

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – APRIL 2, 2007**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Devinney, present; Fitzpatrick, present; Hinkle, present; Templeton, present; Ouellette, present

**Also Present:** Twp. Administrator, Mr. Steven Corcoran; Twp. Engineer, David Denton; Twp. Solicitor, Mr. Douglas Heinold; Municipal Clerk, Mrs. Janice Lohr; Deputy Municipal Clerk, Karen Zimmermann; Supt. Of Public Works, Mr. John Fenimore; Chief of Police, Chief Parsons

**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 the Burlington County Times and the Courier Post and published in the January 2, 2007 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 2007-6**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 50 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO ENTITLED “LAND USE PROCEDURES”**

**\*2<sup>ND</sup> READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Ouellette opened the hearing to the public.

**HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

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

Motion by Joan Hinkle, seconded by Ed Devinney to adopt Ordinance 2007-6

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

**ORDINANCE 2007-6**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 50 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO ENTITLED “LAND USE PROCEDURES”**

**WHEREAS**, certain residential neighborhoods are governed by homeowner associations which have by-laws requiring association approval prior to change in the physical appearance of the property; and

**WHEREAS**, in such neighborhoods, the homeowner association has legal authority to enforce its by-laws and/or Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions; and

**WHEREAS**, it is logical that approval be granted by the association before the Township issue a construction permit for said improvements so that the Township effectively utilizes its time, energy and resources reviewing plans, issuing permits and making inspections for improvements when said improvement may be prohibited by the homeowner associations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has reviewed Chapter 50 of the Code of the Township of Delanco entitled “Land Use Procedures”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is desirous of making changes to said Chapter to strengthen the code and the process by which residents of neighborhoods with homeowner associations apply for permit,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco, does hereby amend Chapter 50, Section 42 of the Code of the Township of Delanco by adding the following sentence to the end of the first paragraph:

“No zoning permit shall be issued nor application to the Joint Land Use Board be deemed complete, when the property that is the subject of the permit or application is subject to the covenants and restrictions of a homeowners association, without first obtaining written approval from the association permitting those improvements which require zoning approval.”

**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 asked the Township Committee if they would like anything removed from the consent agenda. Resolution 2007-66 and Resolution 2007-68 were removed from the agenda for further discussion.

**RESOLUTION 2007-67**

**CANCEL OUTSTANDING CHECK FOR TAX COLLECTOR ACCOUNT**

WHEREAS, a review of the Tax Collector Account as part of the Township’s annual audit has indicated that check number 1112 in the amount of \$42.00 is outstanding; and

WHEREAS, this check has remained uncashed for at least six months from the date of issuance; and

WHEREAS, it the desire of the Township, at the advise of its auditor, to cancel said check.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that the aforementioned outstanding check is hereby canceled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township Auditor, Tax Collector and Treasurer.

**RESOLUTION 2007-68**

**RELEASE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR THE POINT AT NEWTONS LANDING SITE IMPROVEMENTS, BLOCK 2100, LOT 15, ALLIANCE AT NEWTON’S LANDING**

**(This resolution (2007-68) was removed from the consent agenda.**

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GENERAL	\$519,004.66
PAYROLL	55,218.63
CAPITAL	665.87
TRUST	7,259.50

PUBLIC DEFENDER	150.00
ANIMAL CONTROL	1,125.87
HOUSING TRUST	674.95

**GENERAL ACCOUNT – APRIL 2, 2007**

23323	ARCH WIRELESS	22.55
23324	ADVANCE LEARNING	138.00
23325	BIRDSALL ENGINEERING INC	1,992.80
23326	B & C FIRE EQUIPMENT	240.85
23327	BURLCO MCPL CLERKS ASSOCIATION	40.00
23328	CERTIFIED SPEEDOMETER SERV INC	136.00
23329	COMCAST	105.22
23330	DELANCO TWP BOARD OF EDUCATION	402,190.00
23331	DELANCO FIRE COMMISSIONERS	21,083.33
23332	DELANCO PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOC	2,958.66
23333	EIC INSPECTION AGENCY CORP	6,504.00
23334	GALLS INC	165.98
23335	GENERAL CHEMICAL & SUPPLY	192.50
23336	GRAND HOTEL	151.50
23337	HAGAN ROSSI FLORIST	52.00
23338	INVERSO & STEWART	23,700.00
23339	JESCO INC	368.40
23340	JIM LORINGERS BP	543.19
23341	MICROSYSTEMS NJ.COM LLC	1,300.00
23342	LENORE MORAIS	100.00
23343	NJ STATE LEAGUE MUNICIPALITIES	60.00
23344	NJ STATE HEALTH BENEFIT PROG	29,390.87
23345	OAKWOOD UNIFORM & EQUIP INC	269.75
233456	PEDRONI FUEL CO	1,640.58
23347	PETTY CASH-ADMINISTRATIVE	200.00
23348	PAYROLL ACCOUNT	6,011.36
23349	PARKER MCCAY-ATTORNEYS AT LAW	12,055.33
23350	QSCEND TECHNOLOGIES INC	2,545.50
23351	RUTGERS THE STATE UNIVERSITY	435.00
23352	RIVERSIDE NAPA AUTO PARTS	93.14
23353	STEWART BUSINESS SYSTEMS	343.94
23354	KEVIN L SCIBILIA	400.00
23355	TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN	2,238.72
23356	TRUEGREEN CHEMLAWN	469.00
23357	VERMEER NORTH ATLANTIC SALES	40.93
23358	VERIZON CABS	180.85
23359	VERIZON	345.02
23360	W B MASON CO INC	299.69
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$519,004.66</b>

**TRUST**

1881	PARKER MCCAY-ATTORNEYS AT LAW	5,916.00
1882	BIRDSALL ENGINEERING INC	1,343.50
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,259.50</b>

<b>CAPITAL</b>		
1508	LAND ENGINEERING & SURVEYING	130.00
1509	FITZGERALD & CO	535.87
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$665.87</b>

<b>DOG</b>		
1420	TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN	1,125.87
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,125.87</b>

<b>HOUSING</b>		
136	PARKER MCCAY-ATTORNEYS AT LAW	674.95

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 3/5/07 & 3/19/07**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Kate Fitzpatrick, seconded by Joan Hinkle to approve the consent agenda.

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

Discussion for items removed from the consent agenda.

**Resolution 2007-66:**

- Committeeman Mike Templeton questioned the 3,000 yards of dirt to be removed from Block 2100.01, Lot 50 and asked how much it would reduce the elevation on site and asked if this would create additional problems. A discussion ensued.
- Superintendent of Public Works, Mr. John Fenimore indicated that he would like some of the top soil for the Township of Delanco
- Jack Hoefle, 44 Pennington Court questioned whether the amount of soil to be removed was 3000 yards or cubic yards – Mr. Hoefle reported that someone has been removing fill for the past week and asked if this was a permission slip for what has already been done – Mr. Hoefle questioned the length of time it would take to remove the top soil – asked if it would be reseeded once the top soil was removed

The Township Solicitor, Mr. Heinold suggested that a part of the requirement of the resolution should include that the parcel be top graded and seeded after the final removal of soil. Mayor Ouellette suggested putting time restraints for the removal of the soil. A discussion ensued regarding the time frame for removal of the soil. Committeewoman Kate Fitzpatrick suggested that the wording be changed in the resolution to reflect that John Fenimore is the Superintendent of Public Works and not the director.

Motion by Kate Fitzpatrick, seconded by Ed Devinney to approve Resolution 2007-66 authorizing soil removal for Block 2100.01, Lot 50 with the conditions that were stipulated by the Township Solicitor.

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

**RESOLUTION 2007-66**

**AUTHORIZING SOIL REMOVAL FOR  
BLOCK 2100.01, LOT 50 WITH CONDITIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Delanco received a request for approval of removal of fill soil from the owner of Block 2100.01, Lot 50; and

**WHEREAS**, the request seeks approval to dispose of 3,000 yards of soil through removal from the site; and

**WHEREAS**, such request is required pursuant to Chapter 95 of the Township Code of the Township of Delanco; and

**WHEREAS**, the request for the removal of the soil is conditioned upon review by the Superintendent of Public Works and in consultation with the Township Engineer as to whether the soil is sufficiently clean for use by the Township, in order to retain same within the Township's borders.

**NOW, WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco that the request dated March 22, 2007 submitted by John Rahenkamp with regard to soil removal from Block 2100.01, Lot 50 within the Township of Delanco is hereby approved conditioned upon initial review by the Superintendent of Public Works in consultation with the Township Engineer to determine whether any of the 3,000 yards of soil to be removed from the site could be used for Township purposes and thereby retained within the Township. This condition further requires that the Director of Public Works and Township Engineer ensure that the soil is sufficiently clean for any such Township use.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the soil be removed within thirty (30) days of the approval of this resolution, or such additional time as the Superintendent of Public Works may allow upon a showing of good cause.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that proper seeding and grading of the site shall be performed by the property owner, or his contractor, within thirty (30) days of the completion of the removal of the soil.

**RESOLUTION 2007-68:**

**RELEASE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR THE POINT AT NEWTONS LANDING SITE IMPROVEMENTS, BLOCK 2100, LOT 15 - ALLIANCE AT NEWTON'S LANDING**

Mayor Ouellette opened the meeting for comment from the public.

- James McKendrick, 6 Charles Circle reported that he has a problem with drainage in the back of his property – also reported that 17 Charles Circle has a problem with standing water on the front of her property – stated that if the bonded money were released to the developer, he feels the problems will not be corrected
- Cecelia West, 8 Charles Circle stated that she has the same problem as the previous home owner – feels that no money should be handed back to the builder until the problems are resolved

Motion by Kate Fitzpatrick, seconded by Ed Devinney to table Resolution 2007-68 for the performance guarantee for the Point at Newtons Landing.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE – Municipal Clerk – Mrs. Janice Lohr – Nothing to report**

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Ouellette opened the meeting to the public.

- Steve Mastalesz, 97 Shipp's Way, reported that he sent pictures of his sidewalks to the Township Committee members showing that the sidewalks are flaking and pitted
- A discussion ensued – The Township Solicitor suggested that the residents with issues

should get together prior to the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to document their concerns

- David Suter, 725 Delaware Avenue stated that since the Columns redevelopment agreement has been concluded he still has questions regarding the public process. Mr. Suter referred to the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and questioned how many people were involved, what the proposals were, why so short notice, and why there were not more people involved in the process – Mr. Suter stated that former Mayor Fitzpatrick and the Township Solicitor, Mr. Heinold stated numerous times that it was a confidential situation and nothing could be released or go outside of those processes until it was concluded – Mr. Suter stated that three weeks ago, he read the Republican newsletter that shared confidential information about this process and that this newsletter was delivered town wide and the Township had not concluded the negotiations with Mr. Rahenkamp and his associates – asked why this information would be divulged before the process was concluded – the public asked for this information and could not get it, yet someone leaked it to one of the political parties and asked for an explanation on how that happened.

- Committeewoman Joan Hinkle asked what information Mr. Suter was referring to and added that Max Spann explained the process and added that she did not see anything anywhere that she would consider confidential – Mrs. Hinkle further stated that most of it was said that night and some of it was done through emails to the members of the Township Committee and stated that these were public property – stated that they received some pretty bad emails that she resents.

- Mr. Suter asked the Township Solicitor, Mr. Heinold for an email explanation – a discussion ensued – Mr. Suter also asked Mr. Heinold if it is OK to release confidential information from an executive session

- Committeewoman Kate Fitzpatrick stated, “that as far as she knew that it was public information given out at one time or another” and further stated that she did not have exact dates but stated that it was given out – Ms. Fitzpatrick suggested that she would listen to the tapes herself

- Mr. Suter asked that if the Township Committee is having problems with one of its members in executive discussion, should this become public as well?

A discussion ensued about public emails

- Mr. Suter asked if the attacks on Mr. Templeton published in the Republican newsletter were done in confidential sessions – Committeewoman Kate Fitzpatrick replied that there were written statements back and forth

- The Township Solicitor, Mr. Heinold explained the difference between public record and attorney-client privilege emails

- Mr. Suter stated that he tends to believe that, “there has been an abuse of this particular process and now it is clear that the executive session that you claimed to be confidential apparently was only confidential as long as it was convenient for certain members, and said that it was a really sorry state in the town”

- Committeewoman Joan Hinkle stated that she disagreed with Mr. Suter.

- Albert Malone, 1604 Rivers Edge Drive, questioned the annual apartment inspections, in particular, the bureau of fire inspections prevention – feels that their list and the Township list is overlapping and asked if there could be a resolution to this problem – also asked if the inspections could be coordinated at the same time.

A discussion ensued.

The Township Administrator, Mr. Steven Corcoran explained the state requirements for fire apparatus alarm systems and the fire inspection required by Township ordinance appear to be a duplication – may ask the Township Committee to modify the ordinance in

the near future

- Steve Schofield, 400 Burlington Avenue, commented that he had the same concerns about the rental property inspections as the previous speaker – Mr. Schofield stated that he voted for everyone on the dais and he doesn't care whether you are Republican or Democrat; that this is Township politics not the State – now he feels that all of a sudden this is Democrats against Republicans on certain issues – he stated that he voted for the people on the dais because he felt they would do the best for the Township – stated that it appears that one group is not talking to the other group regarding the soil issue and further stated that he is not happy and he would be more than happy to put someone else's sign on his lawn.
- Jean Mastalesz, 97 Shipp's Way, questioned the fire lane at Newton's Landing – she said she saw a copy of the resolution for the return of the bond and it says that the additional finishing of the fire lane would be done by "others" and asked who the "others" were – Mrs. Mastalesz stated the property between 97 Shipp's and 99 Shipp's Way was on the punch list and now it is not on Birdsall's report and they never finished the project – Mrs. Mastalesz stated that she now has a lake in the front of her yard because there is a hump before the drain and they were supposed to lower it – drain was put in last fall and she would like to go through the summer to see if it is a mosquito trap before the bond is returned – asked the Township Committee to please check to make sure they are not building the houses on clay at Savannah Mews.
- The Township Administrator, Mr. Steven Corcoran stated that he has been working with the homeowner's association at Newton's Landing on the punch list and for Mrs. Mastalesz to make sure her comments go back to them – Mrs. Mastalesz also reported that her back patio is cracked due to the soil erosion underneath and questioned who was responsible for this – Mrs. Mastalesz asked who was supervising the engineers that the Township hired – questioned the second fire lane – asked if they can do without the second one because they haven't completed the first one yet
- Committeewoman Kate Fitzpatrick asked the Township Mayor, Fern Ouellette if someone from the Township Committee was meeting with Birdsall and the homeowners association and stated that she did that until her term as Mayor was up, and stated that she thought that Mayor Ouellette would take it over – Mike Templeton stated that he attended a meeting, and the Township Administrator, Mr. Corcoran also indicated that he has attended meetings.
- Jack Hoefle, 44 Pennington Court, stated that on the report it indicated that repairs had been done between 97 and 99 Shipp's Way, but they did not rectify the situation – Mr. Hoefle stated that there are basins in Newton's Landing and there is one along Newton's Landing Boulevard that Birdsall's representative stated that she would look at the basin to check the inflows and the erosion problems – Mr. Hoefle commented on the Tri-Party agreement with the County and his concern with the maintenance of the basin regarding the meadow mix – The Township Administrator, Mr. Steven Corcoran stated that there are discussions weekly with the County regarding this and how they plan to handle the mowing, seeding and maintenance.
- Ralph McCullough, 308 Buttonwood Avenue, suggested putting two signs in each direction on the utility road at Newton's Landing to indicate that the road is for emergency use only

#### **MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

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

## **COMMENTS – PROFESSIONALS**

### **Township Engineer – David Denton –**

- reported that he received the CD of the tax maps today from Birdsall Engineering so copies of tax map information can be reproduced

### **Township Solicitor – Mr. Douglas Heinold –** Nothing further to report

## **COMMENTS – TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Steven Corcoran –**

- as part of the JIF safety program, Delanco Township has identified for 2007, a signage program – the Police Department, Chief and Lieutenant are surveying all intersections and streets to identify those areas that have had stop signs that are now missing, and there are a tremendous number of street signs missing or that have to be replaced
- asked the tax assessor to make a presentation before the counsel and public on May 21, 2007 of his findings and analysis relative to the revaluation
- Mr. Corcoran appeared before the Riverside Business Association and they were interested in the economic development of the downtown area and specifically areas that he has been involved in the past
- announced that for people interested in lap top use of their computers, they can now have access to the internet in the lobby and the front parking area and in the future it will be available anywhere outside the Municipal building

## **COMMENTS – DEPARTMENT HEADS**

### **Superintendent of Public Works – Mr. John Fenimore –**

- reported that they have started brush pick-up and have gone through the Township and stated that some people do not understand the process – noted that once they go through the Township, they do not come back until next month and residents can't put the brush out once they have passed through their neighborhood per the stormwater management requirements
- ballfields are done and they did a nice job on them
- attended a couple seminars last week for the Public Works conference – doesn't know how public works departments will survive because of all the restrictions they are putting on everything and all the permits that will be required by the State
- attended bucket truck training seminar
- had a PEOSHA training seminar on hearing protection – purchased ear protective equipment for the Public Works employees
- announced that Ed Horn did a good job of putting together a book on all equipment owned by the Public Works Department

### **Chief of Police – Chief Parsons –**

- received a \$16,000 grant from Homeland Security for the Thermo Vision SCOUT ZX – must send officer to school in Louisiana for training to use before they will give you the item - they pick up the tab for training, airfare, lodging and food
- is applying for the bullet proof replacement grant
- has two officers in school in North Jersey for gang related intelligence gathering
- reported that there are five people/vendors on the tow list now
- reported that on Saturday night, nine vehicles were broken into in Delanco Township
- announced that the Police Department has a weekly update on the Township website
- sent Eric Hoffman to a two week DARE course and he will replace Lieutenant George Sacalis as the DARE officer and that Officer Hoffman will also replace Detective Don Nesbitt as the juvenile officer

The Township Administrator, Mr. Steven Corcoran, stated that he needs a resolution from the Township Committee allowing him to proceed with the sale and request for bids on (2) TV's, (8) all in one printers and (2) cathode computer monitors – they would be looking for a minimum bid of \$50.00 for the TV's, \$10.00 on the printers, and \$20.00 on the CRT's – Mr. Corcoran would like to offer it to the employees first, then the Fire and Ambulance, then the schools and if there is no response, they will dispose of them

Motion by Joan Hinkle, seconded by Kate Fitzpatrick to adopt Resolution 2007-69 to authorize sale of out of service municipal equipment as listed by the Township Administrator, Mr. Steven Corcoran.

