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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

B. THOMAS LEAHY  
JUDGE



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April 14, 1980

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Mr. George M. Raymond, President  
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Re: Allan Deane v. Bedminster

Dear Mr. Raymond:

Thank you for your letter of April 7th and the clarification thereof dated April 10th. I am pleased that you, as the court's observer, are satisfied that substantial progress is being made.

The request for a delay in the April 30th deadline seems reasonable in light of the fact that you are satisfied that all parties are working conscientiously and that the delay would bring about a better result. If an amended consent order, agreed to by all four parties to this litigation is presented to the court, I will sign it.

The problem with any delay is, the May 29th date was established to permit sufficient time for a hearing and a decision by the court before I leave for my summer recess during the month of July. Since I have recently been advised that I will be sitting in Hunterdon County during August, it now appears that there would be a 8 to 10 week hiatus and delay if the May 29th deadline is not adhered to. Do you believe the parties could tighten up on some of the other time periods contained in the Order so that their comments on revised ordinances could be presented not much later than May 16th? If they are working in harmony with full knowledge of what is going on their comments may well be susceptible of preparation in large part while the ordinances are being finalized and while your report is being prepared.

Thank you for keeping me informed and for your efforts thus far.

Very truly yours,

B. Thomas Leahy, J.S.C.

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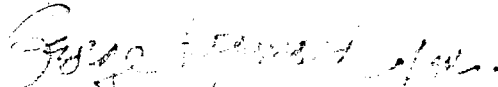
Dear Judge Leahy:

During this morning's meeting with representatives of the Township of Bedminster and the Allen-Deane Corporation, it was called to my attention that I erroneously attributed to the latter the initiative for a request for a one-month extension. The fact is that both sides agreed that the process would be benefited by an extension and mutually consented to my requesting your approval.

I am very sorry if I have created the wrong impression.

Sincerely yours,

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April 7, 1980

The Honorable B. Thomas Leahy  
Somerset County Court House  
Somerville, N.J.

Dear Judge Leahy:

Now that more than one month has elapsed since my appointment as Master in the Bedminster case, I thought I should give you a brief status report.

I believe I reflect the views of all parties in stating that the process that is currently unfolding is very useful and constructive and that it is likely to produce positive results. The Township's consultant is gradually producing a revised set of land development regulations and is presenting them for discussion and comments before the town officials and representatives of the developer. The draft regulations have not yet been completed, nor has the consultant provided a second draft of the chapters that have been commented upon.

Simultaneously with the development of the ordinances, the Allan Deane Corporation is developing its site plan. A preliminary presentation on March 27 gave everyone an opportunity to identify and comment on some of the major issues that the plan would be likely to raise. As a result, the developer is now working on his plan with full knowledge of the probable reaction to some of its proposals. The revised detailed site plan is due to be presented on April 10th.

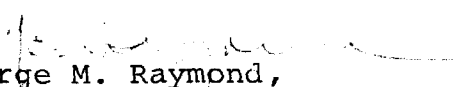
One of the major issues which needs to be resolved is the Pluckemin Bypass. The developer's consultant agrees that a bypass is needed and has provided a westerly alignment which would place the new road directly adjacent to I-287. Our traffic expert is reviewing their submission, and I hope that this report will also be in by April 10th. This will permit the plan evaluation to take into account the proposed final alignment of the bypass.

The Honorable B. Thomas Leahy  
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While both parties are working on their respective assignments as diligently as can be expected, both agreed that the April 30th deadline cannot be met. As a result, the Allan Deane Corporation requested a one month extension which the town is ready to grant, subject to your approval. I would appreciate hearing from you in that regard.

My very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

  
George M. Raymond,  
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