

REGULAR MEETING  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 20, 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 and Mr. Spatola. Mr. Murphy was unavailable this evening.

Minutes

The Clerk presented the minutes of December 6, 2017. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to approve the minutes as written. The Committee approved.

Executive Session Minutes

The Clerk presented the Closed Session minutes of December 6, 2017. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to approve the minutes as written. The Committee approved. The Clerk noted the minutes of the Closed Session would not be released to the public until the reason(s) for their remaining closed is no longer applicable and the Township Solicitor has had an opportunity to review them

Departmental Reports

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

Resolutions:

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-151 – For the Transfer Of Funds. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #17-151. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-152 – Resolution Approving Liquor License Renewal For Judy And Rudy Danna For the 2017-2018 License Term. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #17-152. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-153 – Resolution In Support Of the Alliance For Substance Abuse Prevention Municipal Alliance Grant. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #17-153. Roll Call Vote:

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

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Department Chairs.

Mr. Stanzione stated that Morton Avenue is completed, but they are still working on Big Oak Road to get the right of way. He also stated that that next year if the weather holds out they will be doing Parvins Mill Road.

Mr. Danna asked if there was any update on Vineland Avenue. Mr. Stanzione stated that he has heard nothing further. Mr. Danna inquired if the County was completely done with the road. Mr. Stanzione indicated that he did not believe the road was totally done. Chairperson Spatola noted that there are 2 quite obvious repairs that need to be done. He further noted that unfortunately, one of the locations is at the end of his driveway. Chairperson Spatola noted that the area holds water at the end of his driveway for over week at a time and the other is the Ollets driveway. He further noted that just to the east of their driveway it's like a lake. Chairperson Spatola stated that he was not sure if the County has even addressed the issue at the Ollets once, but it's not good. Mr. Stanzione indicated that he would take some pictures the next time it rains and send them to the County.

Mrs. O'Brien noted that with regard to Buildings and Grounds the front gable was repaired and looks very nice and public works did an excellent job.

Mrs. O'Brien indicated that the speed bumps are not out and asked public works to put them back. She noted they were picked up when they were plowing snow. She further indicated that perhaps two additional speed bumps should be purchased as when you round the building you can pick up speed and there is a blind spot at the bottom of the ramp in the back of the building. Mrs. O'Brien suggested that perhaps the Committee review the installation of a stop sign or a pedestrian cross walk so as mark that people are coming out there as it has the potential for some problems.

Mr. Danna asked what was happening with the Harvest Lane properties. The Clerk stated that she spoke with the wife of the property owner on that street and the wife indicated that they cannot afford to buy all the properties, but were interested in one or two. Chairperson Spatola suggested that the matter be tabled as it is the last meeting of year and two new members are coming on the Committee in a few days. He noted that this is a matter that has been discussed quite a bit and the new members should have the opportunity to have input. Solicitor Testa noted that nothing could be voted on this evening as it was not on the agenda. Mr. Stanzione noted that it needs to be on the agenda but not for Reorganization.

New Business

The Clerk presented Discussion to Set Date For Budget Workshop- Motion To Set Date For Budget Workshop. The Clerk noted in the packets was a calendar for the month of January. She further noted that she has spoken to the 2 new incoming Committee people and they have given dates of January 22, 23 and 25, 2018. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to set Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. for budget workshop. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Renewal Of Bowling Alley License For The Year 2018 – Campani's Legacy Lanes. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to approve the bowling alley license. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Renewal Of Junk Yard Licenses For The year 2018 – Deerfield Trucks And Vern’s Place 4 Parts. Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to approve the junk yard licenses. Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. O’Brien	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes

### Communications

The Clerk stated that there were no communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-154 For The Payment Of Bills. Mrs. O’Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna, to adopt Resolution #17-154. Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. O’Brien	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes

### Public Comment

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

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

The Clerk noted that before the adjournment that Mrs. O’Brien make the presentation for this evening. Mrs. O’Brien presented to Chairperson Spatola a plaque in appreciation of his service to Deerfield Township as Mayor for the year 2017.

Mrs. O’Brien also presented Chairperson Spatola a plaque in appreciation from the Township of Deerfield for his many years of dedicated service to his community and his willingness to serve the residents of Deerfield Township from 2009 – 2017. Mrs. O’Brien thanked Chairperson Spatola for his service, for being the Mayor this year and for being a mentor and always having the best interests of the Township at heart.

Chairperson Spatola stated that it has been his honor and pleasure to serve the people of Deerfield Township for 10 years. He further stated that his prayers and thoughts are with the Committee to hopefully strengthen and guide this community in the future. Chairperson Spatola indicated that he feels good going away and leaving everything in good hands.

Mr. Stanzione stated that he forgot under Old Business that the two ladies from Stillman Avenue were in touch with the Health Department and they were told that they have to have their water retested. He further stated that the Health Department indicated that they are going that route, but it is not the Township’s responsibility, but the Health Department’s if something is wrong with their water. Mr. Stanzione noted that right now their water tests don’t show that anything is wrong with their water, but they are retesting.

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

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

ATTEST:

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Karen Seifrit, Clerk  
Township of Deerfield