

REGULAR MEETING  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MARCH 1, 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 Mr. Murphy, Mr. Danna, Mr. Stanzione, Mrs. O'Brien and Mr. Spatola.

Minutes

The Clerk presented the minutes of February 1 and February 15, 2017. Mr. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to approve the minutes as written. The Committee approved.

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-74- Resolution To Amend The 2017 Temporary Budget. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to adopt Resolution #17-74. Roll Call Vote:

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

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Department Chairpersons.

Mr. Stanzione stated that he noticed that the County is marking off Vineland Avenue and that should get started shortly. He also stated that something will need to be done about the farmer on the corner and put in some type of drive way to stop the road from eroding. Mr. Stanzione indicated that the County asked if Mr. Stanzione would join them to speak with the farmer.

As to Morton Avenue, Mr. Stanzione indicated that he spoke with the lady from the State and as soon as they start doing blacktop they're going to start that area. He further indicated that the State is looking for a contractor to clear the drain out near the municipal building.

With regard to the 4-way stop, Mr. Stanzione noted that the the County is still waiting on the State. He also noted that he reminded the State about the no passing zone on Landis Avenue.

Mr. Murphy stated that on Laurel Lane there is a dead tree that is getting ready to fall across the road. He further stated that he and Mr. Shinn went and took a ride to look at it and should come down. Mr. Murphy indicated that the Township had Sprouse Tree Service come and look at it and they are going to submit a price.

As to Recreation, Mr. Stanzione indicated that the Recreation Committee is getting ready for the Easter Egg Hunt and that there is a vacancy to be filled on Recreation.

Chairperson Spatola gave an update on the pole barn. He stated that the contractor for the pole barn called looking for the rest of his money. Chairperson Spatola stated that the Committee didn't come up with a number to put out to him. He further

stated that he would like to have a face to face with the contractor as the figure he offered was not sufficient. The Clerk indicated that she did not get to speak with the contractor as he had hung up and never called back. Chairperson Spatola stated that he and Mrs. O'Brien can meet with the gentleman and get him paid and get that finished.

Chairperson Spatola indicated that he met with the Court Committee and there has been a problem this year due to the fact that all of the holidays to be observed have fallen on Mondays. He further indicated that the court meets once a week four times a month and with the way the holidays fell and with requests for postponements it has become overwhelming for the court administration. Chairperson Spatola stated that it was voted on by the Court Committee that the court date will be changed from Monday to some other day during the week, but not a Friday. He further stated that the change won't take effect until July.

With regard to Fire and Rescue, Chairperson Spatola noted that after the last meeting the Chief's vehicle is not in good shape and it should be taken off the road. He further noted that he spoke with the Chief and he was going to strip the vehicle down. Chairperson Spatola stated that he has spoken with the OEM Coordinator and the Fire Marshal and the Durango is going to go to the fire house.

Mrs. O'Brien asked if there was an update on the foreclosures. The Clerk stated that she put in everyone's bin an email from the Tax Assessor who updated the values of each lot based on the current tax ratio. Mrs. O'Brien asked what the steps are to list the properties for sale.

Solicitor Testa indicated that there is a statutory scheme for the sale of public property and he will have his office prepare a legal opinion outlining the process. He further stated that the Township can set a minimum bid and will also give the Township the ability to reject all bids. Discussion was held regarding the value of the properties and what the Township would like to receive, the outstanding taxes and Land Use approvals that need to be completed.

Mr. Stanzione stated that it might be worthwhile for the Township to bundle the properties together and sell the properties as a whole.

Mr. Danna questioned other properties owned by the Township. Mr. Stanzione indicated that some of those Township owned properties are so small that you can't build on them and adjoining properties don't want them as they don't want the increase in their taxes. Mr. Danna noted the property at Pine and Maple Streets as a buildable lot and the Township should put that up and get that property back on the rolls also.

#### New Business

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Redevelopment Entity Meeting With F&S Produce – Motion For The Redevelopment Entity To Hold A Meeting Regarding F&S Produce On March 15, 2017 at 7pm Prevailing Time.

Solicitor Testa stated that the Clerk had contacted him with regard to this and the Redevelopment Entity is going to have a meeting to discuss contract negotiations. He further stated that he suggested that the matter be on the Agenda for tonight with a motion to set a meeting date, have it advertised and that the Redevelopment Entity will go into Executive Session at that time.

Mrs. O'Brien asked if the Redevelopment Entity meeting will be closed to the public. Solicitor Testa stated that if the meeting is going to discuss contract negotiations

then he recommended an Executive Session, but if it's just a general meeting of the Entity than it's open to the public.

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to hold a meeting of the Redevelopment Entity regarding with the meeting with F&S Produce on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 7 p.m. prevailing time. Roll Call Vote:

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

Communications

The Clerk stated that there are not communications this evening

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-75 For The Payment Of Bills. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to adopt Resolution #17-75. Roll Call Vote:

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

Public Comment

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

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

There being no further business, Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione, 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