

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – MARCH 23, 2009

7:30 PM MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 770 COOPERTOWN ROAD., DELANCO, NJ 08075

ROLL CALL: Devinney, present; Hinkle, present; Jass, present; Templeton, absent; Fitzpatrick, present

Also Present: Mr. Schwab, Acting Twp. Administrator; Mrs. Lohr, Municipal Clerk;

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 Open Public Meetings Act in the following manner. Written notice has been mailed to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post and published in the January 5, 2009 editions. Written notice has been posted on the official bulletin board of the Township of Delanco at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2009-56

Resolution Designating the Month of March as “Women’s History Month”

Whereas New Jersey women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our State in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

Whereas New Jersey women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the State by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home;

Whereas New Jersey women have played a unique role throughout the history of the State by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the State;

Whereas New Jersey women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our State;

Whereas New Jersey women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;

Whereas New Jersey women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

Whereas despite these contributions, the role of women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history

Whereas the Department of Community Affairs, specifically the Division on Women’s goals are to remember and celebrate New Jersey women and to:

- ◆ ensure that NJ women are offered equal opportunities in education, the workforce and healthcare regardless of age, sexual orientation, income, ethnicity, race or religion.
- ◆ identify, implement, measure and coordinate programs that address the needs of NJ women.
- ◆ engage in continuous study and research on issues affecting NJ women and their families, develop policy papers and legislative recommendations

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Governing Body in the (Municipality), State of New Jersey, that March 2009 is designated as "Women's History Month" under the National Women History Project's 2009 theme: *Women Taking the Lead to Save our Planet*.

Motion by Mr. Devinney, seconded by Mrs. Hinkle to adopt Resolution 2009-56.

ROLL CALL: Devinney, yes; Hinkle, yes; Jass, yes; Templeton, absent; Fitzpatrick, yes

RESOLUTION 2009-57

RESOLUTION FOR MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM, ‘ HISTORIC RIVERFRONT NEIGHBORHOOD SOLID WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM’

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration relating to the collection of disposal of solid waste within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Edgewater Park, herein after referred to as the “Lead Agency” has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Edgewater Park, Delanco Township and City of Beverly have offered voluntary participation Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2009 the governing body of the Township of Delanco, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known any may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the *Historic Riverfront Neighborhood Solid Waste Collection Program*.

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Mayor and/or Clerk is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

WHEREAS, AVR Resource Group, Inc., is the current Contract Administrator for HISTORIC RIVERFRONT NEIGHBORHOOD SOLID WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM’; and

WHEREAS, it appears that it is in the best interest of the Township of Delanco to fund its portion of the renewal of the contract with AVR Resource Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00); and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds to provide for this purpose in the 2009 budget in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 as indicated in the attached Certification of Funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The share of contract amount allocated to the Township for the contract with AVR Resource Group, Inc. is hereby accepted;

The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue the purchase order funding the 2009 portion of the AVR contract

Motion by Mrs. Jass, seconded by Mrs. Hinkle to adopt Resolution 2009-57.

ROLL CALL: Devinney, yes; Hinkle, yes; Jass, yes; Templeton, absent; Fitzpatrick, yes

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Fitzpatrick opened the meeting to the public.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

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

2009 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PREPARATION WORKSHOP

Mr. Schwab gave a brief overview of the budget preparation process and presented a preliminary budget dated 3/23/09 to the Township Committee.

Mayor Fitzpatrick reviewed various processes that the Township Committee has used for budget review and preparation. Discussion ensued regarding budget goals including staying within caps and meeting the Committee's goals for the tax levy.

The Committee reviewed capital improvement needs and it was noted that one-cent equals \$49,749.

Mayor Fitzpatrick noted that an application has been made for \$200,000 for the Zurbrugg Waterfront stabilization project.

A discussion ensued regarding this year's required payment to the Sewerage Authority for loan repayment and the status of field improvement plan for land acquired as part of the "land swap" at Pennington Park.

The Committee discussed the idea of doing an Open Space Fund Budget Plan as part of this budget process. All agreed to the idea.

Also discussed was the status of the NJ Transit Rail Stop Parking lot improvements. It was noted that NJ Transit will do the work and that there would be no budget funds needed for construction costs.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the staffing needs of the Police Department. It was noted that the Chief has filed for retirement. The Township will apply for the CHRP COP stimulus grant funding. The Committee agreed to apply for funding for one police officer under this grant.

The Committee discussed options and budget impacts for the Administrator's position. Current contract obligations for benefits for the retired Township Administrator were reviewed. Mr. Schwab will contact the Township Solicitor for an interpretation of the contract language regarding retirement life insurance benefits. The Committee reviewed the cost projections to extend the Acting Administrator's contract with First Jersey Municipal Assistance for the remainder of 2009.

The Committee reviewed projected legal expense needs for 2009. Mr. Schwab recommended capping professional fees and the work that still needs to be done on the Master Plan ordinances and new zoning map.

The Committee discussed raises to be given for Public Works and non-contractual employees as well as for the Township Committee.

Mr. Schwab reviewed the preliminary revenue and expenditure line item projections and surplus with the Committee.

The next budget meeting workshop will be 4/13/09

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Jass, seconded by Mayor Fitzpatrick to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Devinney, yes; Hinkle, yes; Jass, yes; Templeton, absent; Fitzpatrick, yes

Janice M. Lohr, RMC
Municipal Clerk