

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 7, 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.

Committeeman Sparacio led the flag salute for his last meeting.

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 November 2 and November 21, 2016. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella 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 and Animal Control. Mr. Sparacio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to accept and file the department reports. The Committee approved.

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-140 - Resolution Authorizing The Transfer Of Funds.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Resolution #16-140. Roll Call Vote:

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| 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. Sparacio indicated that he and Mr. Laurella went out and checked on some street lights on curves, hills and intersections. He further indicated that a list has been prepared and submitted to Atlantic City Electric for removal or maintenance (if the light is to be on and the bulb is burnt out). Mr. Laurella stated that there are three lights for recommendations on curves (Rodgers Avenue and Big Oak Road).

As to Streets and Roads, Mr. Laurella stated that he and Mr. Sparacio met with a lady from the State at the intersection of Landis and Morton. He further stated that the State is supposed to come back in 2 weeks with a crew. Mr. Laurella noted that the inspection also went to the inlet across the street from the municipal building. He further noted that the inlet is past its usefulness and the State is also to look at that issue. Lastly the inspection went to Willow Street where there is standing water.

Mr. Spatola stated that this past weekend was Breakfast with Santa and it went extremely well. He further stated that the count was down a little bit and there was discussion to moving it to the second weekend in December.

New Business

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Proposed Resolution For The Establishment Of Fees For Services And Equipment Pursuant To Chapter 148 Of The Code Of The Township Of Deerfield (Property Maintenance). Mr. Laurella indicated that he asked the Clerk to put this on the agenda as it was discussed a couple of months ago. He further indicated that the proposed Resolution can be looked at and if anyone has any recommendations they can get back to the Clerk and she can prepare the Resolution in two weeks. Mr. Laurella noted that the Township can send public works out and charge for their time and our equipment with this Resolution.

The Clerk presented Raffle Application from the Deerfield Township PTO for an Off – Premises Raffle on February 7, 2017. Mrs. O’Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to approve the Raffle Application. Roll Call Vote:

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| Mr. Sparacio | Yes | Mrs. O’Brien | Yes |
| Mr. Laurella | Yes | Mr. Danna | Yes |
| Mr. Spatola | Yes | | |

The Clerk presented Discussion To Apply 2016 Dividend From ACMJIF. The Clerk noted that the \$7,534 can be received back in a check or the money can be applied to the 2017 JIF Assessment. It was the recommendation of the Committee to apply the dividend to the 2017 JIF Assessment. The Committee approved.

The Clerk presented date for 2017 Annual Reorganization Meeting. The Clerk stated that the recommendation is Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O’Brien to set Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. for the annual Reorganization Meeting. Roll Call Vote:

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| Mr. Sparacio | Yes | Mrs. O’Brien | Yes |
| Mr. Laurella | Yes | Mr. Danna | Yes |
| Mr. Spatola | Yes | | |

The Clerk presented Date For End Of Year Payment Of Bills Meeting. The Clerk stated that there’s a December calendar in the packet and recommended either Wednesday, December 28 or Thursday, December 29. Mr. Laurella suggested Wednesday, December 28th. Mr. Sparacio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O’Brien to set Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. for the end of year payment of bills meeting. Roll Call Vote:

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| Mr. Sparacio | Yes | Mrs. O’Brien | Yes |
| Mr. Laurella | Yes | Mr. Danna | Yes |
| Mr. Spatola | Yes | | |

Communications

The Clerk stated that there is a communication this evening and it is a letter from Joseph V. Sparacio. The Clerk read the letter from Mr. Sparacio whereby he resigned his position on the Township Committee effective December 8, 2016. Mr. Sparacio thanked his fellow Township Committee members for working with him and together as a Committee over the last two years. Mr. Sparacio also thanked the office staff for dedication to the Township and thanked the residents of the Township for their support.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to accept and file the communication with regret. The Committee approved.

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-141 For The Payment Of Bills. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella, to adopt Resolution #16-141. Roll Call Vote:

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| 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 Mr. Sparacio to close the meeting to the public. The Committee approved

The Clerk called on Mr. Sparacio to join Mayor Danna for the presentation of a plaque to Mr. Sparacio in appreciation for his time on the Township Committee. Chairperson Danna stated that he was presenting the plaque from the Township Committee for Mr. Sparacio's years of service and wished him good luck in his position as a Freeholder. Mr. Sparacio thanked the Committee for the plaque.

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

Rudy Danna Jr., Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield