

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – MARCH 17, 2008
7:30 PM MUNICIPAL BUILDING 770 COOPERTOWN ROAD, DELANCO NJ

ROLL CALL:

Devinney, present; **Fitzpatrick**, present; **Hinkle**, present; **Templeton**, present;

Ouellette, present

Also Present: Mr. Corcoran, Twp. Administrator; Mr. Kearns, Twp. Solicitor; Ms. Zimmermann, Deputy Municipal Clerk; Mr. Fenimore, Supt. of Public Works; Chief Parsons, Chief of Police

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Ouellette led the 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 the Courier Post and published in the January 7, 2008 editions. Written notice has been posted on the official bulletin board of the Township of Delanco at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

****SPECIAL PRESENTATION****

Mayor Ouellette asked Mr. Coby Frier to step forward and he read the resolution to him.

RESOLUTION 2008-40

RESOLUTION HONORING COBY FRIER OF SURF AND TURF POWER SPORTS

***HONORING COBY FRIER OF
SURF AND TURF POWER SPORTS***

WHEREAS, the contributions and service given by those willing to partner with Local Law Enforcement Agencies to better serve communities should not go unrecognized; and

WHEREAS, ***COBY FRIER of Surf and Turf Power Sports*** in Lumberton, N.J. has answered that call by participating in the Government/Public Service Loaner Program by providing various equipment to local law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, ***COBY FRIER of Surf and Turf Power Sports*** has generously provided Delanco Township with the use of two “Cam Am” ATV’s and a “SeaDoo GTI SE”; and

WHEREAS, ***COBY FRIER’S*** unselfish dedication to this program and to our community will greatly enhance the Delanco Police Department’s ability to patrol and respond to emergency situations in secluded areas of our town that would otherwise be difficult to access by regular police vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on behalf of all of the citizens of the Township of Delanco, the Township Committee does hereby recognize and commend ***COBY FRIER of Surf and Turf Power Sports*** for outstanding service and dedication to our community through his unselfish participation in the Government/Public Service Loaner Program, and extend to him our best wishes and sincere thanks.

Motion by Ed Devinney, seconded by Mike Templeton to adopt Resolution 2008-40.
Roll Call: Devinney, yes; Fitzpatrick, yes; Hinkle, yes; Templeton, yes; Ouellette, yes

******PRESENTATION******

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT UPDATE – Mr. Steven Lohr – Troop 19

Mr. Lohr presented three different proposals for the Vine Street Pocket Park project to the Township Committee members. Mr. Lohr stated that he has spoken to several contractors regarding the gravel, benches, fencing and landscaping. Committeewoman Kate Fitzpatrick stated that the Recreation Commission had \$10,000 earmarked for this project but they had to use it for something else. However, Ms. Fitzpatrick suggested that Mr. Lohr attend a Recreation Commission meeting and they may be able to help him through their developer's account.

ORDINANCE 2008-1

CALENDAR YEAR 2008

MODEL ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

2ND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Ouellette opened the hearing to the public.

1. Steve Jass, 4 McCay Way, questioned why the Township Committee did not follow the same precedent that was followed for a previous applicant for the Mansion. Mayor Ouellette stated that financial information was discussed in the executive session and it was not open to the public.
2. Marlene Jass, 4 McCay Way, asked for an explanation of the Cap Ordinance. The Township Administrator, Mr. Steven Corcoran gave a brief explanation of the cap ordinance and what happens if they go beyond the cap.

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Since there were no further questions or comments from the public, Mayor Ouellette closed the hearing to the public.

Motion by Joan Hinkle, seconded by Ed Devinney to adopt Ordinance 2008-1

Roll Call: Devinney, yes; Fitzpatrick, yes; Hinkle, yes; Templeton, yes; Ouellette, yes

ORDINANCE 2008 -1

CALENDAR YEAR 2008

MODEL ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and

the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco in the County of Burlington finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2008 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$32,765.90 excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco, in the County of Burlington a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2008 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Delanco shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5% amounting to \$114,680.65 and that the CY 2007 municipal budget for the Township of Delanco be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

*****PROCLAMATION – ARBOR DAY*****

Mayor Ouellette tabled this until the April meeting because Arbor Day is in April.

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.”)

Mayor Ouellette stated that Resolution 2008-52 would be removed from the consent agenda and will be put on the agenda for a meeting in April.

Mayor Ouellette also removed the approval of the minutes from 1/14/08, 1/28/08, 2/11/08, 2/16/08, 2/23/08 and 3/1/08 and they will be on the next Township Committee meeting agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 2008-51

SUPPORTING THE CLICK IT OR TICKET MOBILIZATION OF MAY 19- JUNE 1, 2008

Whereas, there 716 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2007;
and

Whereas, a large percentage of the motor vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were not wearing a seat belt; and

Whereas, use of a seat belt remains the most effective way to avoid death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash; and

Whereas, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 135,000 lives were saved by safety belt usage nationally between 1975-2000; and

Whereas, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization from May 19 - June 1, 2008 in an effort to raise awareness and increase seat belt usage through a combination of enforcement and education; and

Whereas, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of increasing the seat belt usage rate in the state from the current level of 91% to 93%; and

Whereas, a further increase in seat belt usage in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

Therefore, be is resolved that the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco declares it's support for the *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 19 - June 1, 2008 and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of seat belt use.

RESOLUTION 2008-52

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF EMPLOYMENT OF AGREEMENT – DELANCO POLICE ASSOCIATION – Removed and tabled until next meeting in April

PAYMENT OF BILLS

GENERAL	\$833,690.53
PAYROLL	226,748.95
TRUST	10,780.70
PUBLIC DEFENDER	150.00

GENERAL ACCOUNT – MARCH 17, 2008

24161	ARCH WIRELESS	33.17
24162	AM PM SERVICES	99.00
24163	BEVAN SECURITY SYSTEMS INC	180.00
24164	BIRDSALL ENGINEERING INC	6,137.25
24165	BURLINGOTN COUNTY TIMES	316.92
24166	BURLINGTON COUNTY TREASURER	1,024.90
24167	BURLCO MCPL COURT ADMIN ASSN	195.00
24168	BEVERLY BEE	1,404.56
24169	BELMONT & CRYSTAL SPRING	93.12
24170	CLEAN RENTAL SERVICES INC	465.24
24171	OOMMERCE BANK	36,317.50

24172	CLC LOCKSMITHS	26.67
24173	COMCAST	210.32
24174	DELANCO TWP BOARD OF EDUCATION	393,690.00
24175	DELANCO FIRE COMMISSIONERS	24,666.66
24176	DELANCO PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOC	3,000.00
24177	DRAEGER SAFETY DIAGNOSTICS, INC	180.50
24178	DIGIULIOS FOOTWEAR PLUS	524.95
24179	ELECTRONIC SECURITY CORP	755.69
24180	EIC INSPECTION AGENCY CORP	896.00
24181	FEDERAL EMPLOYEES BENEFIT ASSN	583.45
24182	FOX ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	498.92
24183	FITZGERALD & CO	315.90
24184	GALLS INC	1,349.62
24185	GE CAPITAL	339.00
24186	GOVCONNECTION INC	236.00
24187	H A DEHART & SON	318.60
24188	HERITAGE CLEANERS & TAILOR LLC	272.50
24189	HELMRICH	3,281.18
24190	JESCO INC	774.50
24191	J. W. SCOTT	416.17
24192	JOHNNY C S TRUCK TIRE SERVICE	50.00
24193	KEARNS VASSALLO & KEARNS	5,000.00
24194	JENNIFER L ESPOSITO	40.74
24195	SUSAN J LANSER	70.00
24196	LAND ENGINEERING & SURVEYING	4,050.75
24197	MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC	70.15
24198	MICHELMAN & BRICKER PC	37.50
24199	NJ AMERICAN WATER CO	716.80
24200	NJ DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY	449.00
24201	NJ STATE ASSN OF CHIEFS OF	200.00
24202`	NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	375.00
24203	NEW JERSEY PLANNING OFFICIALS	566.00
24204	NJ DEPT OF ENVIR POROTECTION	1,050.00
24205	NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS	777.28
24206	NJ STATE HEALTH BENEFIT PROG	58,043.94
24207	NJ MCPL MANAGEMENT ASSN	140.00
24208	NEW JERSEY LAW JOURNAL	129.95
24209	PEDRONI FUEL CO	9,601.77
24210	PSE&G	28,567.16
24211	PAYROLL ACCOUNT	186,491.54
24212	PARKER MCCAY-ATTORNEYS AT LAW	1,204.50
24213	PJ CARRAFA INSPECTIONS	540.00
24214	QUALITY HEATING & AIR COND INC	593.00
24215	R & R RADAR INC	152.55
24216	RIVERSIDE NAPA AUTO PARTS	216.84
24217	SAFETY AUTO REPAIR	3,975.30
24218	SOUTH JERSEY SANITATION	22,816.99
24219	STAPLES INC	537.70
24220	SHERWIN WILLIAMS	35.20

24221	KEVIN L SCIBILIA	4,000.00
24222	CARLA SARLO	10.67
24223	TERMINIX INTERNATIONAL	230.00
24224	TREASURER COUTY OF BURLINGTON	9,825.15
24225	TCTA OF BURLINGOTN COUNTY	50.00
24226	TEMPROL CORP	87.00
24227	TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	70.00
24228	TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN	5,878.91
24229	TUCH ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING CO	368.00
24230	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	2,000.00
24231	VERIZON WIRELESS	414.33
24232	VERIZON CABS	181.68
24233	VERIZON	541.14
24234	W B MASON CO INC	780.42
24235	XTEL COMMUNICATIONS INC	3,140.58
24236	KAREN ZIMMERMANN	9.70
TOTAL		\$833,690.53

CURRENT

24147	PAYROLL ACCOUNT	28,897.37
24148	PAYROLL ACCOUNT	34,559.28
24149	PAYROLL ACCOUNT	29,471.13
24155	PAYROLL ACCOUNT	29,522.16
24157	PAYROLL ACCOUNT	43,170.17
24158	PAYROLL ACCOUNT	29,493.93
24159	PAYROLL ACCOUNT	31,634.91
TOTAL		\$226,748.95

TRUST

1967	BIRDSALL ENGINEERING INC	70.00
1968	DAVID M SERLIN ESQ	3,537.00
1969	HULSE & GERMANO ESQS LLC	1,532.25
1970	PENNONI ASSOCIATES INC	3,542.50
1971	TAYLOR DESIGN GROUP INC	2,098.95
TOTAL		\$10,780.70

PUBLIC DEFENDER TO PUBLIC DEFENDER

1054	JEFFREY SNOW ESQ	\$150.00
TOTAL		\$150.00

RESOLUTION 2008-53

BUDGET TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, there are certain 2007 budget appropriations of the Township of Delanco which are insufficient to meet the requirements of the Township affairs; and

WHEREAS, there are certain other budget appropriations where there are unexpended balances which will be used for such; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.40A:4-58 provides for the transfer from such accounts the unexpended balances to those accounts which are short.

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED that the following transfers be made among the following accounts:

FROM:

Administrative & Executive – Other Expenses	\$4,671.80
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TO:

Engineering – Other Expenses	\$4,141.75
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Solid Waste Collection – Other Expenses	530.05
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TOTAL	\$4,671.80
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FROM:

Administrative – Other Expenses	\$1,000.00
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Tax Assessor – Other Expenses	1,200.00
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Legal Services	1,000.00
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Economic Development Agency	1,000.00
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Joint Land Use Board – Salaries & Wages	1,677.43
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Joint Land Use Board – Other Expenses	3,000.00
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Streets & Roads – Other Expenses	1,000.00
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Pub Buildings & Grounds – Other Expenses	3,000.00
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Animal Control – Other Expenses	1,000.00
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Registrar of Vital Statistics – Other Expenses	950.00
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Recreation – Salaries of Wages	293.50
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Utilities – Telephone	1,760.91
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Utilities – Water	1,208.69
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Utilities – Telecommunications	1,681.66
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Utilities – Gasoline & Diesel	5,129.55
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Solid Waste Disposal – Landfill	1,709.74
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Contingent	2,500.00
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Social Security	1,013.50
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Municipal Court – Salaries & Wages	10,695.37
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TOTAL	\$40,820.35
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TO:

Accumulated Leave Compensation	\$40,820.35
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1/14/08, 1/28/08, 2/11/08, 2/16/08, 2/23/08, 3/1/08 – Removed from consent agenda

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Kate Fitzpatrick, seconded by Ed Devinney to approve the consent agenda

Roll Call: Devinney, yes; Fitzpatrick, yes; Hinkle, yes; Templeton, yes; Ouellette, yes

ORDINANCE 2005-20

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

Motion by Ed Devinney, seconded by Kate Fitzpatrick authorizing the Township

Administrator to direct the Bond Counsel to start the process for the sale of the bonds or a short term note as related to Ordinance 2005-20

Roll Call: Devinney, yes; Fitzpatrick, yes; Hinkle, yes; Templeton, yes; Ouellette, yes

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Motion by Kate Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mike Templeton to appoint Committeeman Ed Devinney as Deputy Mayor from March 21, 2008 to March 30, 2008.

Roll Call: Devinney, yes; Fitzpatrick, yes; Hinkle, yes; Templeton, yes; Ouellette, yes

CORRESPONDENCE – Deputy Municipal Clerk – Karen Zimmermann

- received letter from the American Legion Post 146 requesting participation in the 2008 Riverside Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26, 2008
- received a letter from the State of New Jersey DOT stating that they are unable to provide a Centers of Place grant for Delanco Township this year
- received a letter from the Delanco Recreation Commission announcing the Memorial Day Parade scheduled for Sunday, May 25th assembling at 1:00PM and beginning at 1:30PM; Memorial Service will follow at Gateway Park
- received a letter from the New Jersey School Boards Association asking residents to be aware of the upcoming annual School Election on April 15, 2008

Committeewoman Kate Fitzpatrick added that the public hearing for the school budget is March 19, 2008 at 7:00PM at the Pearson School.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Ouellette opened the meeting to the public.

1. Debbie Rietzen, 104 Walter Avenue, commented on the March 8, 2008 storm in Delanco; stated that several Township trees came down on cars on Walter Avenue; stated there were three cars ruined within 150 feet of each other from storms; questioned whether the Township or the Shade Tree Commission were check these trees – A discussion ensued

Committeewoman Joan Hinkle stated that she would discuss this with the Shade Tree Commission at their next meeting.

2. Jack Hoefle, 44 Pennington Court, asked for an update on the status of Pulte Homes old bonds and to establish the new bonds for the maintenance of the basins at Newton's Landing. The Township Administrator, Mr. Steven Corcoran said there has been no change and they are still waiting on Pulte Homes. A discussion ensued regarding the bonds.
3. Marlene Jass, 4 McCay Way, asked if the Township Committee could be more proactive with Pulte Homes regarding the basins.
4. Maryann Laverty, 101 Walter Avenue, wanted to publicly thank the Public Works Department for the fast and efficient clean-up of their street after the storm.

Committeeman Ed Devinney thanked the Public Works Department for the great job they did last week-end for the storm clean up.

The Superintendent of Public Works, Mr. John Fenimore stated that he was disappointed in the Burlington County Times because there was no coverage on the devastation from the storm reported for Delanco. Mr. Fenimore stated that 70-80 trees came down during the storm.

5. Harry Litwack, 217 Maple Avenue, questioned the \$40,000 accumulated leave compensation amount. Mr. Litwack asked if this was a one time payout or is it an ongoing cost to the Township. Mr. Litwack asked if the Township was doing anything about consolidation. A discussion ensued regarding shared services.

The Township Solicitor, Mr. William Kearns, explained how the accumulated sick leave fund operates.

Committeewoman Kate Fitzpatrick further stated that when the Township Committee renegotiated the Township Administrator's contract, the Administrator waived his compensation and took insurance benefits after retirement which she stated saved the Township money.

6. Keith Letizio, 203 Union Avenue, asked the Township Committee if they could pick one of the three proposals that were submitted for the Vine Street Pocket Park earlier by Mr. Steven Lohr. The Township Committee chose plan #3.

Committeewoman Kate Fitzpatrick recommended that no paving or tar surface be done at the park. She suggested gravel or something else beside tar.

Mr. Letizio asked where his and other resident's tax money went and why we need so much money now. Mayor Ouellette tried to explain where the money collected is appropriated.

Committeewoman Kate Fitzpatrick stated that you have to live within your means. Ms. Fitzpatrick stated that she recommended that each department be sent a memo requesting that their budgets be cut at least 15%. Ms. Fitzpatrick stated that they already cut \$515,000, but they still need to cut \$222,000.

The Township Auditor, Mr. Bob Stewart, stated that the senior citizens are not aware of the budget situation. Mr. Stewart suggested putting this out to vote to make the citizens aware of what is going on with the budget issues. A discussion ensued regarding taxes. Committeewoman Kate Fitzpatrick stated that we need to let our voices be heard in Trenton and they need to reform taxes.

7. Matt Bartlett, 2728 Burlington Avenue, asked when the public can see the proposed budget. Mayor Ouellette stated that it would be available at the first meeting in April. Mr. Bartlett commented that not all working people get paid at the end of their career for work they didn't do, and that the Township Committee should make sure this is not included in future contracts.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Since there were no further comments or questions from the public, Mayor Ouellette closed the meeting to the public.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. MANSION UPDATE –

- Mayor Ouellette reported that negotiations are continuing with interested parties – a sub-committee met with one group last week – discussions are ongoing regarding the sale of the Mansion
- Committeewoman Ed Devinney reported that he and Committeewoman Kate Fitzpatrick met with Zurbrugg Partnership to discuss their proposal
- the Township Administrator, Mr. Steven Corcoran reported that the mold remediation will be completed within the next few days – reported that the mold remediation contractor found old water damage and have made a change order for the damage they found that is reimbursable by FEMA

Deputy Mayor Mike Templeton questioned whether accepting the FEMA reimbursement would constrain the Township for future uses of the property. Mr. Templeton asked the Township Administrator, Mr. Steven Corcoran if he knew how

the proposal of converting the Ryan COAH units to the Mansion with Ryan Homes originated.

- estimate to remove the oil tanks at the Mansion is between 55,000 and \$10,000 – Administrator has made application to EJIF and filed a claim with EJIF to determine if we have coverage to remove the tanks

Committeewoman Kate Fitzpatrick stated that if remediation is required, that the seller should have disclosed this information to the Township. Ms. Fitzpatrick stated that it is her understanding that there could be a legal obligation from the seller, and if there is a remediation she understands that the seller is responsible.

2. PROPOSED ORDINANCE – PARKING PENNSYLVANIA AVE. (Chief Parsons)

Chief Parsons reported that there is situation on Pennsylvania where cars are parking in front of residences. The Township has asked New Jersey Transit to provide more parking for the River Line riders. Chief Parsons stated that in the interim, he would like to amend the ordinance banning parking on the grass and allow them to park there. A discussion ensued regarding the parking situation.

Deputy Mayor Mike Templeton reported that he spoke with Mr. North from New Jersey Transit regarding an agreement to provide more parking spaces at the Light Rail Station. The Township Administrator, Mr. Steven Corcoran indicated that he talked to New Jersey Transit and it will have to go through the Deputy Attorney General's office. Mr. Corcoran stated that New Jersey transit is ready to sign off on the agreement. Chief Parsons stated again that he would like to have the ordinance amended now to allow for parking on the grass at the Light Rail Station.

Motion by Ed Devinney, seconded by Joan Hinkle to amend Ordinance 2008-3 to allow parking on the grass side of the Light Rail Station.

Roll Call: Devinney, yes; Fitzpatrick, yes; Hinkle, yes; Templeton, yes; Ouellette, yes

3. GARBAGE COLLECITON (Township Administrator)

Mayor Ouellette reported that the Township Administrator has researched doing a one day trash pickup versus a two day pickup to cut costs. Mr. Corcoran believes there are significant savings in the contract to reduce collection from twice to once a week. Mr. Corcoran stated that he is negotiating the current contract with South Jersey Sanitation.

Motion by Ed Devinney, seconded by Kate Fitzpatrick to allow the Township Administrator to continue negotiations with the current trash hauler, South Jersey Sanitation.

Roll Call: Devinney, yes; Fitzpatrick, yes; Hinkle, yes; Templeton, yes; Ouellette, yes

4. TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE

May 3rd, May 17th or wait until the Fall (Municipal Clerk's Dept)

Committeewoman Kate Fitzpatrick objected to both dates. Ms. Fitzpatrick stated that May 3rd is the Library Tea and May 17th is the benefit for Jack Towell. A discussion ensued. The Township Committee agreed on May 17, 2008 for the Delanco Town-Wide Yard Sale.

5. BUDGET UPDATE

Mayor Ouellette stated that the Township Committee is working very hard on the budget. They are looking at cutting back trash pick-up to once a week instead of twice a week and stopping the home delivery of the Beverly Bee. A discussion ensued regarding the delivery of the Beverly Bee. The Township Committee collectively decided to cease home delivery of the Beverly Bee effective April 1, 2008. The Beverly Bee will be available at several locations throughout the Township including the Municipal Building.

6. NEED FOR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARCH 31ST

Mayor Ouellette announced that there will be a Township Committee meeting on March 31, 2008 at 7:30PM at the Municipal Building.

Motion by Ed Devinney, seconded by Mike Templeton to amend the resolution setting the Township Committee meeting schedule to add the March 31, 2008 Township Committee meeting.

Roll Call: Devinney, yes; Fitzpatrick, yes; Hinkle, yes; Templeton, yes; Ouellette, yes

COMMENTS – PROFESSIONALS

Township Engineer – Mr. William Kearns – Nothing to report

COMMENTS – DEPARTMENT HEADS

Police Department – Chief Parsons

- announced that Red Lobster is hosting Cops and Lobsters on Wednesday, March 19th during lunch and dinner in Delran, New Jersey to benefit the Special Olympics
- commented on combining forces – did a study on this years ago and it didn't transpire
- commented about the Pension system
- commented on the overtime and compensation for sick leave and compensation for vacation days and stated that they are regulated by civil service

Public Works Department – Mr. John Fenimore

- cleaned out 47 storm drains – trimmed over 70 trees – ball fields are ready for recreation – doesn't have chance to do the other field and he will approach the Recreation Commission about it
- commented that his department has done shared services for years – gas pump sharing with Beverly, Delran, Riverside and Edgewater Park – share compost site with Beverly, Edgewater Park and Beverly National Cemetery – share salt building with Delran – Delran Public Works grinds Delanco's wood chips and Delanco then sells it to the public – share the stump grinder and bucket truck with Delran – County takes our leaves and makes topsoil and they sell it

Mayor Ouellette presented the Superintendent of Public Works, Mr. John Fenimore with a PEOSHA Training Course certificate that he received for a course he attended on air quality.

Mayor Ouellette commented that he observed Public Works employees working on trees during the March storm and that they were doing everything in a proper and safe manner. John Fenimore commented that the Washington Fire Department helped by providing lighting during the storm to enable the Public Works Department see what they were working on.

COMMENTS – Deputy Municipal Clerk – Ms. Zimmermann – Nothing to report

Randy Cherkas from Zurbrugg Partnership asked for clarification on the status of the Mansion. Mr. Cherkas would like to have an agreement by March 31st and asked for some kind of determination for the Mansion. A discussion ensued. Mayor Ouellette stated that the sub-committee is scheduled to meet April 1st with the Joint Land Use Board regarding Ryan Homes and the Zurbrugg Partnership proposal. Mr. Cherkas concluded that the Township Committee will discuss this during the week and they will come to an agreement by March 31st.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Ouellette opened the meeting to the public.

- Keith Letizio, 203 Union Avenue, asked the Township Committee if they could extend the mailing distribution of the Beverly Bee another month because the Boy Scouts have an ad in the newspaper for mulch.

COMMENTS – TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Joan Hinkle –

- reported that she made a good contact to get the dead trees replaced on Pennington Court in Newton's landing
- reported that she is working with Mr. Denton regarding solar panels for the Municipal Building, but stated this cannot be considered at this time due to money constraints

Mike Templeton –

- asked Keith Letizio to tell the public about the bird houses – Mr. Letizio stated that the Scouts were approached by the Environmental Advisory Board to build bird houses for Pennington Park – the Scouts built 15 blue bird houses for the migrating birds coming into the area

Mr. Templeton noted that the placement sites and method for installation have to be approved

- reported that one of the Streetscape street lights was pulled from the ground during the storm – it appears that it was installed correctly and feels that PSE&G should inspect all the existing street lights to make sure they have been installed properly

Kate Fitzpatrick –

- attended the senior meeting where Renee Borstad, Director of Consumer Affairs and her assistant gave a presentation on ways seniors can protect their homes, identity and other general good tips for safety
- attended the special school board meeting and went over their budget that is going to be presented on March 19th at a public meeting – will be voted on April 15th
- announced that DYSA opening day is April 19th and she will have more information available at the next meeting
- she and Committeeman Ed Devinney met with Zurbrugg Partnership and she felt it was a very good meeting and she hopes they can put the Mansion to rest very soon
- made a comment about being Irish and she read two cards to the public

Ed Devinney –

- attended the Library Committee Meeting this week and they talked about the budget and their upcoming events
- spent a lot of time in budget meetings discussing the budget

Mayor Ouellette –

- attended the School Board meeting and stated that the students put together brochures about Delanco and distributed them around Delanco Township – there was a discussion about the sports field behind the school regarding irrigation and reported that they are working on it to use as a soccer field
- working hard on the budget
- attended the Emergency Squad meeting and they are talking about having another Community Day the last week of September or the first week in October
- reported that he gave assistance to John Fenimore during the storm

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Joan Hinkle, seconded by Ed Devinney to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Devinney, yes; Fitzpatrick, yes; Hinkle, yes; Templeton, yes; Ouellette, yes

Karen Zimmermann
Deputy Clerk
March 17, 2008