

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 6, 2019

Chairman Danna called to order a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Deerfield, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey, at the Municipal Building, 736 Landis Avenue, Rosenhayn, at 7:02 p.m.

Chairperson Danna led the flag salute.

The Clerk took roll call and members present included Mr. Terrigno, Mr. Brago, Mr. Stanzione, Mrs. O'Brien and Mr. Danna.

Minutes

The Clerk presented the minutes of October 2 and October 16, 2019. Mr. Terrigno made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to approve the minutes as written. The Committee approved

Executive Session Minutes

The Clerk presented the Closed Session Minutes of October 2 and October 16, 2019. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terrigno to approve the minutes as written. The Committee approved. The Clerk indicated that the closed session minutes would not be released to the public until the reason for them remaining closed is no longer applicable and the solicitor has had an opportunity to review.

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #19-106 – Authorizing The Transfer Of Funds. Mr. Terrigno made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Resolution #19-106. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Terrigno	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Brago	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #19-107 Awarding A Contract To South State, Inc. For The Resurfacing Of Garrison Road In Township Of Deerfield In The Amount Of \$211,265.80. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #19-107. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Terrigno	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Brago	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #19-108 Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement To Provide Municipal Animal Shelter Services With South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter. Discussion was held among the members. Mr. Terrigno gave an update on fees charged on a cat that was ultimately euthanized. Mr. Brago noted that South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter is the only place around now to take animals since Ron's Animal Shelter closed to due to State rules and regulations. He also noted that the cost for 2020 has skyrocketed. Mr. Terrigno noted that every time a resident calls for animal control it costs the Township money. Mrs. O'Brien noted that the South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter's records are public and they are a non-profit. She further noted that the public can ask for copy of their budget if the public calls and asks for it. Mrs. O'Brien strongly encouraged the public to look into that matter. Discussion was held among the Committee and public regarding costs.

Mr. Brago made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terrigno to adopt Resolution #19-108. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Terrigno	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	No
Mr. Brago	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Department Chairpersons. Mr. Brago stated that he attended the Recreation meeting at the end of last month. He stated that there was some discussion as to what the Township would like to do moving forward with the Harvest Festival. Mr. Brago noted that everyone should be getting their thoughts and ideas together. Mr. Brago reminded everyone that December 7th is Breakfast with Santa here at the Senior Center and that there will be 2 seatings. Mrs. O'Brien asked that the information be posted to our Facebook page. The Clerk indicated that there will be a flyer going up to the school and will also have it posted to the Facebook page.

Mrs. O'Brien indicated that she attended a very positive meeting with Mr. Stanzione and Michael Fralinger of Fralinger Engineering regarding the improvements to LoBiondo and Eugenia Johnson Park. She further indicated that the Township has the money to make all the improvements as well as a 1/3 of an acre track to go around the perimeter of LoBiondo Park, new swing sets, new play systems (at both parks) and are already discussing putting in for a grant for the following year to do Carmel Park as well. Mrs. O'Brien noted that the new equipment would be ADA compliant.

Mrs. O'Brien thanked Mr. Stanzione for starting the process and spearheading it for so many years.

Mr. Brago noted the new railroad track warning system on Morton Avenue. Chairperson Danna noted the new lights and signal arm.

Mrs. O'Brien noted Deerfield had a wonderful trick or treating night with good weather and no rain.

New Business

The Clerk presented Bingo and Raffle Applications From The Deerfield Township PTO To Be Held On May 1, 2020. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terrigno to approve the bingo and raffle applications. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Terrigno	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Brago	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

Communications

The Clerk stated that there was a letter of interest to fill the Land Use Board vacancy from Alexandra Becker. The Clerk read Mrs. Becker's letter into the record. Mr. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to accept and file the communication. The Committee approved.

The Clerk noted that the process starts with an interview with the Land Use Board Chair and Township representatives and a recommendation is made to the Committee. The Clerk asked Mrs. Becker if she could be available on November 13th at 6:30 pm (night of the Land Use Board meeting) to interview with the Chairman. Mrs. Becker indicated that she would be available.

The Clerk presented Resolution #19-109 - For The Payment Of Bills. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione, to adopt Resolution #19-109. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Terrigno	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Brago	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

Mrs. O'Brien asked the Clerk to give an update on the letter sent to DEP concerning the Synagro project. The Clerk indicated that the letter went out but the Township has not heard back yet as it has been less than a week since the letter was mailed.

Public Comment

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terrigno to open the meeting to the public. The Committee approved. Gloria Jost, 397 Stillman Avenue came before the Committee. Mrs. Jost stated that they are still communicating with DEP and anyone else that will listen. She further stated that she feels that the residents were not given proper notification as to the Synagro project. Mrs. Jost noted Executive Order 23 and that it did not appear that the Executive Order was followed properly.

Donna Sooy of Stillman Avenue approached the Committee. Mrs. Sooy followed up and stated that she spoke with Mr. Castellini of the Freeholder Board and he told her that it was up to the Township Committee to physically post the notice in the Township hall or bank or post office. Solicitor Testa indicated that he was not sure where Mr. Castellini got the information that a notice had to be posted in the bank or post office. Mrs. Jost read a part of a letter from DEP to implementing agencies and how Executive Order 23 applies. Mr. Terrigno noted that the Redevelopment Zone was implemented 2 years ago and Governor Murphy's Executive Order did not come into play until April 20, 2018. Mrs. Jost read the final line of the letter from DEP noting that "plan amendments currently in process as of the date of this letter the implementing agency should contact their below department planning representative as to discuss how to proceed."

Solicitor Testa noted that the matter is not finished and Synagro still has to come back for Land Use approval and the DEP still has to have public hearings. He further noted that the opportunity to be heard is still there. Solicitor Testa agreed with Mr. Terrigno that the Executive Order was not applicable at the time of the approval of the redevelopment zone that included Class B/C recycling facility. Solicitor Testa reiterated that there are still steps to be taken until it is finalized. Mr. Terrigno clarified that the letter that Mrs. Jost presented does not predate the Synagro project but moving forward they would have to abide by Executive Order 23.

Mrs. Jost asked who would be responsible for publicizing the hearings. Solicitor Testa noted that DEP will publicize hearings they are conducting in the newspaper. Solicitor Testa recommended that Mrs. Jost stay in touch with DEP.

Mr. Stanzione noted that nothing is in stone but if a new group of people come in they could throw the old rules out and make new rules.

There being no further comment from the public, Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to close the public portion. The Committee approved.

Mr. Brago congratulated Mr. Danna on his re-election. Mrs. Sooy inquired as to Mr. Casper. Mr. Brago stated that he is a local gentleman who lives on Landis Avenue.

Mr. Brago also wanted to acknowledge Mr. Stanzione and thank him for his direction and guidance. Chairperson Danna also thanked Mr. Stanzione for his 21 years of service.

Mrs. O'Brien stated that she wanted to thank the Clerk and the poll workers who got up very early in the morning to get ready for Election Day. She further stated that everything ran very smoothly.

There being no further business, Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terrigno, to adjourn the meeting. The Committee approved.

Rudy Danna, Jr. Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield