

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
JANUARY 18, 2017

Chairperson Spatola 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 Spatola led the flag salute.

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

Minutes

The Clerk presented the minutes of December 7, December 12 and December 21 and December 28, 2016. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna 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 Mrs. O'Brien to accept and file the departmental reports. The Committee approved.

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-58 - Resolution For The Approval To Submit A Grant Application And Execute A Grant Agreement With The New Jersey Department Of Transportation For The Resurfacing Of Poplar Street From South Shiloh Avenue To Vineland Avenue. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Resolution #17-58. Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. O'Brien	Yes	Mr. Murphy	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes
Mr. Danna	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-59– Resolution For The Approval To Submit A Grant Application And Execute A Grant Agreement With The New Jersey Department Of Transportation For The Resurfacing Of Garrison Road From Bridgeton Avenue To Lebanon Road. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to adopt Resolution #17-59. Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. O'Brien	Yes	Mr. Murphy	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes
Mr. Danna	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-60- Resolution Authorizing Cellco Partnership D/B/A Verizon Wireless to Use Poles In The Public Right Of Ways. The Clerk noted that everyone had received the packet from Verizon Wireless for the installation of nodes to upgrade service. She also noted that she gave the packet to the Solicitor's office and they found no deficiencies. The Clerk indicated that the Resolution will hold the Township harmless and as an additional insured.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to adopt Resolution #17-60. Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. O'Brien	Yes	Mr. Murphy	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes
Mr. Danna	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-61 Resolution Approving Release Of Maintenance Bond Posted By F&S Produce Company As To Block 67, Lots 1 And 1.01. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to adopt Resolution #17-61. Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. O'Brien	Yes	Mr. Murphy	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes
Mr. Danna	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-62 - Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A Contract With Cumberland Development Corporation For The Year 2017 In The Sum Of \$5,500.00. The Clerk noted that this is the same amount as last year. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Resolution 17-62. Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. O'Brien	Yes	Mr. Murphy	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes
Mr. Danna	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-63- Resolution To Approve Disposal Of Old Checks And Deposit Slips For Various Municipal Accounts No Longer Needed By The Township Of Deerfield. The Clerk noted that the accounts were not be done away with just the old checks and deposit slips that were drawn on banks the Township no longer uses. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to adopt Resolution #17-63. Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. O'Brien	Yes	Mr. Murphy	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes
Mr. Danna	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-64 - Resolution Authorizing The Exclusion Of The Public From A Meeting Of The Township Committee To Be Held On January 18, 2017. Mr. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Resolution #17-64. Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. O'Brien	Yes	Mr. Murphy	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes
Mr. Danna	Yes		

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Department Chairpersons.

Mr. Stanzione stated that he has not yet met with Recreation. The Clerk noted that Mr. Stanzione and Mr. Murphy received reminders for the Recreation meeting to be held on January 25, 2017.

As to streets and roads, Mr. Stanzione indicated that he needs to reach out to Atlantic City Electric to give them some pole numbers and have them install some lights.

Chairperson Spatola stated that he and Mr. Danna met with the Fire and EMS Chiefs and conducted interviews for additional part-time paid EMTs to help fill the

schedule. He further stated that 3 people were interviewed and a Resolution will be prepared for the next meeting.

With regard to Finance, Chairperson Spatola noted that the Township Committee will meet for a budget workshop to begin to work out the budget for 2017.

New Business

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Representatives To Cumberland Development Corporation – Motion To Appoint Representatives. The Clerk noted that the form to appoint the representatives was in the packet this evening. She further noted that in the past the Mayor and Deputy Mayor attend these meetings.

Chairperson Spatola stated that in 2016 it was he and Mr. Danna and noted that he would be willing to do it again this year. Mrs. O'Brien indicated that she would be comfortable serving on the Board. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to appoint Frank Spatola and Abigail O'Brien as the voting representatives to the Cumberland Development Corporation Board for 2017. Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. O'Brien	Yes	Mr. Murphy	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes
Mr. Danna	Yes		

The Clerk presented Bingo Application from the Deerfield Township PTO on May 12, 2017. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to approve the Bingo Application by the Deerfield Township PTO. Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. O'Brien	Yes	Mr. Murphy	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes
Mr. Danna	Yes		

The Clerk presented Raffle Application for an on premises 50/50 raffle from the Deerfield Township PTO for May 12, 2017. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the Raffle Application. Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. O'Brien	Yes	Mr. Murphy	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes
Mr. Danna	Yes		

The Clerk presented Raffle Application for an on premises Merchandise Raffle from the Deerfield Township PTO for May 12, 2017. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien. Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. O'Brien	Yes	Mr. Murphy	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes
Mr. Danna	Yes		

Communications

The Clerk stated that there are no communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-65 For The Payment Of Bills. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to adopt Resolution #17-65. Roll Call Vote:

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

Public Comment

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to open the meeting to the public. The Committee approved.

Mr. James Hughes of Morton Avenue came before the Committee. Mr. Hughes questioned what if anything the Township was doing to help the residents get solar. Mr. Hughes stated that he has been trying for 3 years and has been unable to get it.

Chairperson Spatola stated that he recently spoke with Jerry Velasquez of the CCIA and Bert Lopez of Atlantic City Electric. He further stated that the problem is that Deerfield residents are having difficulty being added to the grid due to the fact that the Township is on the same distribution line as the CCIA who puts a lot on the line. Chairperson Spatola stated that the CCIA has a couple of proposed projects that will add rateables to the Township one of which is a IT data center which will require about 40 MW to run it and the other project is a solar project. He further stated that their idea is to ultimately run their entire entity on solar and diesel generators that they have.

Chairperson Spatola noted that the question to Atlantic City Electric is that going to free up the grid. He further noted that the Township needs to separate from them or the CCIA needs to be taken off and leave room for the Township residents. Chairperson Spatola stated that the two entities are supposed to meet next week and get back to the Township.

Mr. Hughes questioned how 5 other residents were able to get solar in the past year and he has been unable to for the last 3 years. Chairperson Spatola stated that he was not aware how that happened. He further stated that he is aware that people have pulled permits and then were unable to follow through with the project due to the unavailability on the grid. Chairperson Spatola indicated that it is not fair to the Township as one of two municipalities in the State who cannot get solar because we are tied into this big entity. He further indicated that the Township is anxious to have both entities provide the Township with an answer as to how the residents of our Township can do solar.

Mrs. O'Brien also noted that it is a point of discussion with the Land Use Board and the CCIA came before the Board to discuss their proposal and any rateables. Mrs. O'Brien encouraged Mr. Hughes to attend the Land Use Board meetings as there have been discussions there also.

Chairperson Spatola stated that ideally it is important to get the CCIA off the grid which is broken down into "distribution" and "transmission" and currently the CCIA is on the distribution part of the grid and need to be on the transmission side of the grid thereby freeing up the grid for Township residents. Mrs. O'Brien noted that essentially it is a capacity issue and the data center would be fed behind the meter which would take the load off the grid. She further noted that the CCIA came to the Land Use Board to propose a solution to allow the residents access to some of that capacity. Mrs. O'Brien stated that it is the Township's responsibility to do "due diligence" and make sure the plan will allow for it. She further stated that the Township is currently determining the best way to set in order guidelines that allow the Township to be protected and give the residents the outcome they are expecting. Chairperson Spatola agreed with Mrs. O'Brien and noted that the Township needs to get something in writing to protect the Township and enforce the access for solar.

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.

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to go into Executive Session per the Resolution this evening. Roll Call Vote:

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

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

The Clerk noted that as a result of discussions in Executive Session, Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to have an Ordinance prepared for a Redevelopment Entity for first reading on February 1, 2017. Roll Call Vote:

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

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

Frank R. Spatola, Jr., Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield