

REGULAR MEETING  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 17, 2018

Chairperson O'Brien 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 O'Brien led the flag salute.

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

Minutes

The Clerk presented the minutes of December 20 and December 28, 2017. Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terrigno to approve the minutes as written. The Committee approved.

Departmental Reports

The Clerk presented the departmental reports of the Zoning/Housing Officer, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brago to accept and file the departmental reports. The Committee approved.

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #18-63 - Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A Contract With Cumberland Development Corporation For The Year 2018 In The Sum Of \$5,800.00. The Clerk noted that this is the same amount as last year. Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brago to adopt Resolution 18-63. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #18-64 - Resolution Authorizing The Exclusion Of The Public From A Meeting Of The Township Committee To Be Held On January 17, 2018 – Pertaining To Contract Negotiations And Personnel. Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #18-64. Roll Call Vote:

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

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Department Chairpersons.

Mr. Brago stated that Deputy Mayor Danna, Ron Shinn and himself attended a meeting in Upper Deerfield to meet with Cumberland Development Corporation with regard to the Committee being organized for the animal sheltering. He further stated that at the end of the meeting it was determined that a 9 member subcommittee would be formed of members from Salem and Cumberland Counties. Mr. Brago noted that was yet to be completed as to who the members would be. He further noted that there is no further direction with SPCA and their fees.

Mr. Brago also indicated that the Animal Control Officer has not captured any animals so far for 2018.

Mr. Terrigno spoke with regard to Streets and Roads. Mr. Terrigno indicated that he and Mr. Danna took a ride and looked at some intersections where the lights are supposed to on or off. He further indicated that they rode to Cherry Lane and Harvest Lane and that there are street lights on Harvest Lane and there is only one house on that road. Mr. Terrigno stated that they will get the pole numbers and bring it back to the Committee for the next meeting.

With regard to Buildings and Grounds, Chairperson O'Brien indicated that there were some issues with a heater. Mr. Danna stated that there were problems with the heater in the garage and 2 that are in the basement, one of which runs the Senior Center. He further stated that Public Works reached out to Laury Heating. Mr. Danna noted that the heaters are 20 years old and one currently needs a part that is approximately \$400. He further noted that there was another issue with the heater and there is no guarantee that the even with the \$400 part the other problem would hold up. Mr. Danna stated that the heater issue for the Senior Center needs to be addressed. Chairperson O'Brien indicated that she is looking into finding a renewable resource or sustainable initiative to replace the heating so that it's more efficient. She noted that she's looking at the State as there may be some programs to help us replace the heater at a more affordable cost.

Mr. Danna stated that there was some type of surge that hit the public works building as there was a problem with the heaters in the garage, Senior Center and basement. He further stated that he was not sure if there was a "ground" problem in the garage with the electric service and perhaps have someone come and look at that. Chairperson O'Brien noted that she was told that a surge had burnt up a surge protector and the camera system. Mr. Danna agreed and noted that it appeared that the surge took out the heater and the camera system at the same time in the public works garage. Mr. Danna stated that when the public works manager had problems with the camera system he called in DNS Solutions to come in at which time DNS took the box to download the hard drive but they were unable to retrieve any information. He further stated that DNS returned the box to the municipal building and the box was put in the safe in the municipal building.

Also as to Streets and Roads, Mr. Danna noted that public works did a good job on the roads with cleaning and salting the roads. He also noted that they salted some of the roads this morning.

#### New Business

The Clerk presented Discussion And Motion to Change Lane Use Board (Class III Member) Representative And Department Chairperson For Recreation. Chairperson O'Brien stated that the Committee is looking for interested members to fill those positions. She further stated that at the last meeting Mr. Stanzione voted for all Resolutions except those 2 items which he was named to be filling but those 2 seats need to be filled. Chairperson O'Brien noted that the Land Use Board meets the second Wednesday of the month and the Recreation Committee meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.

There was no interest to co-chair the Recreation Committee. Mr. Brago inquired as Co-Chair to Recreation if he would move up to Chair and the answer was yes. Solicitor Testa indicated that the Township doesn't need to have 2 liaisons to the Recreation Committee. Chairperson O'Brien thanked Mr. Brago for his willingness to Chair the Recreation Committee and asked that if he was unable to attend to please let her know so that the Township has representation.

As to the Class III Member to the Land Use Board, Chairperson O'Brien stated that the position does need to be filled and that meeting is the second Wednesday of the month. Chairperson O'Brien stated that she is currently the Class I member and unable to fill both the Class I and III position. Mr. Terrigno inquired as to why the person who was supposed to be filling the Class III position is not doing so. Mr. Stanzione stated that he felt that someone new should have the position. Mr. Brago inquired as to the Class III member and would attendance be required for every meeting. Chairperson O'Brien indicated that the Township Committee members to the Land Use Board are voting members as well as Township representatives to the Land Use Board. She further indicated that meetings are the second Wednesday of the month and that there is a course the members are required to attend. Mr. Brago stated that he would be willing to take on that responsibility.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terrigno to appoint Anthony Brago as the Chairperson for Recreation and the Class III member to the Land Use Board. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Discussion, Motion And Resolution To Appoint Representative To Attend Meetings Pertaining To The Cumberland County SPCA. The Clerk noted that Mr. Brago already gave his report as to the meeting that was held on January 11, 2018. Chairperson O'Brien confirmed that there is not a regular meeting schedule. Mr. Brago confirmed and stated that Anthony Stanzione, Executive Director, of Cumberland Development Corporation, indicated that emails would be forwarded in advance as to when meetings will be held. Mr. Brago noted the Township needed to have a voting member. Chairperson O'Brien indicated that it is important that the Township have representation and someone who understands the finances and what our obligations will be as part of this Committee. Mr. Terrigno stated that he would volunteer. The Clerk asked if 2 Committee members would be appointed to attend the meetings. Chairperson O'Brien noted that only one member is being asked to attend as part of the 9 member subcommittee. Mr. Brago indicated that Mr. Terrigno would not be one of the 9 persons, he would be Deerfield Township's representative to vote in those meeting when actual decisions are being made. He further indicated that the subcommittee is being formulated to gather the information and bring it back to the entire Committee to vote on. Chairperson O'Brien asked Mr. Terrigno to use Mr. Shinn's expertise and if he is unable to attend that someone else is able to attend the meeting. Mr. Brago noted that anyone can attend the subcommittee meeting and that you don't need to be one of 9 subcommittee members.

Mr. Brago made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to appoint Michael Terrigno as the Township's Representative in attending meetings with regard to the SPCA. Roll Call Vote:

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

As a result of the motion, the Clerk presented Resolution #18-65 Appointing Michael Terrigno As The Township's Representative At Meetings Regarding The SPCA. Mr. Brago made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to adopt Resolution #18-65. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Representatives To Cumberland Development Corporation – Motion To Appoint Representatives. Chairperson O'Brien stated that Cumberland Development Corporation is focused on promoting commerce in Cumberland County. She further stated that they do a lot of magnificent work and it is very rewarding to be part of those discussions for our Township and as part of the County. Chairperson O'Brien noted that typically the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are appointed to the Board and last year as Deputy Mayor was able to attend a majority of the meetings and found them to be very beneficial as to what benefits we are able to receive as a Township.

Mr. Brago made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to appoint Abigail P. O'Brien and Rudy Danna, Jr. as the voting representatives to the Cumberland Development Corporation Board for 2018. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk reminded everyone that in the packets this evening was a notice of the Elected Officials Seminar held by JIF. She noted that the next seminar is Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at Nicolosi Caterer in West Deptford. The Clerk stated that attendance would give the Township a \$250 deduction (per person) for attendance on our MEL Assessment for the 2018 year. Chairperson O'Brien noted that it saves the Township approximately \$1,000 if everyone attends.

Mr. Terrigno stated that he had questions regarding the number of parks in Deerfield Township. The Clerk noted that there are 5 parks. Mr. Terrigno questioned whether 5 parks are necessary within the Township. He noted that there is a cost to maintain those areas. Mr. Terrigno stated that it might be beneficial to liquidate a couple of them and take the money to upgrade the parks we do keep. The Clerk noted that a couple of the parks fall under Green Acres and was not sure what the requirements would be to remove them from Green Acres. Solicitor Testa agreed with the Clerk and asked that she check to see which are in Green Acres and noted that those properties cannot be tampered with.

Chairperson O'Brien noted that the Recreation Committee has input on the parks and it might be worthwhile for Mr. Terrigno to attend one of their meetings and discuss the benefits and uses of the parks.

Mr. Terrigno inquired if the Township has any say, input or oversight to the Board of the CCIA since the landfill is in Deerfield Township. Mr. Stanzione indicated that 2 people meet with representatives at the landfill here in Deerfield. He noted that those meetings are usually monthly, but if nothing in particular is happening they are quarterly. Mr. Stanzione further indicated that representatives to the CCIA Board are appointed by the Freeholder Board. Mr. Stanzione noted that somebody from Deerfield Township has probably sat on the Board for the last 15 years. He further noted that currently, George Olivio, sits on the Board on behalf of the Township. Mr. Stanzione stated that before Mr. Olivio it was Nate Pizzo and before him it was George Pizzo (?). Mr. Stanzione stated that the Township can call a meeting with the CCIA representatives. Mr. Terrigno stated that he felt the Township should have some type of say as the Host Community. Mr. Stanzione noted that what happens at the landfill the Township is made aware. Mr. Stanzione reiterated information regarding the current solar situation and how when the CCIA's project in the redevelopment zone is completed it will free up the solar grid and people in Deerfield will be able to get on the grid. He noted that it will probably take until the end of 2018 before that happens. Chairperson O'Brien stated that she has been working closely with them and Mr. Velazquez of the CCIA who came to several meetings and presented the plan. Mr. Terrigno indicated his conversation with

Mr. Spatola and the Township's ability to get solar. Chairperson O'Brien noted that the grid will become available but only at the discretion of Atlantic City Electric. Mr. Terrigno stated that he was concerned that the CCIA could make moves that might hurt the Township. Chairperson O'Brien noted that was not the case and they cannot make many moves without Township approval. She further noted that their land is in the Township and they do come before the Land Use Board in order to get anything approved. Chairperson O'Brien stated that their new building, their solar arrays, etc. they are coming to Township. She further stated that they cannot do anything outside their bounds and also noted that the Township has a very good relationship with them and we do receive a host community benefit that helps keep the local purpose tax down. Mr. Stanzione noted that the new projects will bring in approximately \$250,000.00 to the Township. Chairperson O'Brien stated that we try to maintain that positive relationship and keep open lines of communication so that we are aware of what their intentions are and are in line as what we want to see as a Township.

Communications

The Clerk stated that there are several communications this evening. The first communication was a Letter of Resignation from the Land Use Board from Frank Campagna. The Clerk read the letter into the record. Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to accept and file the communication. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Letter of Interest For A Seat On The Recreation Committee From Frank Spatola, Jr. – Motion To Appoint. The Clerk read Mr. Spatola's letter into the record. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brago to accept and file the communication. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brago to appoint Frank Spatola, Jr. as Alternate Member #3 to the Recreation Committee. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Letter Of Interest For Seat On Land Use Board From Placido (Pepi) Dragotta And Motion To Appoint. The Clerk read Mr. Dragotta's letter into the record. Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terrigno to accept and file the communication. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Brago made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to appoint Pepi Dragotta to the Land Use Board as Alternate Member #2. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #18-66 - For The Payment Of Bills. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna, to adopt Resolution #18-66. Roll Call Vote:

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

#### Public Comment

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

Laura Pizzo, 719 Maple Street, Rosenhayn came before the Committee. Mrs. Pizzo congratulated Mr. Brago, Mr. Terrigno and Mrs. O'Brien on their new positions in the Township.

Mrs. Pizzo stated that she was coming before the Committee on an old issue that was relevant when she sat on the Committee. She noted at that time the Committee felt there were an excessive number of street lights in Deerfield Township. Mrs. Pizzo stated that at that time it was decided to conduct a survey and different Committee people took different areas of the town and drove around and found that there were on some streets many street lights that had very little traffic. She further stated that after she left the Committee, the Committee followed through with doing away with some of the excessive street lights. Mrs. Pizzo relayed to the Committee how she noticed something different about her street unaware that some of the street lights had been eliminated. She noted that the street light parallel to her property had been eliminated. Mrs. Pizzo stated that she had some concerns about the elimination of the light, not because it illuminated her property but due to the fact that the light pole also held a transformer. She further stated that the light pole is directly across from her son's property and someone is going to hit that pole because there is no light illuminating it.

Mr. Terrigno noted that he too had the street light in front of his house turned off. He agreed that it is upsetting, but if it's not an intersection or a curve, how can you justify the light. Mr. Terrigno indicated to Mrs. Pizzo that he felt that her concern was more of a resident issue as opposed to a Township issue. Mrs. Pizzo relayed to the Committee a recent event that occurred in connection with the pole and how a friend of her granddaughter had missed hitting the pole due to the fact that it was not illuminated. Mrs. Pizzo also presented photographs showing the location of the pole and the tire marks in the grass. Mrs. Pizzo stated that she felt that this was a resident concern and more importantly a safety issue. Mr. Brago asked if it was more a concern of wanting the street light or a concern of someone not hitting the pole. Mr. Brago suggested that perhaps the pole could be moved so that it is not directly behind the driveway. Mrs. Pizzo noted that she personally would like to have the light back on, but the way the poles are they are within several feet of each other and was not sure how it could be moved in one direction or the other.

Chairperson O'Brien thanked Mrs. Pizzo for bringing this matter to the Committee's attention. Mrs. Pizzo asked that she be kept informed. Chairperson O'Brien asked streets and roads to look into the matter.

Mrs. Pizzo asked if the Township was going to be putting out a directory. She noted that it is so difficult to get in touch when you don't know who to contact. The Clerk indicated that there used to be a two-sided paper with all that information, but that hasn't been done in a couple of years. She further indicated that the Committee is looking into re-establishing that. Mr. Stanzione noted that perhaps it could be completed and mailed with the tax bills.

Gerta Hoerl, 537 Richards Road came before the Committee. Mrs. Hoerl stated that there is still an issue with the wires near Richards Road and Garton Road. She further stated they were hanging in the road again, but someone has tied the line to the street sign. Mrs. Hoerl noted that a tractor trailer could come down the road and take down a lot poles if it catches the hanging lines. She further noted that Verizon has come more recently and tied up the hanging lines, but now there are more. Chairperson O'Brien who the Township could speak to about the hanging wires. Discussion was held and it was agreed it depended on who the line belonged. Liaisons for streets and roads indicated they would look into it. Mrs. Hoerl stated that it's the 3<sup>rd</sup> time lines have been hanging.

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

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terrigno to go into Executive Session per the Resolution this evening. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to reconvene the Regular Meeting. The Committee approved.

The Clerk noted that as a result of discussions in Executive Session, Mr. Brago made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terrigno to contact Michele Kelly of Kelly Real Estate in connection with the properties on Harvest Lane. Roll Call Vote:

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

Chairperson O'Brien also noted that as result of conversation in Executive Session that she and Mr. Danna will be reviewing signage, cameras and alarm in relation to the public works garage and pole barn area.

There being no further business, Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brago, to adjourn the meeting. The Committee approved.

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Abigail P. O'Brien , Chairperson  
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

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Karen Seifrit, Clerk  
Township of Deerfield