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

### **RESOLUTION 2007-69**

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF OUT OF SERVICE MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco has the following out of service municipal equipment including various printers, two (2) Panasonic TV's and Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Dell monitors, and;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to sell this equipment no longer in service or needed for Township use, and;

WHEREAS, the fair market value of said equipment has been determined to be below the amount required for public bidding, and;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee will offer the sale of said equipment in "as is condition" to the employees of Delanco Township by notice of sale and receipt of sealed bids from said employees with the following established minimum bids :

Various printers - \$ 10.00 each  
Panasonic TV's - 50.00 each  
CRT monitors - 20.00 each

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco does hereby authorize the sale of the aforementioned out of service equipment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be filed with the Township Treasurer and the Township Auditor.

The Township Administrator, Mr. Steven Corcoran stated that he has asked the Superintendent of Public Works, Mr. John Fenimore for a list of three trucks to go out for public bid.

**Municipal Clerk – Mrs. Janice Lohr –**

- announced that there is a new District 6 and a reconfiguration of District 3 and asked everyone to refer to their sample ballots for the appropriate election district
- announced that there will be a Spring town wide yard sale on Saturday, May 5, 2007 and April 25<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to register for the town wide yard sale

### **COMMENTS – TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Kate Fitzpatrick -**

- questioned whether the entire school election will be held at the Pearson School – The Municipal Clerk indicated that all six districts will vote at the Pearson School

- attended the Recreation Social on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Castle Harbor
- mentioned that the Recreation Commission had their Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday and she was unable to attend
- announced that the Seniors still have openings for the bus trip to see the King Tut exhibit in Philadelphia
- announced that Troop 19 Delanco Boy Scouts are selling mulch and asked the public to support them to help for their summer camp
- announced the upcoming Memorial Day Parade and encouraged people that plan to be in the parade to contact the Recreation Commission as soon as possible

**Mike Templeton –**

- said he would like to make a statement as a follow-up to the last meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> concerning questions and gathering information to stop a project
- Mr. Templeton stated that he was hired last November by the public to be a representative, ask questions and to do a thorough job – Mr. Templeton stated that he will continue to ask questions – Mr. Templeton stated that three weeks ago the Delanco Report was distributed by the Albert McCay Republican Club and he is deeply concerned that information from the Township Committee Executive meetings was printed in this flyer – Privileged and confidential information about negotiations about the Zurbrugg redevelopment project were published – Mr. Templeton further stated that information should not have been published by a club in town before it was discussed in public – Mr. Templeton stated that fabrications of his position were also published while they were under solicitor's guidance not to discuss the matter – Mr. Templeton feels that the people of this community were misled by an unsigned allegation – Mr. Templeton stated that it is unfortunate that the misrepresentation was published before he was able to present his actual view in the support and his feelings on that in this forum per the Township Solicitor's advice – Mr. Templeton stated that he appreciates the input from the community and the public on the Zurbrugg redevelopment project and he will continue to act as the people's representative

**Joan Hinkle –**

- attended the Shade Tree Commission meeting and announced that there is an opening
- reported that there have been black bears spotted in every county in the state and they are moving further south – they like to be near the water – rabies have been reported in surrounding towns (rabid raccoons)

**Ed Devinney –**

- attended the Spring Fling social hosted by the Recreation Commission and stated that it was a nice venue and encouraged people to attend any socials in the future

**Mayor Ouellette –**

- attended the library committee meeting and they had the St. Patrick's day get together for the kids and stated that the library does nice things for the community – they not only have books, but they have DVD's, videos and movies
- currently working on the Mansion agreement and the budget issues

Ralph McCullough, 308 Buttonwood Street, asked why the New Jersey American Water Company left a bottle at his home and requested a sample of his water

Committeewoman Kate Fitzpatrick asked the Superintendent of Public Works, Mr. John Fenimore if he had the signs for Rancocas Avenue for the dogs and let Mr. Fenimore know where to place the signs.

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

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

Janice M. Lohr, RMC

Municipal Clerk

April 2, 2007