

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
JUNE 21, 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, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Spatola.

Departmental Reports

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

Ordinances

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2017-8 – First Reading Of An Ordinance Adopting A Revised Redevelopment Plan For The Township Of Deerfield. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Ordinance #2017-8 on first reading and to set Wednesday, July 5, 2017 for second reading, public hearing and final adoption. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2017-9 – First Reading Of An Ordinance Providing For The Acquisition Of A New Rescue Truck And Appropriating The Aggregate Amount Of \$609,556.00 Therefor And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$521,556.00 Bonds Or Notes Of The Township For Financing The Costs Thereof. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to adopt Ordinance #2017-9 on first reading and to set Wednesday, July 5, 2017 for second reading, public hearing and final adoption. Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolutions:

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-105 Authorizing The Renewal Of Liquor Licenses In The Township Of Deerfield For The 2017-2018 Term. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to adopt Resolution #17-105. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-106 – Approving The 2016 Corrective Action Plan For the 2016 Audit. Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to adopt Resolution #17-106. Roll Call Vote:

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

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Department Chairpersons. With regard to Streets and Roads, Mr. Murphy stated that public works cleaned up the hole on Willow Street and had Ricky Slade Construction fill the hole, roll and seam it. He further stated the Ricky Slade started work on the parking lot on the east side of the building and did the basketball court at Rosenhayn Park.

Mr. Murphy indicated that there are still some issues with Vineland Avenue. He further indicated that some residents believe it is in worse shape than before the repaving. Mr. Murphy stated that he Mr. Stanzione inspected the area and felt that the County should be contacted as in its current condition it is unacceptable. Mr. Stanzione indicated that the work isn't finished and the Township should wait until we are told it is finished and then make known any items that are still not acceptable. Chairperson Spatola noted that he was told that the one curve on Vineland Avenue that is the worst, that the guard rail will be extended and raised.

Chairperson Spatola noted the repaving of the basketball court and asked for clarification that the repaving would bring the court up to regulation size. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Stanzione both confirmed that the repaved court would now be regulation size. He further noted that he appreciated the patience of the residents who pursued the repair of that court.

Mr. Stanzione stated that with regard to the grant the Township is applying for, he reached out to the County and they are going to give us a letter of support for the recreation areas to be improved for handicapped access. He further stated that he will be going to local group homes and asking them for letters of support that will increase our grant chances by 50% or more.

Mrs. O'Brien indicated that she and Mayor Spatola met with the Construction Official in Upper Deerfield this morning. She further indicated that the Construction Office stated that the Zoning Officer was to do the policing of the projects and does communicate with her when he finds there is a problem. Mrs. O'Brien stated that she and Mayor Spatola will speak with the Zoning Officer and also noted that there is no reason for the Zoning Officer to bring those matters to the Committee as he is already communicating with the Construction Official directly. Mr. Stanzione stated that there are couple of places in town that have some problems. He further stated that once the Zoning Officer does his job it is the job of the construction office to send out their inspectors. Mr. Stanzione indicated that he does not feel that is happening. Discussion was held regarding a certain project in town and how the resident is encroaching on the neighbor's property. Mr. Stanzione also relayed of another issue with another resident and the location of that garage. Mrs. O'Brien stated that it is not the Committee's responsibility to police these issues. Mrs. O'Brien agreed that when matters are brought to the Committee's attention that they be addressed but should be turned over to the construction office. Mr. Stanzione felt that the Township should be receiving some type of report indicating what properties have been inspected in the Township.

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Chief's Vehicle For Rosenhayn Volunteer Fire & Rescue. Chairperson Spatola stated that this is something that has been tossed about and due to the budget and different priorities at the beginning of the year that matter had not been discussed further. He further stated that due to the fact that the Chief's vehicle was in bad shape and needed to be taken off the road the OEM Durango was offered for temporary use. Chairperson Spatola indicated that there have been 2 or 3

times when the Chief or the Fire Marshal needed the vehicle and it was not available to the other. He further indicated that he was approached by the two Chiefs to bring this to the table tonight. Chairperson Spatola stated that it has been a couple of months since this was discussed and would be interested in everyone's opinion and thoughts.

