

REGULAR MEETING  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 16, 2015

Chairperson Laurella 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 Laurella led the flag salute.

The Clerk took roll call and members present included Mr. Danna, Mr. Spatola, Mr. Stanzione, Mr. Sparacio and Mr. Laurella.

Departmental Reports

The Clerk presented the departmental reports of the Housing/Zoning Officer, Tax Collector, Treasurer and Fire Marshal.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna, to accept and file the departmental reports. The Committee approved.

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #15-148 for the Transfer Of Funds. The Clerk noted that this is a short Resolution to transfer funds to the Dog Regulation line item. She further noted that the Animal Control Officer sometimes needs assistance from RS Animal Shelter and such assistance occurred over the last month and there were 2 charges that needed to be paid.

Mr. Sparacio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to adopt Resolution #15-148. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Sparacio	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes	Mr. Laurella	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #15-149- Resolution Designating The Month of June As Gun Safety And Violence Awareness Month. The Clerk stated that this is a carryover from the last meeting where the request was made for the Township to adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to adopt Resolution #15-149. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Sparacio	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes	Mr. Laurella	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Department Chairpersons.

Mr. Danna indicated that he spoke with Abbey Greenberg of SJ Gas regarding the holes on Morton Avenue from gas tie ins. He further indicated that Ms. Greenberg stated that she called their engineer and he in turn called the company that did the work and they don't feel there are any issues with the road. Mr. Danna stated that he disagreed with that assessment and stated that he will meet with anyone from the company that did the work and will escort them down Morton Avenue and show them all the holes. He

further stated that the holes were from the Sherman Avenue north on Morton to Landis Avenue. Ms. Greenberg said that she will make those arrangements.

Mr. Danna acknowledged the good job that South State did on joining our driveway to Landis Avenue and the resurfacing project.

In addition, Mr. Danna stated that he spoke with Freeholder Sauro regarding Vineland Avenue and Greenman Avenue. He further stated that there is a letter that indicates the roads that are to be done in the Township and that is to be received by next week. Mr. Danna noted that it has been years since the County's been saying they are going to do something with Vineland Avenue and the water problems in that area.

Chairperson Laurella noted that he and Mr. Stanzione were at a meeting 2 months ago and there is a list of road to be done and that Vineland Avenue is one of those roads. Mr. Danna agreed and that there a couple of roads on that list for the Township and he will submit the letter when it is received.

With regard to Maxon Avenue, a paper street, Mr. Danna stated that he received a telephone call from the Clerk who stated that Mr. Stanzione had called her with regard to Mr. Gaspar Puesi and a drain that was being installed on the paper street. He further stated that he did go out and see Mr. Puesi and that the Township will get back to him.

Chairperson Laurella stated that he would be speak with the Land Use Board Secretary regard that property and Mr. Puesi's claims that the paper street belongs to him. Chairperson Laurella believed that something had come before the Township Committee, but did not recall a Resolution designating the property to Mr. Puesi.

Solicitor Testa stated that having a right-of-way does not give an individual ownership to the property. He further stated that the only way to achieve ownership is by doing a Ordinance to vacate the road and then the property owners adjacent to it own half each up to the middle of the road. Chairperson Laurella noted that in the 80's the Township did away with a lot of paper streets and that road is one of them.

Mr. Danna stated that he would speak with Mr. Puesi's son as to whether or not he has any documentation regard his father's claim of ownership.

Mr. Spatola noted that Breakfast with Santa went very well and Santa was great.

