

REGULAR MEETING  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
JUNE 7, 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 and Robert Casella, Esquire attended for Solicitor Testa

The Clerk presented the Opening Of Bids For The Sale Of Properties Located On Harvest Lane. The Clerk stated that no bids were received.

Minutes

The Clerk presented the minutes of May 3 and May 17, 2017. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the minutes as written. The Committee approved.

Closed Session Minutes

The Clerk presented the closed session minutes from July 3, 2002 through April 19, 2017. She stated that due to receipt of an OPRA Request asking for certain closed session minutes it was discovered that no closed session minutes had ever been approved. She further stated that this motion was to approve those minutes. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the closed session minutes. Mrs. O'Brien abstained from the vote. The Committee approved. The Clerk indicated that the closed session minutes would not be released to the public until the reason(s) for their remaining closed is no longer applicable and the Township Solicitor has had an opportunity to review them.

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-97- Resolution Awarding A Contract To Mark Blauer Of Blauer Associates As Service Provider For A 2018 New Jersey Small Cities Block Grant. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #17-97. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-98 – Resolution Awarding a Contract to R&S Contracting Plus, LLC In the Sum of \$6,200.00 For A Concrete Floor in The Public Works Pole Barn. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to adopt Resolution #17-93. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-99 – Resolution Establishing Fees For The Services And Equipment Of The Township Of Deerfield Department Of Public Works Pursuant To Chapter 148 Of The Code Of The Township Of Deerfield. Mr. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Resolution #17-99. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-100 – Resolution Approving The 2016 Municipal Audit. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O’Brien to adopt Resolution 17-100. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-101 – Resolution Amending The 2017 Municipal Budget Of The Township Of Deerfield To Insert A Special Item Of Revenue And Appropriation In The Amount Of \$6,048.65 From The Clean Communities Grant Program. Mrs. O’Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to adopt Resolution #17-101. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-102 – Resolution Authorizing The Exclusion Of The Public From A Meeting Of The Township Committee To Be Held On June 7, 2017 – Pertaining To Contract Negotiations. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O’Brien to adopt Resolution #17-102. 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.

Mr. Murphy reported on Streets and Roads and stated that the State came out and fixed the drain near the entrance way to the municipal building and that seems to be working well. He did note that there is still water accumulating on the south side of Landis Avenue across from the drain.

As to Vineland Avenue, Mr. Murphy indicated that the paving is complete but there are several spots that need attention. Mr. Stanzione stated that he reached out to John Knoop from the County and asked him to go out and check on the areas. He further stated that in speaking with Mr. Knoop, Mr. Knoop noted that the road was designed as best as they could but because of the way the farmers are planting their fields it is throwing water out on the road. Mr. Stanzione noted that the County is going to be working with Ag Department and the State Ag Department to try and ask the farmers to try and plow their fields another way to help slow the water down. He also noted that the concrete apron at Morton and Vineland Avenue is all cracked and is falling apart after 2 weeks. Mr. Stanzione stated that as to the problem at Greenman Avenue unless the water can be slowed down the County is not sure how they can stop it unless they can get a grant to install swales and get it off the roads. Chairperson Spatola indicated that there are 2 farmers in that area and neither of them are bringing any water to the street. Discussion was held regarding the flow of water from Nixon Avenue to Vineland Avenue. Additional discussion was also held as to old farming practices versus the lack of leveling the fields. Mrs. O’Brien indicated that the Township exists on several underground streams and the water needs a place to go. She further indicated that water can’t be dealt with one section at a time, it must be dealt with on an overall master plan. Mrs. O’Brien stated that if the Township had infrastructure to move the water that might have been a solution but unfortunately there is a bigger problem with storm water management that is not being addressed. Discussion was held regarding the swales that used to exist in the Township and helped alleviate the flow of water and that those swales no longer exist. The Clerk was asked to see if she could locate any plan with the swales that were created in the late 60’s early 70’s.

Mr. Murphy stated that Recreation handed out water ice to the kids for Field Day. He also stated that the Committee had the pleasure to hand out ice cream and cake to the senior for the Ice Cream Social. It was noted that there were far less seniors attending the Ice Cream Social than in the past and it was a note of concern.

New Business

The Clerk presented Application For Special Permit from Rosenhayn Volunteer Fire Company for their Annual Chicken Barbeque on August 6, 2017. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the application. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Stanzione noted the shared service with Upper Deerfield for our construction department. Mr. Stanzione stated that the he did not feel that the Township was getting the "bang for the buck" and the Township is paying them a good amount of money and no one is around here. He further stated that it is not the Township Committee's job to drive around and check what's going on in the Township. Mr. Stanzione indicated that Upper Deerfield has taken on such a huge responsibility as they are also doing the us, the City of Millville and a couple of other towns that there isn't enough work force. He further indicated that over the weekends if you drive around Deerfield there are all types of projects happening and there is no one here to see it. He noted that no permits are being purchased and residents are doing things their way and not necessarily the right way. Mr. Stanzione suggested that the Mayor speak with the construction official. Mrs. O'Brien felt that perhaps she and Mr. Spatola meet with the construction official and see how things are getting done. It was agreed that things need to be done the right way for public safety reasons.

Communications

The Clerk stated that there are no communications this evening

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-103 For The Payment Of Bills. Mr. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Resolution 17-103. 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. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to close the public portion of the meeting. The Committee approved.

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to go into Executive Session per the Resolution this evening. Roll Call Vote:

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

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

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to set the minimum bid for the Harvest Lane properties at \$267,000 and to advertise in the Courier Post and Atlantic City Press, as well as the Vineland Daily Journal. Roll Call Vote:

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

Discussion was held regarding the preparation of the Ordinance for the revised redevelopment plan. Solicitor Casella confirmed that the Ordinance was to be prepared for this evening and that Solicitor Testa has all the information for the preparation. It was confirmed that all the steps necessary to have the Ordinance for the revised redevelopment plan prepared have been completed. The Committee discussed the urgency to have the Ordinance prepared and perhaps hold a special meeting to introduce the Ordinance.

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