

REGULAR MEETING  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
APRIL 5, 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. Stanzione, Mrs. O'Brien and Mr. Spatola. Mr. Danna was absent this evening.

Minutes

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

Ordinances

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2017-3 – Second Reading And Public Hearing Of An Ordinance To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14). Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2017-3. The Committee approved.

There being no comment from the public, Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2017-3. The Committee approved.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Ordinance #2017-3. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2017-4- First Reading Of An Ordinance Providing For Salaries And Compensation Of The Officers And Employees Of The Township Of Deerfield, Cumberland County, New Jersey. Mr. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Ordinance #2017-4 on first reading and to set Wednesday, April 19, 2017 for second reading, public hearing and final adoption. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2017-5 – First Reading Of An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #2000-7 Implementing The Length Of Service Awards Program For Emergency Service Volunteers In The Township Of Deerfield.

Mr. Stanzione questioned the amounts in the Ordinance. Chairperson Spatola outlined for the Committee the discussions that the liaisons had with the two Chiefs and they were amenable to increasing the \$500 to \$750 and then increase the other amounts accordingly. Discussion was held as to future increases and to address some of the issues the fire department has been having in maintaining volunteers. Mr. Stanzione agreed to the increase, but noted that the additional sum increase from \$500 to \$750 was appropriate but felt that the amount of \$400 to \$600 was too high and should be around \$500. Discussion was held among the members and Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to amend the amounts noted in the proposed Ordinance and to

table the introduction until April 19, 2017 by which time the corrections will be made to the proposed Ordinance. Roll Call Vote:

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

### Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-81- Resolution For Tonnage Grant Application. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Resolution #17-81. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-82 – Resolution Authorizing Shared Service With The Borough Of Shiloh For A Certified Recycling Coordinator. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to adopt Resolution #17-82. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-83 – Resolution Awarding A Contract To Sweetwater Environmental Management, LLC As A Licensed Operator For Water Treatment Systems. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Resolution #17-83. Roll Call Vote:

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

### Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Department Chairpersons.

Mrs. O'Brien reported for Buildings and Grounds. She stated that the department is obtaining some numbers to get the driveway resurfaced and sealed. Mrs. O'Brien indicated that the bill for the pole barn is being paid and a number was reached for a credit due to the improper color on the siding.

As to the properties for sale Mrs. O'Brien noted that the Township Committee needs to set a price so that they can go to auction. She further noted that the Committee received an email from Mr. Testa's office as to how that sale will need to go. Mrs. O'Brien indicated that an Executive Session will need to be held to set the minimum bid. Solicitor Testa recommended that the Committee reserve the right to reject all bids.

As to Recreation, Mr. Stanzione noted that the Easter Egg is scheduled for this Saturday at 9:00 am at the fire hall.

As to Streets and Roads, Mr. Stanzione indicated that he spoke with the lady from the State regarding the drain out front and she is working on having that taken care of. He also indicated that the State is going to be working on the corner at Morton Avenue. Mr. Stanzione stated that he also made a suggestion that the State move the stop lines on Landis Avenue back from the intersection approximately 20 – 25 feet in order to keep trucks from knocking down the light poles. He further stated that the lady from the State will be forwarding that suggestion to another department for review.

Mr. Stanzione stated that he and Mr. Murphy were asking for quotes to redo the basketball court on Vineland Avenue.

As to Vineland Avenue, Mr. Murphy indicated that the County has done some work at the location of Wenger Farm and the County has put some drains in and it appears that they are moving them quite a bit off the roadway and it looks that they might be taking some of the curve out near the training center.

Chairperson Spatola indicated that he spoke with a gentleman from South State and they are indeed going to stretch the curve out about 10 or 12 feet on the inboard side and take some of that curve out. He further indicated that two (2) culverts have been added to dump into the existing retention pond.

Chairperson Spatola also questioned the intersection of Vineland Avenue and Pine Street and wondered if the County would be adding a drain at that location. Discussion was held that the current repaving of Vineland Avenue was going to stop at Morton Avenue, but that it may go to Kenyon Avenue. Mr. Stanzione stated that he would check with the County Engineer.

As to Fire and Rescue, Chairperson Spatola noted that the issue of volunteers is still an issue. He further noted that the current pay week the hours were 30 hours over and two weeks prior they were 50 hours over the agreed upon 160 hours per pay period. Chairperson Spatola indicated that the liaisons have met with the Chiefs and discussed the fact that a certain amount of money has been allotted for payroll based on the agreement and the 160 hours per pay period. He further indicated that the Chiefs would be supplied with a spread sheet that will explain what the payroll is; what was spent for the payroll period and how many hours were over the 160 hours. Chairperson Spatola stated that the Chiefs indicated that there are periods when the department is less active and the differences in hours can be adjusted. He further stated that the spread sheet will show them what is available and show them how they can manipulate the manpower. Chairperson Spatola indicated that should they run out of payroll near the end of the year the remaining payroll funds will come from their other expenses budget.

Mr. Stanzione stated that he sat in the meeting with Chairperson Spatola and noted that the paid staff has gone from working an 8 hour shift to a 12 hour shift to make up for when people are out of town.

#### New Business

The Clerk presented a Request From The New Jersey State Police To Use The Municipal Building Parking Area For A DUI Checkpoint On May 5 and 6, 2017 From 7pm to 3am. The Clerk indicated that she had received a request from Sgt. Rocap of the New Jersey State Police asking to use the parking area of the municipal building during a DUI checkpoint to be held on May 5 and May 6 from 7pm to 3am. The Committee had no problem with the use and the Clerk stated that she would contact Sgt. Rocap and let them know of the approval.

#### Communications

The Clerk stated that there are not communications this evening

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-84 For The Payment Of Bills. Mrs. O'Brien inquired whether the payment for the pole had been corrected. The Clerk stated that the purchase order had been corrected and the copy of the bill list for the auditors. Mrs. O'Brien wanted the record to reflect that the payment to Oak Crest Construction was \$15,480.00.

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione, to adopt Resolution #17-84.  
Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Murphy	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	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, Mr. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien 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. Murphy, 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