

REGULAR MEETING  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 18, 2017

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. Stanzione, Mr. Danna and Mrs. O'Brien. Mr. Danna and Mr. Spatola were unavailable this evening.

Departmental Reports

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

Resolutions:

The Clerk stated that there were no Resolutions this evening.

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Department Chairs. Mr. Murphy stated that the Harvest Festival was a success and the weather held up. He noted that a lot of the vendors sold out and there were good crowds on Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Stanzione indicated that there was a dedication of the park for Eugenia Johnson and there will be a formal dedication at the park. He further indicated that the signs just came in today.

With regard to streets and roads, Mr. Stanzione stated that Morton Avenue is being torn up as drains and piping are being installed before it is blacktopped.

Chairperson O'Brien inquired as to a report from the Recreation Committee as to the Harvest Festival. Mr. Murphy stated there will be a report after the Recreation Meeting and Mr. Stanzione noted that the meeting has been postponed until November 1, 2017. Clerk stated that the report will be sometime after the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Chairperson O'Brien stated that she spoke with Zoning Officer about the 911 posts and creating a list. She further stated that the Zoning Officer indicated that he does not have capacity and will do so when he has free time. Chairperson O'Brien indicated that the Zoning Officer is over-burdened and does not have the ability to do so and the Committee might have to form a subcommittee to check the 911 posts. Mr. Stanzione suggested that the Township Committee should be on the lookout as they ride around, but perhaps that Emergency Management Officer could take a ride around and see what he sees or perhaps the Township should just send a notice out to all the residents. Chairperson O'Brien agreed and asked the Clerk to draft something to be sent to the residents giving them until January 1, 2018 to get their emergency post up to standard. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to send a letter out to Township residents regarding their 911 posts. Roll Call Vote:

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

New Business

The Clerk presented Update- Request From New Jersey State Police To Use Municipal Parking Area For DWI Check Point On Saturday, November 18, 2017. The Clerk stated that she received a telephone call from Sgt. Rocap of the Buena Vista Barracks to use the municipal parking area for a DWI check point on Saturday, November 18, 2017. She further stated that she indicated to Sgt. Rocap that should be fine as there were no issues the last time back in May

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Additional Hours For Zoning-Housing Officer. The Clerk indicated that Mr. Danna asked that this be put on the Agenda for this evening, however, due to the fact that Mr. Danna was not available this evening the matter should be tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to table the discussion regarding the additional hours for the zoning-housing officer until the next meeting. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Update- Discussion Of Items From Land Use Board Meeting – Municipal Survey Regarding Master Plan and Water And Sewer And Possible Meeting to Update Residents On Solar For Township. Chairperson O'Brien stated that at the Land Use Board Meetings the Board is in the process of reviewing the Master Plan as there is a requirement to review it every so many years. She further stated that during the review the surveys from the residents are over 10 years and the Board wanted to send out another survey to see if our fingers are still on the pulse of our residents and see if they still want to maintain the same kind of community we have been reaching for before we make any changes.

Mr. Stanzione asked if we were going to send a survey in conjunction with the letter for the 911 posts. Chairperson O'Brien noted that could be possible but was not sure of the speed in which the survey can be drafted. She further noted that there is no money in the budget for the planner to draft the survey as the review of the Master Plan was not allocated in the 2017 budget. Chairperson O'Brien stated that she has the professional capacity to draft the survey from the previous survey, but she could not bring it up before the Board until the next Land Use Meeting.

Mr. Stanzione asked about the collection rate and if it was necessary to redo the Master Plan. Chairperson O'Brien stated that the Township is not redoing the Master Plan but doing a review of the Master Plan. She further stated that it could be reviewed with no changes and the Township will move on but Land Use Board is carefully reassessing the needs of the Township to make sure it still meets the desire of the residents and the Township stays a mostly agricultural community. Mr. Stanzione asked if the Land Use Board should review the Master Plan in its entirety and then send out the survey. Chairperson O'Brien stated that it's important as the Board reviews the Master Plan to know whether people want the Township to maintain the commercial corridor along Landis Avenue, the portions of the Township reserved for preservation, etc. Discussion was held regarding survey versus physical attendance by residents at the Land Use Board Meetings. Chairperson O'Brien noted that the review of the Master Plan will happen over the next year as it's something that doesn't happen overnight. Chairperson O'Brien stated that she can bring the survey to the Committee for review and comment prior to it going out.

Chairperson O'Brien indicated that access to solar has been a hot topic in the Township. She further indicated that some of the members of the Land Use Board felt

that the residents of the Township were not informed well enough about the plans to free up access to solar in Deerfield Township. Chairperson O'Brien stated that she did share with the members that the Township did have Mr. Velasquez at a meeting to explain, both the Land Use Board meeting and the Township Committee meeting, what the intentions were but felt that it might not have been advertised publicly enough so that the residents were aware that this was happening and did not come prepared to ask questions.

Chairperson O'Brien stated that she spoke with Mr. Velasquez of the CCIA and about setting a meeting where he would come and we would advertise that the meeting is with regard to solar in Deerfield Township. She further stated that the Land Use Board indicated that they wanted to hear from Atlantic City Electric that the Township is actually going to get solar and after this project solar is actually going to happen. Chairperson O'Brien indicated that she and Mr. Stanzione are working with Mr. Velasquez and Atlantic City Electric to hopefully set something up. She further indicated that Mr. Velasquez is coming to the meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup> and that all minutes are posted to the website and anyone has access to that and we will reiterate that to anyone who is unable to attend that meeting and add a notation on the Township website. Chairperson O'Brien felt that this is our effort to make sure that our residents are really educated on what is happening and we are taking steps.

Mr. Murphy stated that he went down Richards Road on Saturday and that road is getting torn up at the curve and is holding water. He asked Mr. Stanzione join him in a conversation with the farmer and get something done. Chairperson O'Brien noted that when water is on the road it deteriorates the roadway. Mr. Murphy indicated that it's becoming a dangerous situation.

#### Communications

The Clerk stated that there were no communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-141 For The Payment Of Bills. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to adopt Resolution #17-141. Roll Call Vote:

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

#### Public Comment

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

Anthony Brago, 685 Morton Avenue, came before the Committee and wanted to have Mr. Stanzione relay a message to Mr. Spoltore that the Recreation Committee has done an exceptional job protecting his parents' property and most of the properties right around the area of the Harvest Festival. Mr. Brago noted that everything went well and the fire company did very well and the weather was excellent.

There being nothing further from the public, Mrs. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to close the public portion. The Committee approved.

There being no further business, Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy, 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