As to fire and safety, Mr. Spatola stated that the Township has been "researching" with the fire chief and a member of the fire company and they have put forth specs for a new rescue truck. He further stated that the estimated cost for the replacement truck is approximately \$575,000.00. Mr. Spatola stated that the CCIA has agreed to provide the Township with a no interest loan over the course of the payment period to pay off the truck and along with the funds that were organized by Mr. Stanzione and himself. He further stated that 65% of the funds received through the ambulance billing will be put towards the truck and that is approximately \$65,000.00. The remainder of the money in that fund will be set aside for any needs of fire gear, hoses, etc. Mr. Spatola stated that a formal letter of request will be sent to the CCIA in order for them to put our request in their budget. He further stated that hopefully by Spring the new truck will be in works. Mr. Spatola indicated that the new truck is expensive but if the Township gets as much life out of it as the old one it will be okay. He further indicated that it was a tireless effort to work on the specs and the fire chief and former chief did a lot and cut things that we could do without. Mr. Spatola thanked the CCIA for their assistance and this is a tremendous arrangements and will it will be at zero cost to the taxpayers of Deerfield Township.

Mr. Spatola noted that he attended a luncheon with public works manager, Ron Shinn, on December 4<sup>th</sup> which was in appreciation for our generosity and selfless support of the Top Gun Classes South #43 – June, 2013 and #47- June, 2015. He further noted that this is something that is put on each year and it was the first time it was ever hosted in South Jersey and the Township was contacted for assistance and place to hold the class and as such the Carmel Building was available and it worked out well and the Township received a plaque.

Mr. Stanzione stated that he had nothing further to add to Mr. Spatola's report.

Mr. Sparacio noted that public works ordered their reflective gear and should be received soon. He further noted that the tractor tires were ordered and put on as of last week.

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding The Reappointment Of Recreation Committee Members And Infectious Control Officer For The Year 2016. The Clerk stated that this a carryover from the last meeting. Chairperson Laurella questioned the status of the Infectious Control Officer. The Clerk stated that it has come to her attention that the individual no longer runs with the fire company and him not being there is not beneficial to the member should there be an incident where the Infectious Control Officer needs to step in. Mr. Spatola indicated that there is a recommendation by the Chief for a current member, Casey Regalbuto to take over that appointment. He further indicated that she is a very active member and is very involved.

Chairperson Laurella questioned if there were any issues as to the Recreation Members to be appointed. Mr. Danna questioned if there had been any word from any Recreation Member who did not want to be reappointed and the Clerk indicated there had been none.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to have the reappointments made at Reorganization of Recreation members and to appoint Casey Regalbuto as Infectious Control Officer at Reorganization. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Sparacio	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes	Mr. Laurella	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

#### New Business

The Clerk presented Request From F&S Produce To Approve Addition Of Rapid Infiltration Basins To Complement The Existing Seepage Chambers And Spray Irrigation – 2 Applications – 930 Bridgeton Avenue And 730 Lebanon Road.

The Clerk stated that documentation had been received back at the end of October, but now the DEP is wants something in writing from the Township indicating the approval.

Chairperson Laurella asked if the Solicitor had to review the documents. The Clerk noted he had not an opportunity to review the applications and Chairperson Laurella asked that the matter be tabled until the special meeting so the Solicitor could review the documents.

The Clerk presented Renewal Of Bowling Alley License For the Year 2016-Campani's Legacy Lanes.

The Clerk noted that this matter and the junkyard renewals were in compliance for the year 2016. Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to approve the Bowling Alley License for Campani's Legacy Lanes for the year 2016. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Sparacio	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes	Mr. Laurella	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

The Clerk presented Renewal Of Junk Yard Licenses for The year 2016 For Deerfield Truck And Vern's Place 4 Parts. Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to approve the Junk Yard Licenses. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Sparacio	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes	Mr. Laurella	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

Mr. Spatola stated that it was brought to his attention by Mr. Stanzione that while the State was grinding up Landis Avenue that it might be a good idea to look into the Township receiving some of the millings from the road. He further stated that public works can spread that around and put where the salt is stored.

#### Communications

The Clerk stated that there were no communications this evening

The Clerk presented Resolution #15-150 For The Payment Of Bills.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio, to adopt Resolution #15-150. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Sparacio	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes	Mr. Laurella	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

#### Public Comment

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

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

Chairperson Laurella called Mr. Stanzione forth and presented him with a plaque of appreciation for his many years of dedicated service to the Township.

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

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Cosmo J. Laurella, Chairperson  
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

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Karen Seifrit, Clerk  
Township of Deerfield