE LIST (631 HICKORY STREET)

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Removed from Consent at request of Browne:

ORDINANCE 2018-13 AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE AT CHAPTER 220 GOVERNING “SOLICITORS” 1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR OCTOBER 15, 2018 7:00PM

Browne: I am firm on not changing our ordinance on solicitors from 5pm to 9pm. I don't feel that someone in North Jersey should be telling us what to do for our residents.

Fitzpatrick: It is a federal law. By having a public hearing, we will get to hear what the public has to say. We were caught in the federal law.

Heinold: Based on constitutional law.

Browne: What gives them the power? We should have home rule.

Fitzpatrick: Your residents won't open the door. I understand how you feel, but if we don't adopt the change, we can be sued. Doug can back me up that there are firms that just check on these laws and see if townships are complying and then sue.

Browne: Latest is talk about marijuana plants.

Heinold: As law is being adopted, there will be an opt in or opt out for municipalities.

Dovey: John and I feel a reasonable hour is 5:00.

Browne: There are home invasions. Why are you inviting them to knock on doors at 9:00 at night?

Fitzpatrick: We aren't inviting them.

Heinold: Civil rights implications. This was a recommendation from JIF. They may incentivize us. They want us to be up-to-date. It's not a new case, no appeal, or is there one pending. The case went to federal third which covers us.

DeSanto: Solicitors write on their applications until what time they want to knock on doors.

Heinold: No Knock Lists haven't been challenged. If you want to have that conversation, we can, but it doesn't affect what we do on this issue. We know how everyone stands.

Fitzpatrick: We represent the residents when we follow the law and follow the recommendations of our insurance carrier. If you are concerned about what other

towns are doing, lets postpone and see what other towns are doing. Janice, can you email the other towns in the county and see how many have already done it.

Dovey: Philadelphia says ICE isn't allowed and it is federal law.

Fitzpatrick: Let's table.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-none

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. NEW SIDEWALK REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Fitzpatrick: We changed wording to property owner from homeowner – missed in three places and Mike's working on fees were added.

Lohr: Do Harry or Doug have input? These forms will go through changes as we modify them.

Heinold: I didn't have any concern.

Fitzpatrick: I added statement about stumps.

Fox: Minor issues – wording on 50% of the panel up to \$100/panel. Not really clear.

Heinold: You can have two parts.

Templeton: Two examples might make it clearer.

Lohr: That would be a good way to do it.

Dovey: I'm concerned about time frame.

Fox: This is written per panel – not square feet or square yards as we usually do sidewalks. .

Lohr: Defined as 4 ft in length.

Browne: If there are 8 ft and you can see it is an expansion joint and the tree affected both, they get two?

Fitzpatrick: yes

Fox: yes

Browne: -Mario counted again. He had overestimated the number of panels.

Motion passed unanimously

Templeton: Thought we wanted to roll out for Community Day.

Lohr: Since we approved tonight, we will send packets to waiting list. Inspection is required at or right before pour. Harry explained that you are looking at the ticket from the provider to ensure the product meets code.

Fox: Delivery ticket. Anyone can look at it.

Lohr: We can do it in house

Templeton: Thought we were having the contractor sign off. It's enough that people are spending a big dime on this without jumping through hoops waiting for someone to come out while a contractor is ready to pour.

Lohr: You can do a certification in lieu of. It's not in the ordinance. It's a policy decision. We will still go out and see that it is done.

Fox: You can have the contractor submit his ticket.
Ouellette: If I have the forms set up, as the homeowner (missed it)
Fox: Get a copy of the delivery ticket.
Fitzpatrick: If someone is replacing a sidewalk, do they need a permit?
Lohr: Now they do.
Templeton: So you only need a permit to participate in the reimbursement program.
Lohr: No. Anyone who does a sidewalk. You come and get your permit.
Heinold: At the end of the year, you will have a compilation of those who have done sidewalks and we will know how we did.
Lohr: Yes. Can't legally charge for the permit yet.
Dovey: Contractor must attach the ticket.
Browne: Let our administration work it out.
Templeton: I think the ticket is frivolous if the contractor signs the certification.
Browne: Talked to a contractor today. Told him that he needs to identify the ones that were the tree.
Fox: Without the ticket, we could get bad concrete.
Fitzpatrick: Let's leave it in and see how it goes.
Martin: If homeowner doesn't get the ticket before they pay, you may never get it. It needs to be bolded and boxed on the form.
Browne: Contractors want to get done and leave town.
Templeton: For the ready mix out of plant, are there grades?
Fox: Yes.
Fitzpatrick: You can look around town and see some bad concrete.
Templeton: We've seen it from developers.
Lohr: We will put it in that you need a ticket.
Dovey: Are you comfortable, Janice?
Lohr: Yes.

Fitzpatrick: Economic Development meeting for South Jersey - Nov 23 5:30-8. Will send to Economic Development.

Browne: How is the fence at Field of Dreams?
Martin: Being installed today.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by Maureen Barrett