

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 2, 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 October 5 and October 19, 2016. Mr. Sparacio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to approve the minutes as written. The Committee approved.

Ordinances

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2016-11- Second Reading And Public Hearing An Ordinance Appropriating The Sum Of \$26,000.00 From The Capital Improvement Fund Of Deerfield Township for the Installation Of A New Roof For The Public Works Garage. Mr. Laurella stated that the Ordinance also includes engineering fees for the project.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2016-11. The Committee approved.

There being no comment from the public, Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2016-11. The Committee approved.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to adopt Ordinance #2016-11. Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-137 - Resolution Authorizing The Transfer Of Funds.

Mr. Sparacio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to adopt Resolution #16-137. Roll Call Vote:

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

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Department Chairpersons. Mr. Laurella stated that with regard to Morton and Landis, the Clerk called the State and the individual from

the State called him. He further stated that the State should be looking at the matter this coming week and that he should call them on Monday. Mr. Laurella noted that engineers came down over the summer and that he and Mr. Danna met with them. The Clerk indicated that she had received a call from Major Petroleum complaining about Willow and Landis. She further indicated that the complaint consisted of a concern about water and potholes. Mr. Laurella stated that he will talk to the State about that also.

Mr. Sparacio recalled that when the road was done last year that the OEM Coordinator wrote a letter regarding safety concerns. He suggested that the OEM Coordinator write a similar letter again concerning this matter.

Mr. Laurella noted that Mayor Danna addressed an issue concerning a drain near the bridge. Chairperson Danna stated that the County is supposed to come out and clean that out. He further stated that it keeps flooding all the way to Lebanon Road.

Mr. Spatola stated that a review of previous minutes will show that other Committee members have solicited the cleaning of that drain near the bridge at least every year for the last ten years. He further stated that the County has come and clean it out and blow it out. Mr. Spatola noted that when it gets to be about 8 inches of blockage is when we have to place a call and the County has to come out and clean it out.

Mr. Sparacio reminded everyone that Saturday, December 3, 2016 is Breakfast with Santa.

Also with regard to Recreation Mr. Spatola noted that everyone should have received a copy of the spread sheet regarding the funds spent and received for the Harvest Festival. He further noted that there are still some outstanding monies not accounted for yet and there was a loss of around \$14,000. Mr. Spatola stated that the Recreation Committee should be commended for the efforts considering the horrible weather conditions.

Mr. Laurella recommended a letter be sent to Recreation thanking them for their hard work. The Committee agreed.

As to fire safety, Mr. Spatola noted that he, Mr. Sparacio, the Clerk and the CFO met for about 2 hours with the Chiefs of Fire and Rescue and went over a lot of budgetary concerns, money disbursement and items being bought for the new rescue truck. He further noted that some of the expenses are large, but we are replacing some old equipment. Mr. Spatola stated that this new piece of equipment will be able to cut through both old and new vehicles where the old one can only cut through cars older than 2005.

Chairperson Danna asked what happens to the old equipment and if it is traded in. Mr. Spatola stated that he was not sure and Chairperson Danna said it should be auctioned off on GovDeals.

Mr. Spatola indicated that the 2 chiefs thought it would be a good idea that our former fire chief be recognized by the Township. He further indicated that it is the recommendation that a Proclamation or plaque be obtained to thank the chief for his years of service to the Township.

Mr. Laurella stated that everyone received a copy of the quote for the pole barn. He further stated that if anyone has any questions to please review it and get back to him or Mrs. O'Brien with any concerns. Mr. Laurella indicated that the engineers will be out to survey the property and put in marks as the Township needs to do a plot plan for the installation of the pole barn.

Mrs. O'Brien indicated that the Township has contacted Fralinger's and they will be conducting a survey and make sure they have concrete monuments so that we don't have to look for the lot line again.

With regard to the last meeting and the concerns of Mr. Olivio regarding the criteria for the sign out front, Mrs. O'Brien stated that there is no current criteria. She further stated that she and Mr. Laurella came up with a list of items of criteria that they would like to present to the Committee. Mrs. O'Brien indicated that ultimately they would like to leave it up to the Administrator. She further indicated that the Administrator will be contacted and the request will have to meet the criteria of a milestone birthday (90 years of age or older), returning service men and women, former Township Committee persons who have passed and former Township employees who have passed and served more than 10 years with the Township. Mrs. O'Brien stated that if there is a request outside the list of the criteria then the Administrator can contact the Mayor or property and grounds for a determination. She further stated that it is not the Township's intent to exclusive, but sometimes we are not always informed immediately and the intent is if someone wants something on the sign, they need to contact the Township Building.

Mr. Laurella suggested that she put something down on paper for presentation to the Committee. Mrs. O'Brien agreed, and noted that it is good when people come to the meetings and express their concerns. She further noted that there will be a policy in the future and the Township can recognize people that should be on the sign out front.

Mr. Spatola stated that the Personnel Committee did conduct the reviews with the full time employees. He further stated that they went very well and very inclusive. Mr. Spatola noted that it took approximately 3 hours and a lot was covered. He further noted that the information was put in the employees files.

New Business

Mr. Laurella stated that new landfill stickers would be distributed on Election Day. The Clerk indicated that she did not feel that was a good day to start as it will be extremely busy in the building with voting and people coming in to pay taxes. She further indicated that she would like to put a notice out first.

Communications

The Clerk stated that there are no communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-138 For The Payment Of Bills. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio, to adopt Resolution #16-138. Roll Call Vote:

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

Public Comment

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

There being no comment from the public, Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to close the meeting to the public. The Committee approved

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

Rudy Danna Jr., Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield