

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – JUNE 9, 2008
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH BEVERLY CITY COUNCIL, BEVERLY
CITY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY AND DELANCO SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
6:30 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;
Municipal Clerk, Mrs. Janice Lohr; Ms. Zimmermann, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Members of Beverly City Council, Beverly Sewerage Authority and Delanco Sewerage
Authority

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 Sunshine Law in the following manner. Written notice has been mailed to two official newspapers and has been posted on the official bulletin board of the Township of Delanco at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY FRED WELLER FROM THE DELANCO SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Mr. Fred Weller stated that the Delanco Sewerage Authority has asked the Delanco Township Committee to listen to a presentation they have regarding two major issues that the towns are facing; (1) sewerage treatment and (2) dredge spoils (dykes). Mr. Weller stated that the Delanco Sewerage Authority Engineer, Mr. Kirchner will give a short presentation and Mr. Phil Jenkins, a member of the Delanco Sewerage Authority will give a little history of how the two authorities originated.

Mr. Phil Jenkins gave a history of the Beverly/Delanco Sewerage Authority. Mr. Jenkins stated that Delanco and Beverly work very well together. However, they must think of where they will be 30-40 years from now because it will affect the residents in both towns. Mr. Jenkins stated that they also have a problem with the dredge spoils and where they will go.

Mr. Kirchner, from Environmental Resolutions and the engineer for the Beverly/Delanco Sewerage Authority stated that everyone is considering the best future for the plant. Mr. Kirchner stated that they did a study and determined that in the long run it is undersized for the build-out gallon treatment per day needed. Mr. Kirchner stated that they looked at three categories of options identified: (1) leave the plant where it sits, (2) eliminate the plant and send the flow elsewhere, (3) construct a new facility

Mr. Kirchner stated that the Beverly/Delanco Sewerage Authority is leaning towards the construction of the new facility because they want to have the control and say on how the money is spent. Mr. Kirchner stated that the most obvious place to relocate the facility is the dune site where there is a portion in Beverly and a portion in Delanco Township. Mr. Kirchner talked about the dredge spoil problems and some of the solutions or options

available. Mr. Kirchner concluded; “that the only way this will work for everyone is if everyone is on board.

Mr. Weller stated that before anyone can move on this; the dredge issue has to be resolved. Mr. Weller reported that they have an entrepreneur that is willing to sit down with the State and get involved and write a contract to move the dredge material by barge.

Mr. Weller stated that he is asking the Township Committee members to pass a resolution stating that they will get involved with the other three entities and go to Trenton to try and resolve the dredge issue.

A question and answer discussion ensued regarding the dredge spoils. Committeewoman Kate Fitzpatrick asked why they wouldn't do a study first to determine a cost estimate of what the various options would cost the Township. Ms. Fitzpatrick suggested an independent study should be done for the cost of a new plant, for upgrading the existing plant, or to move to one of the Burlington plants. Mr. Weller stated that they have all the answers to those questions. A discussion ensued.

Committeewoman Joan Hinkle asked Mr. Weller to explain the real reason why Delanco Township didn't go to Willingboro. Mr. Weller explained that when Willingboro's final costs came back to Delanco, it was a cost of four million dollars for upgrades to the existing system plus a hook up fee. Then at the last minute they said they would help Delanco pay the costs of repaving the roads and closing the hole because they would like to run another pipe from the Willingboro plant back down to the Delaware River.

- Marlene Jass, 4 McCay Way, asked what the time frame was for building a new plant. Mr. Weller stated that the push right now is for the dredge issue. Mr. Weller stated that they have five years according to the Clean Waters Act. Mrs. Jass also questioned the height of the sewerage plant. Mrs. Jass asked how the developer and entrepreneur, Mr. Bernardi would benefit from this. Mrs. Jass asked how many dune acres this would encompass in Delanco. Mr. Weller stated that it would be about 6-8 acres. Mr. Weller stated that the rest of the acreage would be left open to recreational fields. Mrs. Jass asked what the incentive was for DEP for the dredge spoils.
- Steve Jass, 4 McCay Way, asked who was the end recipient for the dredge spoils from the truckers
- Deputy Mayor Mike Templeton, questioned the true boundary for what land is owned by Delanco Township and the State – stated that they have to look at all options for the sewerage plant
- Committeeman Ed Devinney thanked Fred Weller for all his work on this project – suggested that communities go to Trenton and ban the trucks and barge the silt
- Steve Jass, 4 McCay Way, asked the ballpark figure for the sewerage plant – Mr. Weller stated that it would cost approximately 8 – 10 million dollars
- John Rahenkamp, 1700 Second Street, questioned that the material would be moved (3) three times and wondered about the cost to do this
- The Township Administrator, Mr. Steven Corcoran, asked Mr. Weller if they would include Edgewater Park because of the amount of trucks going through their town
- Ralph McCullough, 308 Buttonwood Street, commented that he didn't understand why Pennsylvania didn't get the dredge spoils

- Deputy Mayor Mike Templeton added that there is a report on the Township website regarding details about the dredge spoils agreement with Pennsylvania and New Jersey
- Committeewoman Kate Fitzpatrick suggested that environmentalists and County Engineers advise on the fact that what they are going to do with the roads may have more of an impact on the State

Mr. Weller stated that first he would take the political parties to Trenton to speak with the DEP and if that didn't work, then they would take the environmentalists.

Mr. Weller concluded that he would like to have the Delanco Township Committee members help support Beverly City and the Delanco and Beverly Sewerage Authority pass a resolution to state that they will be involved with them and participate in the first meeting to get things moving. Mr. Weller will try to set the meeting up as soon as possible to beat the July deadline for their money.

Mr. Weller ended the meeting at 7:30PM.

Janice M. Lohr, RMC
Municipal Clerk
June 9, 2008