

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MAY 17, 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 and Mr. Spatola. Mr. Danna and Mr. Murphy were unavailable this evening.

Departmental Reports

The Clerk presented the departmental reports of the Zoning/Housing Officer, Tax Collector and Treasurer. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to accept and file the departmental reports. The Committee approved.

Ordinances

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2017-6 – Second Reading And Public Hearing Of An Ordinance Appropriating The Sum Of \$15,000.00 From The Capital Improvement Fund Of Deerfield Township For The Resurfacing Of The Basketball Court And Improvements At Rosenhayn Park. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2017-6. The Committee approved.

There being no comment from the public, Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2017-6. The Committee approved.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Ordinance #2017-6. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2017-7 - Second Reading And Public Hearing Of An Ordinance Appropriating The Sum of \$27,000.00 From The Capital Improvement Fund Of Deerfield Township For The Resurfacing Of The Deerfield Township Parking Lot, Installation Of Handicap Door Opener And Concrete Floor For Pole Barn. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2017-7. 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 #2017-7. The Committee approved.

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Ordinance #2017-7. Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolutions:

The Clerk indicated that there were no Resolutions this evening.

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Department Chairpersons. Mrs. O'Brien stated that the Township has received three prices for the concrete in the pole barn and they will be reviewed and a recommendation made in the future.

Mr. Stanzione stated that the County is getting ready to blacktop Vineland Avenue.

As to Recreation, Mr. Stanzione indicated that Youth Night was just held prior to this evening's meeting and everything went very well.

Mr. Stanzione also noted that the State has fixed the drain next to the municipal building but they still need to come and put 2 drains in across the street. He also noted that the County has been out fixing some of the potholes throughout the Township. Mr. Stanzione stated that he inquired as to the 4-way stop at Big Oak and Parvins Mill and the County is still waiting on approval from the State.

New Business

The Clerk presented Update- Revised Redevelopment Plan- Approval From Land Use Board. The Clerk stated that the Resolution approving the revised Redevelopment Plan was in the packets this evening and forwarded to everyone's emails. She further confirmed that an Ordinance will need to be prepared adopting the revised plan. Solicitor Testa agreed and confirmed that his office will be preparing the Ordinance.

Mrs. O'Brien stated she had a question for the Solicitor that at the last Land Use Board Meeting the CCIA made another presentation and when they spoke about their goals for the redevelopment zone they mentioned an increase in the host benefit. Mr. Stanzione stated that he spoke with the Executive Director of the CCIA yesterday and it appears that the Township will be receiving approximately another \$250,000 a year in host community benefit.

Chairperson Spatola asked whether that increase would be based on the new projects. Mr. Stanzione believed it would be based on the new projects as they are going to have recycling and composting and all that weight from the composting will be charged and that tonnage will increase the Township's host community benefit.

Communications

The Clerk stated that there were no communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-96 For The Payment Of Bills. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione, to adopt Resolution #17-96. Roll Call Vote:

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

Public Comment

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

Mr. Stanzione asked the one resident if the trees had ever been trimmed on Richards Road. The resident indicated that a trimming company trimmed back the trees and it's better. The resident also commented on the intersection of Big Oak and Parvins

Mill and how crossing the intersection is difficult due to the conditions of the road that were created to alleviate water problems at the intersection. Mrs. O'Brien agreed that it is a condition that has not quite worked out.

The resident also spoke of poor drainage on Richards Road at the curve.

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

Mrs. O'Brien stated that there will probably be an influx of solar applications due to the Land Use Board and the understanding that the redevelopment plan will be freeing up space on the grid. She further stated that the presentation that was made indicated that there was a backlog of 100 applications and everyone is looking to get on the list. Mr. Stanzione noted that residents have to apply to Atlantic City Electric to get on the list. Mrs. O'Brien reiterated that they would come here for the permit. Mr. Stanzione noted that he spoke with Atlantic City Electric yesterday and stated there is a list and when the project at the landfill is complete it will open the line and that will be approximately another 14 months. Mrs. O'Brien noted that the Township would communicate with the zoning officer about the issuance of permits. The Clerk reminded everyone that it was established that the zoning officer would not issue any permits until the applicant brought in a letter from Atlantic City Electric indicating that the applicant can apply for solar and would be accepted into the grid. Chairperson Spatola reiterated that the project would take at least 18 months to start and 18 months to finish.

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

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

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield