

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
JULY 6, 2016

Chairperson 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 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson Danna led the flag salute.

The Clerk took roll call and members present included Mr. Sparacio, Mr. Laurella, Mr. Spatola, Mrs. O'Brien and Mr. Danna.

Minutes

The Clerk presented the minutes of June 1 and June 15, 2016. Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to approve the minutes as written. The Committee approved.

Ordinances

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2016-7- First Reading Of An Ordinance Appropriating The Sum Of \$5,000.00 From The Capital Improvement Fund Of Deerfield Township For The Purchase Of A Vehicle For Animal Control. The Clerk noted that the vehicle is being purchased through money received from insurance proceeds as the other vehicle was totaled.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Ordinance #2016-7 on first reading and to set Wednesday, July 20, 2016 for second reading, public hearing and final adoption. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Danna	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2016-8 - First Reading Of An Ordinance Amending The Capital Budget Of The Township Of Deerfield To Provide For The Acquisition Of A Thermal Camera By Rosenhayn Fire And Rescue And The Cancelling Of Capital Account Fund Balances Heretofore Provided For Capital Improvements And Reappropriating Such Fund Account Balances For Other Capital Projects.

The Clerk explained that there was a prior capital ordinance and the Township is taking the balance of that prior ordinance and applying the balance to Ordinance #2016-8. Mr. Spatola asked if this money was included in the budget request for 2017. The Clerk indicated that it was.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to adopt Ordinance #2016-8 on first reading and to set Wednesday, July 20, 2016 for second reading, public hearing and final adoption. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Danna	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution 16-104 Approving The Annual Audit For The Year 2015. Mr. Laurella thanked the office staff for a very good audit. Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to adopt Resolution #16-104. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Danna	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-105- Approving The Corrective Action Plan For The 2015 Audit. The Clerk noted that there was one item it in the audit that needed to be corrected. Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Resolution #16-105. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Danna	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-106 Authorizing In Rem Foreclosure On Certain Tax Sale Certificates Held By The Township Of Deerfield. The Clerk noted that these foreclosures are pertaining to properties on Harvest Lane (6 properties). Mrs. O'Brien made a motion seconded by Mr. Sparacio to adopt Resolution #16-106. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Danna	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-107 Approving Liquor License Renewal For Carmel Discount Liquor For The 2016-1017 License Term. Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Resolution #16-107. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Danna	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-108 Approving Bids For Food Vending Spaces At The Deerfield Township Harvest Festival. Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Resolution #16-108. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Danna	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Department Chairpersons.

Mr. Laurella noted that an gentleman from Kenyon Avenue came before the Committee at the last meeting. He stated that gentleman is a veteran. Mr. Laurella asked for another Committee person to join him to visit the gentleman's neighbor who has a firing range in his back yard. Mr. Laurella stated that the gun fire is very disturbing to the veteran and bothers him a great deal. He further stated that there is nothing in the Township ordinance regarding a resident firing a weapon on his property. Chairperson Danna stated that he would visit the neighbor with Mr. Laurella.

Mr. Spatola stated that it might be a good idea to make sure that the Township has the proper information and not infringing on anyone's rights. Solicitor Testa stated that it is not prohibited and what the State Police told the individual is correct. He further stated that unless it is a safety issue there is nothing the Township can do. Solicitor Testa recommended that it would be a good idea to let Mr. Laurella meet with the neighbor and

ask him to extend a courtesy to the veteran and let him know when firing is going to happen.

Mr. Laurella stated that the new tractor is in and it is a nice machine.

Chairperson Danna inquired whether Buildings & Grounds have looked into getting the municipal building driveway recoated. Mr. Laurella stated that he has a price coming in from a contractor to fix the low spot. Chairperson Danna indicated that he thought the Township received a bid for \$8,500 to do the entire driveway. Mr. Laurella agreed but said that was in 2015. He noted that the same contractor is going to give us a new price.

Mr. Laurella noted that he and Mr. Spatola met with the engineer and he is going to redo the plans for the lean-to as there were some things that the Township did not agree on.

Mrs. O'Brien gave an update on the foreclosures. Mrs. O'Brien noted that title searches are pending and once they are received the Solicitor's office will begin the process of filing the complaint and publishing the notice to the property owners. She further noted that after that there is a 45 day period where the owners can file a challenge to that and then final judgment can be applied for. Mrs. O'Brien stated that it could take some time to obtain the judgment and it's up to the court. She further stated that it could take anywhere from 4 to 8 months to obtain the judgment. Mrs. O'Brien indicated that the process is started and hopefully the Township will be able to get them sold.

Mr. Laurella stated that the property on Pine Street was taken care of last week and the "so called" open cess pool turned out to be a sand filled cess pool. He further stated that there was an open well on the property which the Township had to have capped according to State statute. Mrs. O'Brien noted that now that the property is clear it can be put on the foreclosure list, but currently the Township is foreclosing on the Harvest Lane properties.

Mr. Spatola indicated that the Township now has certification that the well was properly abandoned. He further indicated that Township needs to have a certification that the septic was abandoned properly and that may just be a visit from someone at the Health Department and they can provide us with a letter.

The Clerk presented Update-Request For Vacation Of South Shiloh Avenue From Spruce Street To Greenman Avenue (Sparacio Request) – Motion To Proceed With Vacation Of South Shiloh Avenue.

Solicitor Testa indicated that the matter was referred to the Land Use Board and the Committee received a memo back from the Board dated June 27, 2016 indicating their recommendation. He further indicated that the Committee will need to pass a Resolution for the preparation of an Ordinance to vacate that portion as set forth in the memo of June 27, 2016.

Mr. Laurella stated that it was a shame that the Committee back in 1985 did not include this in the Ordinance back then.

Mr. Spatola stated that he read Mr. Fralinger's dissertation about this issue and was a proponent of this matter being set straight for more than one reason but especially for the landowner. He further stated that he wanted to apologize, publicly to the landowner, as the landowner was forced to spend money to litigate this matter and put this matter to rest properly. Mr. Spatola indicated that he felt this was a matter to be brought before the Land Use Board and give them credit for moving this forward. He

further indicated that he agrees with Mr. Laurella that this should have been taken care of way back when.

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola for the preparation of a Resolution to proceed with the vacation of South Shiloh Avenue. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Abstain	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Danna	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

Mr. Laurella stated that the next step should be to notify property owners that adjoin South Shiloh. Solicitor Testa stated that his office will prepare the Ordinance.

New Business

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Resubmission Of Application For ADA Grant For The 2017 Fiscal Year – Motion To Approve Resubmission Of Application And Hiring Of Mark Blauer Of Blauer Associates In Connection With Resubmission Of ADA Grant.

Mr. Spatola stated that when Mr. Blauer came back to the Committee and indicated that the Township had an opportunity to resubmit for the grant everyone was interested. He further stated the Mr. Blauer was willing to make changes to make our application more appealing to increase our odds in obtaining the grant. Mr. Spatola indicated that Mr. Blauer noted that he would charge the Township \$1.00 to resubmit the grant. He further indicated that he had a meeting with Fralinger Engineering who stated that they would be willing to do any re-engineering for the Township for the grant pro bono.

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to resubmit the grant proposal and to hire Mark Blauer of Blauer Associates in connection with the ADA grant. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Danna	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

The Clerk presented Renewal of Automatic Coin Operated Machines Or Devices For Amusement Licenses For The 2016-2017 Term. Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to approve the renewal Coin Operated Machine or Devices Licenses. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Danna	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

Communications

The Clerk stated that there are no communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-109 For The Payment Of Bills. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adopt Resolution #16-109. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Danna	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

Public Comment

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

There being no comment from the public, Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio. The Committee approved

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

Rudy Danna, Jr., Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield