

REGULAR MEETING  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
JULY 20, 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 Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Spatola, Mr. Laurella, Mr. Sparacio and Mr. Danna. Justin White, Esquire, appeared on behalf of Solicitor Testa.

Departmental Reports

The Clerk presented the departmental reports of the Zoning/Housing Officer, Tax Collector and Treasurer and Fire Marshall. Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to accept and file the departmental reports. The Committee approved.

Ordinances

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2016-7-Second Reading And Public Hearing 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. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2016-7. The Committee approved.

There being no questions from the public, Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2016-7. The Committee approved.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Ordinance #2016-7. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2016-8 - Second Reading And Public Of An Ordinance Amending The Capital Budget Of The Township Of Deerfield To Provide For The Acquisition Of A Thermal Cameras 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. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2016-8. The Committee approved.

There being no questions from the public, Mr. Spatola made a motion seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2016-8. The Committee approved.

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to adopt Ordinance #2016-8. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Public Hearing With Regard To Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program. The Clerk indicated that this public hearing is in

connection with an application by the Township for a grant. The Clerk introduced Mr. Mark Blauer of Blauer Associates who is facilitating the grant for the Township.

Mr. Blauer introduced himself and stated that he is a grant writer based in Pennsylvania and currently works for Upper Deerfield, Hopewell, Fairfield, Downe and Deerfield Townships. Mr. Blauer stated that he has been doing grant writing since 1978 and last year he came to Deerfield Township with idea of applying for the Dept. of Community Affairs, Small Cities Program which would allow the Township to apply for \$400,000.00 for projects as proposed last year for ADA compliance at Rosenhayn Park and Frank LoBiondo, Sr. Park.

Mr. Blauer indicated that the application was based on a report prepared by Chuck Fralinger that proposed ADA compliance work at both parks. He further indicated that the Hoover Drive park in Upper Deerfield was extensively improved in 2013 with a variety of improvements to make it more handicapped accessible.

Mr. Blauer noted that the application submitted last year by the Township was an excellent project, but for reasons still not clear, DCA got the idea that they didn't like walkways in existing parks. Mr. Blauer stated that DCA took the position that the walkways were new construction and they didn't like the projects because the application listed new walkways to connect facilities that a person with a wheelchair could not access. Mr. Blauer stated that he and Mr. Fralinger met with DCA last year and could not understand DCA's position. He further stated that over the Winter the Commissioner of the Small Cities Program acknowledged that they were wrong. Mr. Blauer indicated that last year DCA received 40 applications and funded 21. He further indicated that the program is being offered again and new applications are being received now and are due by September 9, 2016. Mr. Blauer stated that since the State relented on the issue of walkways, he suggested to the Committee that the Township reapply and offered to do it for a \$1.00. He further stated that Mr. Fralinger is revising his old report, cleaning it up a bit and tweaking a few things here and there and resubmitting the same basic report. Mr. Blauer indicated that the Resolutions on the Agenda this evening are required and he will probably resubmit the application in the next 10 days and get it in especially early.

Mr. Blauer noted that the purpose of the application is to look at the 2 existing parks and make them compliant with ADA by making them more user friendly for someone in a wheelchair, with a walker or motorized scooter who might otherwise have trouble getting around our existing parks. He further noted that evidenced by the events that go on at the parks the parks are extensively used and we want to make them more user friendly for anyone with a disability that effects their ability to get around.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to open the public hearing on the Small Cities Development Block Grant Program. The Committee approved.

There being no comment from the public, Mr. Laurella made a motion to close the public hearing on the Small Cities Development Block Grant Program. The Committee approved.

#### Resolutions

The Clerk presented the following Resolutions (Resolutions 16-110 through 16-114) in connection with the Township's application for the small Cities Development Block Grant Program:

1. Resolution Awarding A Contract To Mark Blauer of Blauer Associates As Service Provider For A 2017 New Jersey Small Cities Community Development Block Grant

2. Resolution Authorizing Application Of A New Jersey Department Of Community Affairs Fiscal Year 2017 Grant
3. Resolution Approving Public Facilities Grant Management Plan
4. Resolution For Adoption Of State Model Citizen Participation Plan For DCA Small Cities Program
5. Resolution Identifying Small Cities Fair Housing And Equal Opportunity Officer

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Resolutions 16-110 through 16-114 in connection with the application for the Small Cities Development Block Grant. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-115 - Resolution Authorizing Preparation Of An Ordinance To Vacate A Portion Of South Shiloh Avenue. Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Resolution #16-115. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-116- Resolution Providing For The Cancellation And Transfer Of Certain Unused Capital Balances. Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to adopt Resolution #16-116. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-117 - Resolution Granting Final Approval Of The Barber Application to Sell Development Easement (Joan Barber – Block 4, Lot 34- Big Oak Road). Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to adopt Resolution #16-117. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-118- Extending The Grace Period For 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Taxes For 2016. The Clerk noted the extension would be until August 22, 2016. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella. Roll Call Vote:

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

#### Old Business

The Clerk presented reports from Department Chairpersons. Mr. Spatola stated that the paperwork for the new rescue truck is completed and will be going into production.

Mr. Spatola noted that he and Mr. Laurella will be meeting with the CCIA on July 26 at 3pm. He stated that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Township's redevelopment plan. Mr. Spatola indicated that he and Mr. Laurella met with Mr. Velasquez and Craig Truitt and discussed all plans and projects going on over at the landfill. He further indicated that a portion of the landfill's property is zoned in such a way under the old redevelopment plan that it prevents them from doing what they want to do with the property and the meeting would be discuss what can be done to revise the plan.

Mrs. O'Brien stated that the minutes of the last Board of Education meeting noted that the School will not be paying for the snow push box and declined our offer.

Mr. Spatola noted that the Township does have a new tractor and public works are very happy with it. He further noted that the Township got a great deal on it.

#### New Business

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Potholes On Morton Avenue. Mr. Laurella stated that the Township has been hearing about these potholes for almost 2 years and it's time to get South Jersey Gas to make the road level again. He further stated that there are over 100 potholes from all the new gas lines put in from Carmel all the way down to Landis Avenue.

Chairperson Danna stated that he had spoken with Abby Greenberg at South Jersey Gas. The Clerk indicated that Ms. Greenberg has left South Jersey Gas at the end of last year and have been replaced by 2 other individuals. The Clerk recommended a telephone call to South Jersey Gas and see what happens. Mr. Laurella noted that the potholes on Highway 77 in Bridgeton have been repaved as it was a mess after South Jersey Gas came in tore up the road for gas lines.

Mr. Spatola inquired as to the paving that it supposed to take place on Vineland Avenue. Mr. Laurella stated that the County is supposed to go out to bid in Spring or Summer and that he will follow up with the County Public Works.

Mrs. O'Brien inquired as to when the 4-way stop will be installed at Parvins Mill and Big Oak Roads. Mr. Laurella stated that he will also inquire as to that installation.

The Clerk presented Approval Of Use Facilities Application By Compass Rose Events For Lassonde Pappas For August 25, 2016 from Noon To 4pm (Set Up on August 24, 2016). The Clerk indicated that the application is in the packets from Compass Rose and they are a caterer representing Lassonde Pappas. She further indicated that they will do everything (bring their equipment in, clean up, security, etc.) The Clerk noted that they need to provide their fee and proper Certificate of Insurance. The Clerk indicated that she had forwarded it to the Solicitor for review. Justin White from Solicitor Testa's office indicated that besides the Certificate of Insurance they need to name the Township has an additional insured. Mr. Spatola noted that this caterer is a large company and this type of event is very easy for them. Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to approve the application by Compass Rose for August 24 and 25 at Frank LoBiondo Park (pending the proper Certificate of Insurance). Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Laurella noted that individuals from the Land Use Board feel that the Township should put sidewalks in. He further noted that a new church made application and it was part of the application review that sidewalks should be put in in the middle of nowhere. Mr. Laurella recommended that the Township put a freeze on this until the Township decides where the Township wants to start with them. Mr. Spatola indicated that the last time it came before the Land Use Board there was a lot of discussion about sidewalks that if the Township is going to entertain sidewalks it should start from in front of the municipal building. Mr. Spatola noted that every developer that comes in goes to our code book to see what is required. Mrs. O'Brien stated that if the Township is going to have a sidewalk system then the Township would have to pay for it in the future. She agreed that the Ordinance provides for a new owner to put the sidewalk in as part of the requirements of the Land Use Board. Mrs. O'Brien noted that a moratorium would be a burden on the Township and the taxpayers. Mrs. O'Brien stated that she does not feel strongly about having sidewalks in a rural community, however, she does not want to see the taxpayers of the Township be burdened if in the future that is something the Township wants to do. Mrs. O'Brien recommended that a review of the Master Plan and a discussion with the Township Engineer should take place before placing a moratorium. Mr. Laurella noted that the requirement for sidewalks could be held until if and when the Township decides to put in sidewalks.

Discussion was held regarding sidewalks in an agricultural community.

Additional discussion was held regarding changing the Ordinance.

Mrs. O'Brien recommended that no sidewalks be put in until we get clarification and review of the Master Plan.

Mr. White stated that under State or County Planning Boards there is an easement for the roadway. Mrs. O'Brien stated that she will take a look at the Master Plan and speak with the Engineer and see if sidewalks are related for pedestrian connection.

### Communications

The Clerk stated that there are no communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-119 For The Payment Of Bills. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio, to adopt Resolution #16-119. Roll Call Vote:

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

### Public Comment

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

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

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There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to adjourn the meeting. The Committee approved.

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Rudy Danna, Jr., Chairperson  
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

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Karen Seifrit, Clerk  
Township of Deerfield