Mrs. O'Brien inquired as to the 2 or 3 instances when the Chiefs both wanted the vehicle and could we find out what the circumstances of the "wants" were and whether they were "wants or needs".

Mr. Danna stated that in his opinion the Township should move forward with the truck. He further stated that there is money being offered from the Fire Marshal's account and the Fire Marshal should have priority for use of the truck. Mr. Danna indicated that the truck could be used by the fire department in instances of a fire to pick up fans, lighting or some other equipment that is not supposed to be in the same compartment with personnel. He further indicated that the Fire Marshal is also an arson inspector and the equipment for arson investigations could and would be needed to be locked in the truck.

Mr. Stanzione clarified that the new truck would be of first availability to the Fire Marshal and second to the Chief. Mr. Stanzione also clarified that the Fire Marshal needs a vehicle where he can store shovels, tools, etc. that he can't use in the Durango, so the Durango would go back to Emergency Management and this new truck would be available to the Fire Marshal first before the Chief. Mrs. O'Brien inquired what the Fire Marshal was driving prior to this and was told the Durango. Mrs. O'Brien clarified that the Fire Marshal has always had access to the OEM vehicle, but is now asking for a vehicle with more capacity for the tools he needs for his inspections and now we have the Fire Chief requesting a vehicle that has separate compartments so that legally he has that separation. She noted that we have one vehicle serving 2 people and Mr. Stanzione noted that it's actually one vehicle serving 3 people (OEM, the Fire Marshal and the Fire Chief).

Chairperson Spatola stated that there is money in the Fire Marshal's account where he could buy his own truck. He further stated that the Township has allocated \$41,000 for a new vehicle. He further indicated that there have been some problems with the sharing. Chairperson Spatola noted that the Fire Marshal may not need the same size vehicle as the Chief and could use a smaller vehicle.

Discussion was held regarding the use and need for the vehicle, who would have access, the need to require the importance of keeping a travel log. It was also discussed that regardless of whether it is one vehicle or two the Township is paying for the insurance. Mrs. O'Brien noted that even though we have the money we might not need to spend it and might need the money somewhere else down the line. Mrs. O'Brien stated that she wants the individuals to be able to have the ability to fill their jobs, however she would really like to know what the need is before the Township goes ahead and spends the money, even if it is allocated, it doesn't have to be spent.

Chairperson Spatola clarified that the Township needs to find out exactly what the needs are of both entities and see if it can be satisfied with one vehicle and the OEM truck goes back to OEM and if it cannot be mutually satisfied and the Fire Marshal is going to take money out of his account then the truck needs to be conducive for his needs also. Mr. Stanzione stated that if it's going to cost the Township too much money to equip the Fire Marshal with a vehicle and everything else then perhaps the Township should go into shared service and then not have to worry about a vehicle or anything else.

Mr. Danna indicated that if the right vehicle can be found to serve the both of them then it would be the same as what we're doing now. Mr. Stanzione agreed with Mr.

Danna that the vehicle should be used for just fire and not for running around. He also noted that if there are individuals that need training then the OEM vehicle could be used for that purpose. Mrs. O'Brien noted that the Township's primary concern is safety. She stated that if this vehicle is needed for the safety of our residents and volunteer firefighters and our Fire Marshal to facilitate his job, than that's the most important thing. Mrs. O'Brien reiterated that our primary concern is health, safety and welfare of our residents and volunteer firefighters. She clarified that she just wanted to know that this is about safety.

Mr. Stanzione felt that the Committee needs more information and Chairperson Spatola clarified that Committee would like more clarification, what their needs are specifically and what is the feasibility of the fact that one truck, which is partially paid for by the Fire Marshall, being outfitted so that it can serve both entities.

Mr. Murphy inquired as to old Expedition and what does the Township need to do to get rid of that old vehicle. The Clerk stated that the Township could accept bids on it just as when the Township got rid of the old large blue dump truck.

Mr. Danna inquired as to what more is happening with the abandoned properties. The Clerk indicated that they are moving along and that the Zoning Officer noted that one property has actually been sold. She further indicated that it is a slow process of getting them off the books. Mr. Stanzione noted that in the Zoning Officer's report that there are 5 abandoned houses being bought. He further noted that when he spoke with the Zoning Officer and Michele Kelly that even though she's pushing them she could sell 4 and then another 2 pop up.

Mrs. O'Brien inquired as to the status of the Harvest Lane properties. The Clerk stated that the ad went in the paper today. Mrs. O'Brien noted that the Township has broadened its reach to the Press and Courier Post.

New Business

Chairperson Spatola stated that he was approached by a gentleman who is a Township resident who has a contingent of people who play basketball at LoBiondo Park several times a week in the evenings. He further stated that this individual asked if the Township could revisit the light situation. Chairperson Spatola noted that it could be a pay as you go or a coin operated lighted switch in order that they could play.

Mr. Danna noted that one of our former employees is graduating the State Police Academy on Friday and felt that the Township could do some type of acknowledgment. Chairperson Spatola stated that for security reasons and the regimentation of the New Jersey State Police that a formal letter from the Township Committee with our sincere congratulations be delivered. The Committee agreed.

Chairperson Spatola stated that he and Mrs. O'Brien met with Anthony Stanzione and Stephen Paul representing the CDC. He further stated that they are pursuing a marvelous marketing program for Cumberland County called Cumberland Grown and they are reaching out to find investors and bring businesses and industry to the County. Chairperson Spatola indicated that there is a directory being formed of certified properties in the County so that you can go on the website locate properties in the County and make that marketable and attractive to people and industries. He further indicated that they have already a Phase I assessment to make sure there are no hazards in the ground. Mrs. O'Brien noted that the Township is at a significant disadvantage because we do not have the sewer and water of other municipalities. She further noted that they will be making a short list of properties that do fall within the industrial zone.

Communications

The Clerk stated that there was a communication this evening from the Deerfield Township School PTO. She further stated that it was a thank you note from the school for the water ice provided for the children on field day. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to accept and file the communication. The Committee approved.

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-107 For The Payment Of Bills. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien, to adopt Resolution #17-107. Roll Call Vote:

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

Public Comment

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

James Davenport of 449 Stillman Avenue came before the Committee. Mr. Davenport questioned why Verizon has never finished their job in providing Fios in the Township. He stated that he has no problem with his Comcast but felt that there should be some competition. Mr. Stanzione stated that Verizon wouldn't take Fios down there as there aren't enough homes in that location. He further stated that even though there are several houses near Mr. Davenport they still won't run it. Mr. Danna indicated that he has Fios just past his front door and he can't get it at his house. Mr. Stanzione suggested a letter be sent to Verizon to ask them to come to a meeting and explain why or what their criteria is for providing Fios.

John Barbagello address the Committee concerning the Durango. He stated that he was responsible for purchasing that vehicle back in 2006. Mr. Barbagello indicated that the Durango is used during disasters. He further indicated that it was parked at the municipal building for emergency or other use and then offered to the Fire Marshal to do his inspections. Mr. Barbagello stated the Expedition was purchased by the fire company with a grant and added a few extra dollars to the purchase it and it lasted them quite a long time. He further stated that the fire department needs a vehicle to pull the foam trailer. Mr. Stanzione noted that the Fire Marshal is also an arson investigator and that's when he needs those tools. Chairperson Spatola stated that it's the Township's goal to be very specific to determine what the needs are and meet the needs.

Mr. Danna stated that he felt that the foam trailer should not be pulled by the Durango as it's underweight to pull the trailer. Mr. Stanzione noted that the fire department has the brush truck to pull the foam trailer. Additionally, Mr. Stanzione noted that the foam trailer is used over 3 Counties (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties) and since it is housed here why doesn't the Township ask for some compensation from the other Counties to get a vehicle to pull the trailer. Mr. Stanzione stated that the trailer came in through a grant and perhaps a letter can be written reaching out to Salem, Gloucester and Cumberland Counties that we are in a need for a vehicle to pull the foam truck. Chairperson Spatola suggested he would reach out to the fire chief and see about getting a letter sent out.

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

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

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

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield