

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – AUGUST 7, 2006

7:30 PM MUNICIPAL BUILDING 770 COOPERTOWN ROAD, DELANCO NJ

ROLL CALL: Devinney, present; DiCarlo, present; Hinkle, present; Ouellette, present; Fitzpatrick, present

Also Present: Twp. Administrator, Mr. Steven Corcoran; Twp. Engineer, Kathy Elliott; Twp. Solicitor, Mr. Douglas Heinold; Municipal Clerk, Mrs. Janice Lohr; Supt. of Public Works, Mr. John Fenimore; Chief of Police, Chief Parsons

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Fitzpatrick 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 the Burlington County Times and the Courier Post and published in the January 3, 2005 editions. Written notice has been posted on the official bulletin board of the Township of Delanco at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

ORDINANCE 2006-11

AMENDING CHAPTER 135 TO REGULATE THE AMOUNT AND DIAMETER OF BRUSH, LIMBS, AND STUMPS THAT CAN BE DEPOSITED CURBSIDE BY RESIDENTS FOR TOWNSHIP SERVICE

2ND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Fitzpatrick opened the hearing to the public.

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

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

Motion by Jackie DiCarlo, seconded by Joan Hinkle to adopt Ordinance 2006-11.

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

ORDINANCE 2006-11

AMENDING CHAPTER 135 TO REGULATE THE AMOUNT AND DIAMETER OF BRUSH, LIMBS, AND STUMPS THAT CAN BE DEPOSITED CURBSIDE BY RESIDENTS FOR TOWNSHIP SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Township of Delanco conducts a municipal service program for the collection of leaves, brush, limbs and stumps; and

WHEREAS, the program is intended to assist residents with general maintenance for the removal of dead foliage from their properties; and

WHEREAS, certain residents have abused the program by depositing unreasonable amounts of brush, limbs and stumps at curbside; and

WHEREAS, certain residents have further deposited refuse into the right-of-way of the municipality, which impacts traveling safety and may also impact storm drainage clearance; and

WHEREAS, certain residents have further placed items of excessive size and diameter for municipal service; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco finds it necessary and in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of all municipal residents to protect against such abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED that Chapter 135 is hereby amended as follows:

Prior to the heading for Section 135-1, the following shall be inserted:

Article I. Unlawful Lack of Maintenance.

Following the existing provisions, the following provisions shall be added:

Article II. Municipal Service for the Removal of Residential Leaves, Brush, Limbs and Stumps.

Chapter 135-6. Purpose. The Township has a current program for servicing the removal of residential leaves, brush, limbs and stumps. The purpose of this program is to assist residents with general maintenance for the removal of dead foliage from their properties. The intent of this Chapter is to prevent against abuse of this service.

Chapter 135-7. List and Time. Any resident seeking collection under this Chapter must call the Department of Public works to be placed on the collection list by 3:00pm on the Friday prior to the start of each monthly collection cycle. Collection will occur from March to September during the last full week of the month, Saturdays and Sundays excluded. Brush, limbs and stumps shall be placed out for collection no sooner than the weekend before the Monday of the start of the collection cycle, but no later than 6:00am on the Monday of the start of the collection week.

Chapter 135-8. Location. All leaves, brush, limbs and stumps shall be placed curbside, but not on the paved surface of the right-of-way, nor on the abutting sidewalk, if one exists. Items left for municipal service that are left in the right-of-way or on the sidewalk will not be serviced and will be in violation of this Chapter.

Chapter 135-9. Amount. Each residential unit shall be permitted to place a pile of leaves, brush, limbs and stumps curbside for municipal collection facing in the same direction not to exceed three feet (3') in width, by eight feet (8') in length, by three feet (3') in height. The Township reserves the right to reject pick-up of larger piles, or for piles that take more than twenty (20) minutes to remove. The Department of Public Works shall notify a resident of such rejection(s), and the resident shall undertake the removal of the debris privately within ten (10) days thereafter. Any pile that exceeds any of the above parameters will not be serviced and will be in violation of this Chapter.

Chapter 135-10. Size. No more than two (2) stumps may be placed curbside for municipal collection. Stumps placed curbside for municipal collection shall be no more than 14 inches in diameter and shall be cleared of dirt from the roots. Limbs or small trees placed curbside for municipal collection shall not exceed four inches (4") in diameter. Any items placed curbside that exceed any of the above parameters will not be serviced and will in violation of this Chapter.

Chapter 135-11. Enforcement, Violations and Penalties.

A. The provisions of this Chapter may be enforced by the Township Police and the Township Code Enforcement Officer. The Department of Public Works is directed to notify the Code Enforcement Officer where it believes there is a violation of this Chapter.

B. Violation of the provisions of Article II of this Chapter shall be punishable in accord with the General Penalty Provisions at Chapter 1-14 of the Township Code.

PERKINS LANE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – REVIEW AND UPDATE

The Township Engineer, Kathy Elliott reported that the project will begin at the railroad tracks and continue to Burlington Avenue.

Mayor Fitzpatrick asked if there were any residents from Perkins Lane present and if they had any questions regarding the improvements projected for Perkins Lane.

1. Terri Jennings, 2801 Burlington Avenue, questioned if there would be any alteration to the sidewalk on the corner of Perkins Lane and Burlington Avenue.

2. Bill Trimble, 430 Perkins Lane, asked if there were any plans to widen Perkins Lane. Mr. Trimble expressed his concern for the crown when refinishing the road surface.

Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that she would like to have the yellow line extended at the south side of Perkins Lane.

3. John Rahenkamp, 1700 Second Street, expressed his concern that the improvements to this intersection will not solve the problems that exist there. Mr. Rahenkamp feels that Perkins Lane should be widened due to the proposed development in that area.

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.”)

ORDINANCE 2006-12

AMENDING CHAPTER 245-7 GOVERNING THE REMOVAL OF SOLID WASTE BY THE TOWNSHIP TO RESTRICT TIMES FOR CURBSIDE PLACEMENT

1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2006

RESOLUTION 2006-113

AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF THE THIRD QUARTER TAXES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.54:4-66.3(d)

WHEREAS, there has been a delay in the printing and mailing of the 2006-07 tax bills as per pending notification from the State of New Jersey of the Township’s 2006-07 State Aid amount; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-66(d) requires that the due date for third quarter taxes be at a minimum of 25 days from date of mailing to date taxes are due; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has requested a thirty (30) day extension of time for the payment of the year 2006 third quarter taxes to September 10, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has also asked that any third quarter taxes paid after September 10, 2006 have interest charged back to August 1st in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66(d).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the grace period for the third quarter tax installment for the year 2006 be extended to September 10, 2006

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any 2006 third quarter installments received after the extended period will have interest charged back to August 1, 2006.

RESOLUTION 2006-114

SUPPORTING THE *YOU DRINK AND DRIVE, YOU LOSE 2006 STATEWIDE CRACKDOWN*

Whereas, impaired drivers on our nation's roads kill someone every 30 minutes, 50 people per day, and almost 18,000 people each year; and

Whereas, 31% of motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey are alcohol-related, and

Whereas, a statewide enforcement crackdown is planned to combat impaired driving; and

Whereas, the summer season is traditionally a time of social gatherings which often include alcohol; and

Whereas, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked law enforcement agencies throughout New Jersey to participate in the *You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2006 Statewide Crackdown*; and

Whereas, the project will involve increased impaired driving enforcement from August 18 - September 4, 2006; and

Whereas, an increase in impaired driving enforcement and a reduction in impaired driving will save lives on our roadways;

Therefore, be is resolved that the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco, County of Burlington, New Jersey, declares its support for the *You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2006 Statewide Crackdown* from August 18 - September 4, 2006 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

RESOLUTION 2006-115

APPOINTING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR AND DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that Winston Chafin is hereby appointed as Emergency Management Coordinator and Robert Bellan as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for the Township of Delanco.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Burlington County Department of Emergency Management.

RESOLUTION 2006-116

AWARD OF BID AND CONTRACT FOR ALTERNATE A1, IMPROVEMENTS TO WILLOW STREET AS SUBMITTED FOR BID UNDER THE PROJECT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BURLINGTON AVENUE STREETScape-PHASE II, BEND TO COOPER STREET

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco received bids for an Alternate A1 – Improvements to Willow Street in conjunction with a bid advertisement for the NJDOT Centers of Place grant for Phase II roadway improvements to Burlington Ave., Bend to Cooper Street in Delanco Township; and

WHEREAS, the cost of performing such work will exceed the current bid threshold established by the State; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 states that a contract shall be awarded only after public advertising for bids and bidding therefor; and

WHEREAS, there has been public notice for advertisement for bids, and the Township Engineer has received and opened bids for the purpose of awarding a contract for the aforementioned service; and

WHEREAS, the governing body and its engineer have reviewed the bids

submitted pursuant to the public notice previously referred to; and

WHEREAS, the governing body desires to award a contract for the Alternate A1 project, for roadway improvement to Willow Street in Delanco Township; and

WHEREAS, the governing body and its engineer have determined that Bud Concrete, Inc. of Sewell, New Jersey is the lowest responsible bidder for this project and has complied with the requirements contained in the invitation to bid and satisfied the governing body that it will perform the required work in conformity with the terms of the contract announced in the package accompanying the invitation to bid; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Delanco, as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-1, has certified that there are sufficient funds available for the purpose of awarding a contract to said entity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the Alternate A1 bid amount of \$ 39,257.25 of Bud concrete, Inc. be accepted and the contract for said work be awarded to Bud concrete, Inc. in the form and embodying the terms set forth in the specifications and proposal, including, but not necessarily limited to the posting of sufficient surety to secure performance of said contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Engineer be and is hereby directed to prepare the contract documents as provided.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the governing body that the Mayor or Deputy Mayor and Township Clerk be, and are hereby authorized to execute said contract on behalf of the Township.

RESOLUTION 2006-117

AWARD OF BID AND CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO PINE STREET UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco has received an Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) roadway improvements to Pine Street in Delanco Township; and

WHEREAS, the cost of performing such work will exceed the current bid threshold established by the State; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 states that a contract shall be awarded only after public advertising for bids and bidding therefor; and

WHEREAS, there has been public notice for advertisement for bids, and the Township Engineer has received and opened bids for the purpose of awarding a contract for the aforementioned service; and

WHEREAS, the governing body and its engineer have reviewed the bids submitted pursuant to the public notice previously referred to; and

WHEREAS, the governing body desires to award a contract for the project, for roadway improvement to Pine Street in Delanco Township; and

WHEREAS, the governing body and its engineer have determined that S. Batata Construction, Inc. of South River, New Jersey is the lowest responsible bidder for this project and has complied with the requirements contained in the invitation to bid and satisfied the governing body that it will perform the required work in conformity with the terms of the contract announced in the package accompanying the invitation to bid; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Delanco, as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-1, has certified that there are sufficient funds available for the purpose of awarding a contract to said entity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the

Township of Delanco, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the bid amount of \$ 62,615.00 of S. Batata Construction, Inc. be accepted and the contract for said work be awarded to S. Batata Construction, Inc. in the form and embodying the terms set forth in the specifications and proposal, including, but not necessarily limited to the posting of sufficient surety to secure performance of said contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of said contract to S. Batata Construction, Inc. as set forth above is contingent upon approval by the Community Development Block Grant program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Engineer be and is hereby directed to prepare the contract documents as provided.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the governing body that the Mayor or Deputy Mayor and Township Clerk be, and are hereby authorized to execute said contract on behalf of the Township.

RESOLUTION 2006-118

AGREEMENT TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP TO THE BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (hereinafter the "FUND") is a duly chartered Municipal Joint Insurance Fund as authorized by NJSA 40A:10-36 et seq., and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Delanco is currently a member of said FUND, and;
WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Delanco has resolved to renew said membership;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

1. The Township of Delanco hereby renews its membership in the FUND for a three (3) year period, beginning January 1, 2007 and ending January 1, 2010.
2. The Township of Delanco hereby ratifies and reaffirms the Indemnity and Trust Agreement, Bylaws and other organizational and operating documents of the FUND as from time to time amended and altered by the Department of Banking and Insurance in accordance with the applicable statutes and administrative regulations as if each and every one of said documents were re-executed contemporaneously herewith.
3. The Township of Delanco agrees to be a participating member of the FUND for the period herein provided for and to comply with all of the rules and regulations and obligations associated with said membership.
4. In consideration of the continuing membership of the Township of Delanco in the FUND, the FUND agrees, subject to the continuing approval of the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance to accept the renewal application of the Township of Delanco.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GENERAL	\$1,078,555.20
PAYROLL	122,150.29
CAPITAL	6,359.79
ANIMAL CONTROL	474.46
UNEMPLOYMENT FUND	228.00
TRUST	13,948.41
HOUSING TRUST	87.50

GENERAL ACCOUNT – AUGUST 7, 2006

22622	ARCH WIRELESS	22.55
22623	BEVAN SECURITY SYSTEMS INC	180.00
22624	BIRDSALL ENGINEERING INC	36,933.00
22625	BLUE BOOK	69.95
22626	BURLINGTON COUNTY TIMES	297.10
22627	BLUE RHINO OF NJ	50.00
22628	BURLINGTON COUNTY TREASURER	425,004.32
22629	BAUR MUNICIPAL SUPPLIES	76.00
22630	BELMONT & CRYSTAL SPRINGS	31.32
22631	CLEAN RENTAL SERVICES INC	307.70
22632	COMMERCE BANK	32,868.00
22633	CLC LOCKSMITHS	22.85
22634	COMCAST	175.41
22635	CREATIVE TELECOMM SYSTEMS INC	270.00
22636	DELANCO TWP BOARD OF EDUCATION	402,190.00
22637	DELANCO FIRE COMMISSIONERS	17,666.67
22638	DELANCO PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOC	2,958.67
22639	DELANCO SEWERAGE AUTHORITY	527.00
22640	DRAEGER SAFETY DIAGNOSTICS INC	598.95
22641	DELANCO TWP OPEN SPACE ACCT	42,910.00
22642	ELECTRONIC SECURITY CORP	490.80
22643	EIC INSPECTION AGENCY CORP	3,255.20
22644	FORCE FABRICATIONS	387.50
22645	GENERAL CODE PUBLISHERS	8,169.77
22646	GE CAPITAL	339.00
22647	HAGAN ROSSI FLORIST	131.50
22648	HULSE & GERMANO ESQS LLC	1,660.50
22649	LOWTHERS SMALL ENGINE INC	70.50
22650	MARC PUBLISHING COMPANY	152.50
22651	JOHN MILLER	1,182.50
22652	MICHELMAN & BRICKER PC	2,415.50
22653	LENORE MORAIS	75.00
22654	MILL RUN CLEANERS & TAILORS	135.00
22655	NJ AMERICAN WATER CO	870.05
22656	NJ STATE LEAGUE MUNICIPALITIES	75.00
22657	NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS	826.08
22658	NJ STATE HEALTH BENEFIT PROG	26,222.08

22659	OAKWOOD UNIFORM & EQUIP INC	127.50
22660	PEDRONI FUEL CO	7,997.72
22661	PHILADELPHIA TURF CO	132.23
22662	PSE&G	8,100.31
22663	PAYROLL ACCOUNT	5,650.17
22664	PARKER MCCAY-ATTORNEYS AT LAW	15,000.36
22665	RED THE UNIFORM TAILOR INC	1,189.30
22666	RIVERSIDE NAPA AUTO PARTS	82.67
22667	RELIABLE OFFICE SUPPLIES	56.47
22668	RADOMICKI ATHLETIC DEPT	485.25
22669	RENWICK & ASSOCIATES	6,675.00
22670	SAFETY AUTO REPAIR	1,022.77
22671	SIRCHIE FINGER PRINT LABS INC	281.43
22672	STEWART BUSINESS SYSTEMS	573.54
22673	TRAP ROCK INDUSTRIES INC	97.68
22674	TREASURER COUNTY OF BURLINGTON	16,630.44
22675	TOP SHELF AUTO DETAILING	125.00
22676	TRUEGREEN CHEMLAWN	773.00
22677	MICHAEL W THOMPSON	1,182.50
22678	VERIZON WIRELESS	278.13
22679	VERIZON CABS	925.91
22680	VERIZON	156.54
22681	WEST GROUP PAYMENT CENTER	587.50
22682	W B MASON CO INC	805.81
TOTAL		\$1,078,555.20

CURRENT

22618	PAYROLL ACCOUNT	25,173.95
22619	PAYROLL ACCOUNT	32,517.30
22620	PAYROLL ACCOUNT	36,662.60
22621	PAYROLL ACCOUNT	27,796.44
TOTAL		\$122,150.29

TRUST

1814	HULSE & GERMANO ESQS LLC	702.00
1815	TAYLOR DESIGN GROUP INC	12,914.75
1817	DILWORTH PAXSON LLP	174.00
1818	DELANCO TWP CURRENT FUND	20.16
TOTAL		\$13,948.41

HOUSING

127	PARKER MCCAY-ATTORNEYS AT LAW	87.50
TOTAL		\$87.50

CAPITAL

1485	COMPUTECH INTERNATIONAL INC	799.79
1486	QUALITY HEATING & AIR COND INC	2,950.00
1487	STALKER RADAR APPLIED CONCEPTS	2,610.00
TOTAL		\$6,359.79

DOG		
1417	TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN	474.46
TOTAL		\$474.46

UNEMPLOYMENT		
1014	STATE OF NJ-DEPT OF LABOR	228.00
TOTAL		\$228.00

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 19, 2006

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Joan Hinkle, seconded by Ed Devinney to approve the consent agenda.

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

Mayor Fitzpatrick expressed her concern regarding the statement made by Mr. Rahenkamp about the Perkins Lane improvement project. Ms. Fitzpatrick asked the Township Engineer if the Township has gone out to bid on this project. A discussion ensued.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Fitzpatrick opened the meeting to the public.

1. Al Schmitt, 5 McCay Way, expressed his discontent with the increased tax rate, and asked what they can expect in the future. A discussion ensued.
2. John Stypinski, 505 Lake Ox Street, stated that he sent a letter to the Township Committee regarding the use of the Township vehicle by the Riverside/Delanco Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer, Phil Goffredo.
3. Mike Depadova, 69 Shipp's Way, stated that he gave a letter to Mayor Fitzpatrick regarding the homeowners on Shipp's Way request to have the trees bordering their properties removed before there is loss of life or property. Mr. Depadova stated the Joint Land Use Board was notified of these problem months ago. A discussion ensued with the Township Solicitor regarding authority for the existing problem. Mr. Depadova reiterated the issue regarding taxes and his concerns about the continued increases.
4. Phil Goffredo, Code Enforcement Officer for Riverside and Delanco Township, stated that he had not been notified according to the RICE notice and he requested a closed hearing regarding the alleged allegations by Mr. John Stypinski.
5. Ed Reynolds, 532 Burlington Avenue, reported that there appears to be a problem on 538 Burlington Avenue with people coming and going and the neighbors are concerned.
6. John Tiberi, 510 Burlington Avenue, reported that there has been a lot of activity at 514 Burlington Avenue with mattresses and tenant changes.

Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that the Township Committee plans to develop a program for owners to convert rentals back to single family homes.

Mr. Tiberi questioned when the Burlington Avenue streetscape project will begin. Mr. Tiberi stated that there are major issues with some trees on Willow Street and asked if the trees will be maintained. Mr. Tiberi asked if the triangle section by his property will be maintained by the Township or who would be responsible for its maintenance.

7. John Rahenkamp, 1700 Second Street, commented on the trees bordering Shipp's Way residents. Mr. Rahenkamp stated that Public Service Electric and Gas should remove the present lines and poles. Mr. Rahenkamp feels that the hedgerow of black locust trees should remain because they are in good shape and is a valuable visual landscape in Delanco Township.

8. Joe Lameiras, 213 Willow Street, asked why the lights are still lit on the telephone poles for the Bridge to Bend Project. Mr. Lameiras asked what improvements are planned for Willow Street.

9. Joe Holland, 73 Shipp's Way, expressed his concern about the imposing danger of the black locust trees.

10. Bill Trimble, 430 Perkins Lane, suggested that a time line be given to the landlords whenever an inspection of the rental property is scheduled. Mr. Trimble expressed his concern with the amount of people living in the rental properties when a fire arises.

11. Terri Jennings, 2801 Burlington Avenue, suggested a safer pathway that they construct two triangular pieces of concrete when they do the improvements to Perkins Lane.

12. Marlene Jass, 4 McCay Way, asked the Township Solicitor about the maintenance of the basins in Newton's Landing. Ms. Jass asked if the Code Enforcement Officer could cite Pulte Homes because it is a health hazard. Ms. Jass stated that the problem is with the slopes to the basin with excessive grass and plants swallowed up by the weeds. Ms. Jass reported that the one existing pole by the Farm House will be removed by Public Service Electric and Gas Company and the electrical line will be fed to the box in the front. Ms. Jass stated that she has contacted Hovnanian regarding the black locust trees, and stated that the trees have caused damage and are diseased.

13. Ralph McCullough, 308 Buttonwood Street, commented that the County bought Pennington's property to protect the animals and they can't get in there. Mr. McCullough stated that the weeds are too high and it is an eyesore and fire hazard.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Receipt of Request for Soil Removal – NVR Building Products

The Township Solicitor, Mr. Heinold referred to Chapter 95 that governs soil removal. A discussion ensued. Mr. Heinold asked for a denial without prejudice regarding the soil removal request.

Motion by Joan Hinkle, seconded by Jackie DiCarlo to deny without prejudice NVR's request for soil removal.

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

2. Recommendation to Authorize the Joint Land Use Board to Undertake a Preliminary Redevelopment Investigation for Certain Areas in Delanco Township

Mayor Fitzpatrick asked to have this tabled until the next Township Committee meeting.

3. Delanco EMS

The Township Administrator, Mr. Steven Corcoran and the Emergency Squad personnel restored the Worker's Compensation so that the two ambulances could operate. They are working on fully restoring all aspects of the coverage for the Emergency Services and will be in force with the JIF.

Jack Towell, 723 Burlington Avenue, President of the EMS thanked the Township Committee and the Township Administrator for the hard work on the problem with the coverage.

4. Financing – The Mansion

The Township Administrator, Mr. Steven Corcoran reported that he received notification from the bond counsel that the expiration of the bonds takes place on September 18, 2006. Mr. Corcoran stated that the Township Auditor recommended that the refinancing of the bond anticipation note be paid off by September 18, 2006.

5. Mansion Update

The Township Administrator, Mr. Steven Corcoran reported that there were over forty inquiries regarding the Mansion, and that nine were very interested. An additional open house has been added and is scheduled for August 11, 2006. Mr. Corcoran indicated that September 6, 2006 is the due date for the proposals to be submitted.

6. Mansion Energy Audit

Mayor Fitzpatrick reported that this will be moved to the September 11, 2006 Township Committee meeting in order for Township Committee members to review the audit.

7. Duplex/Rental Conversion Program

Mayor Fitzpatrick indicated that Collingswood has done a duplex/rental conversion program. Mayor Fitzpatrick asked the Township Committee members for their approval to take the package she received to the Economic Development Committee for review and to see whether this is a good program for Delanco Township.

CORRESPONDENCE – Municipal Clerk – Mrs. Janice Lohr

- received letter and petition submitted in closed session
- received two letters from NJ DEP regarding the two applications for green acres grants – the Township has received matching awards for both grant applications

Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that she received a letter from the Riverside Police Department directed to Chief Parsons commending Officer Adam Tilger as a back-up officer to Riverside Township domestic call.

COMMENTS – PROFESSIONALS

Township Solicitor – Mr. Douglas Heinold

- stated that he will follow up with the county on the review of various deeds

Township Engineer – Kathy Elliott

- conducted pre-construction meeting for the second phase of the Burlington Avenue Streetscape project and the estimated start date is September 15, 2006 and the contractor is aware that the improvements to Willow Street will be amended to his contract
- improvements to Perkins Lane project will be advertised this Friday or next Monday – received approval from NJ Transit and NJDOT – will have recommendation of award by the September 11, 2006 Township Committee meeting

COMMENTS – TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Nothing to report at this time.

COMMENTS – DEPARTMENT HEADS

Police Department – Chief Parsons – Noting to report

Public Works Department – John Fenimore –

- reported that the storms are creating havoc with the trees in Delanco Township
- hired new part time employee to weed the property at the Delanco Township Municipal Building
- attended meeting at the landfill regarding the cleaning of storm drains and street sweepings and what to do with the contents
- informed the public that grass cannot be put in the street anymore and residents will be fined according to stormwater management regulations
- had meeting on diesel emissions and all public works diesel trucks have to be retrofitted – State of New Jersey will reimburse for retrofitting
- in process of purchasing a new pick-up truck
- informed public that if there is a storm and you have a limb; put anything out immediately because Public Works will pick them up

COMMENTS – TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Fern Ouellette – Nothing to report

Jackie DiCarlo –

- Historical Board is gathering information to put on the website – compiling list of oldest homes and businesses in Delanco – also list of interesting people – process of designing plaque to place on the older homes in town
- concert on August 24, 2006 at the Hawk Island Marina and urged everyone to attend

Joan Hinkle –

- announced that the Sewerage Authority is meeting tomorrow, August 8th and they will be getting their code books – increased hook up fee to \$1600.00
- opened the new animal shelter in Westampton – will have spaying and neutering
- last meeting discussed parking problem at Gateway Park – suggested a no parking sign be erected

Ed Devinney –

- attended the July meeting of the Fire Commissioners
- attended the July 25th Delanco Emergency Squad meeting in reference to their insurance coverage – thanked the members for the work they do
- attended the concert on the Rancocas and encouraged more people to go
- attended meeting of the Historical Board and found it interesting
- found an article on developing the strategies for mitigating the severity of influenza pandemics and sent copy to Winston Chafin on the Emergency Management team

Mayor Fitzpatrick –

- commented on shared services with other communities and how this may help reduce taxes for Delanco residents
- met with Ryan Homes and the professionals to continue with the efforts to meet COAH requirements
- announced that there are new employees in the Township that Township Committee people have not met – would like to schedule round table meeting for all departments, all volunteer boards and committees on September 25th at the Mansion
- reported that she and Joan Hinkle rode on the Black Hawk helicopter and exhibited a picture of her and John Runion
- announced that if anyone has anything for the website; feel free to contact Marie at the Municipal Building

The Municipal Clerk, Mrs. Janice Lohr stated that anyone from the various boards and committees can contact Marie DiSibio for training for the computer website. Mrs. Lohr stated that the tax office hours for the third quarter payments have been changed to September 1 through the 10th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The remainder of the month the tax office hours will remain the same.

Mayor Fitzpatrick asked that Marie DiSibio and John Fenimore be a part of the round table discussions.

Motion by Joan Hinkle, seconded by Jackie DiCarlo to adjourn the meeting.

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

Janice M. Lohr, RMC
Municipal Clerk
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