

SPECIAL MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 29, 2015

The Chairperson Laurella called to order a Special 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 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson Laurella led the flag salute.

The Clerk took roll call and members present included Mr. Sparacio, Mr. Spatola, Mr. Danna and Mr. Laurella. Mr. Stanzione was unable to attend.

The Clerk presented Public Hearing Regarding application by Comcast Of South Jersey, LLC For Renewal Of Municipal Consent To Construct And Operate A Cable TV System In The Township Of Deerfield

Mr. Spatola made a motion to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Danna. The Committee approved.

There being no public present, Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio, to close the public hearing. The Committee approved.

Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to approve the application for franchise renewal by Comcast of South Jersey, LLC. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes	Mr. Laurella	Yes

Resolutions

The Clerk stated that there were no Resolutions this evening.

Old Business

The Clerk presented a matter that was tabled from the December 16, 2015 meeting and it was a Request From F&S Produce To Approve Addition Of Rapid Infiltration Basins To Complement The Existing Seepage Chambers And Spray Irrigation – 2 Applications – 930 Bridgeton Avenue And 730 Lebanon Road.

The Clerk explained that the request was from F&S Produce and the applications were forwarded to the Solicitor for his review and that the Solicitor found them to be satisfactory. Solicitor Testa agreed.

Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to approve the applications for Rapid Infiltration Basins by F&S Produce. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes	Mr. Laurella	Yes

Chairperson Laurella indicated that with regard to the gentleman that had come before the Committee a few meetings ago regarding extension of landfill hours and tax assessor hours that Chairperson Laurella spoke with the landfill and tax assessor and the landfill is not willing to extend their hours and the tax assessor informed Chairperson Laurella that she is always available.

The Clerk just asked for clarification that Mr. Spatola and Mr. Sparacio are going to be the Co-Chairs for fire and the recreation committee. Mr. Danna questioned that he thought it was going to be incoming Committeewoman O'Brien. Chairperson Laurella

indicated that the Recreation Department is quite busy and felt that it needed someone with experience and not 2 new people to the Department. Mr. Spatola stated that he spoke with Mrs. O'Brien and she was quite "okay" with it.

The Clerk noted that the Mayor had met with a gentleman from the Daily Journal regarding advertising at the last CDC meeting and that the Township had received 2 prices for advertising. She further noted that the Daily Journal charges 43 cents a line and the South Jersey Times charges 35 cents a line. The Clerk asked if the Committee wanted to switch newspapers for legal advertising and possibly get better circulation. Solicitor Testa stated that it would be more beneficial to go with a newspaper of greater circulation. Everyone agreed to switch to The Daily Journal and the Clerk noted that the Resolution would be part of the Reorganization Meeting.

Mr. Danna asked about the animal control officer position. The Clerk stated that Mr. Shinn had indicated that he would stay on as animal control officer.

New Business

The Clerk presented Application For Instant Raffle Tickets – Deerfield Township Elks Lodge #733 – Renewal For 2016.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to approve the Raffle Application by the Deerfield Township Elks Lodge. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes	Mr. Laurella	Yes

Communications

The Clerk stated that there were no communications this evening

The Clerk presented Resolution #15-151 for the Payment Of Bills.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna for the payment of bills. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes	Mr. Laurella	Yes

Public Comment

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to open the meeting to the public. The Committee approved.

There being no public present, Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to close the meeting to the public. The Committee approved.

Mr. Sparacio asked for clarification regarding the issue of animal control officer. The Clerk stated that there was some discussion as to whether or not Mr. Shinn was going to continue as animal control officer, but has stated that he will continue on as animal control officer.

Mr. Danna asked when this occurred as he spoke with Mr. Shinn the day before and Mr. Shinn indicated that he had a conversation with Mr. Spatola. Mr. Danna stated that there was a price for sheltering services and a fee for animal control services. He further stated that Mr. Shinn is getting paid for both public works and animal control and does animal control on Township time.

Mr. Spatola noted that after the last meeting he spoke with Mr. Shinn regarding his issues with the animal control position. Mr. Spatola stated that after speaking with Mr. Shinn for an hour, Mr. Spatola noted that Mr. Shinn's issues pertained more with pressure of people breathing down his neck, making comments about not being at the building and "double dipping". He further noted that Mr. Shinn took on the position to help save the Township money. Mr. Spatola outlined for the Committee the number of times, over the course of a year, to drop off an animal to the shelter and multiplied that by Mr. Shinn's hourly rate. He further outlined the stipend for animal control of \$2500 plus \$1200 of Buildings & Grounds money spent to have Mr. Shinn do animal control on Township time. Mr. Spatola stated that sheltering services are \$6000 and to have Mr. Sutton be the animal control officer was (at \$125.00 a week) \$6,500 totaling \$12,500.00.

Mr. Spatola indicated that for 2015 the Township save \$8,800 based on what is paid to Mr. Shinn versus what would be paid to Ron Sutton. He further indicated that in years past the Township paid the previous maintenance man 4 times what is being to Mr. Shinn. Mr. Spatola noted that Mr. Shinn's concerns aren't about money but the scrutiny and comments.

Mr. Danna asked if the vehicle expenses were added into the animal control expenses. Mr. Spatola stated no, but that amount is negligible.

Chairperson Laurella suggested that the animal control report include the date and time so that it will show if it is on Township time or off hours. He further suggested that since Mr. Shinn is the animal control officer he should be making animal pick ups alone and not taking the public works laborer with him. Mr. Sparacio and Mr. Spatola agreed with those recommendations. Further discussion was held regarding after hours calls and who backs him up if Mr. Shinn is not available.

Mr. Danna questioned whether the Township had fleet insurance. The Clerk stated no and the JIF doesn't use the term "fleet insurance". They don't charge per vehicle. She did note however that the Township did receive a \$6000 dividend back this year.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adjourn the Special Meeting. The Committee approved.

Cosmo J. Laurella, Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield