

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
JULY 18, 2018

Chairperson O'Brien 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 O'Brien led the flag salute.

The Clerk took roll call and members present included Mr. Brago, Mr. Stanzione, Mr. Danna, Mr. Terrigno and Mrs. O'Brien.

Departmental Reports

The Clerk presented the departmental reports of the Zoning/Housing Officer, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terrigno to accept and file the departmental reports. The Committee approved.

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #18-127 - Authorizing A Person-To-Person And Place-To-Place Transfer Of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0603-33-006-004 Heretofore Issued To Rudy Danna And Judy Danna In The Township Of Deerfield, County of Cumberland And State Of New Jersey To Speranza Deli & Pizza, LLC. Mr. Terrigno made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brago to adopt Resolution #18-127. Roll Call Vote:

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| Mr. Brago | Yes | Mr. Terrigno | Yes |
| Mr. Stanzione | Yes | Mrs. O'Brien | Yes |
| Mr. Danna | Abstain | | |

The Clerk presented Resolution #18-128 – Authorizing The Acceptance Of Bids For Certain Township Owned Properties Offered For Public Sale. Mr. Brago made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terrigno to adopt Resolution #18-128. Roll Call Vote:

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| Mr. Brago | Yes | Mr. Terrigno | Yes |
| Mr. Stanzione | Yes | Mrs. O'Brien | Yes |
| Mr. Danna | Yes | | |

Mr. Stanzione's vote was yes to the properties purchased by Mr. Levin and no as to Block 19, Lot 9.

The Clerk presented Resolution #18-129- Approving The 2017 Corrective Action Plan For The Township Of Deerfield. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brago to adopt Resolution #18-129. Roll Call Vote:

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| Mr. Brago | Yes | Mr. Terrigno | Yes |
| Mr. Stanzione | Yes | Mrs. O'Brien | Yes |
| Mr. Danna | Yes | | |

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Department Chairpersons. Mr. Brago reported on animal control and noted that 8 cats and 1 dog for the month of July and while the animal control officer was away Ron Sutton covered for him and a bill was submitted for Mr. Sutton's time.

Mr. Stanzone reminded everyone that the fire department's chicken barbeque was coming up and would like to see everyone come and lend a hand.

Mr. Danna indicated that the new bush hog came in and everything is good with that. He further indicated that he has been in touch with a fence vendor and they should be here on Wednesday. Mr. Danna stated that everything went well in public works while the supervisor was on vacation. He further stated that the laborer did a good job. Mr. Stanzone inquired whether the summer help has been hired. Chairperson O'Brien stated that she and Mr. Danna will be reviewing the applications and bring them in for interviews as soon as possible.

Chairperson O'Brien indicated that she and Mr. Brago met with the Prince of Playgrounds from Landscape Structures. She further indicated that they met at LoBiondo Park and Mr. Brago took him to the other 2 parks. Chairperson O'Brien noted that it is the Township's intention to provide upgrades to all 3 parks eventually. She further noted that the intent is to start with LoBiondo Park and the gentleman will be giving pricing and different options for the park. Chairperson O'Brien stated that she is working on ways to privately fund those projects so they do not impact the budget through some grant money.

As to the DCA grant, Chairperson O'Brien indicated that she received a telephone call from Chuck Fralinger but was unable to speak with him at that time. She further indicated that she will get back in touch with Mr. Fralinger and see if there is any way to incorporate some of the playground upgrades into that grant.

As to the Township's solar issue, Chairperson O'Brien stated that she and Mr. Stanzone are continuing to work with the CCIA and Atlantic City Electric to try and pursue solar for the residents of Deerfield. She further stated that they are meeting with them to review their plan. Chairperson O'Brien indicated that she has been given a glimpse into and it looks like Atlantic City Electric plans to have a study completed by the middle of 2019 to review how we might be able to access solar. She further indicated that if it is in fact the result of their meeting next week, she and Mr. Stanzone have some ideas on how to expedite the process.

Chairperson O'Brien noted that when talking about the numbers the Township is looking at small, insignificant amount of power compared to what Atlantic City Electric is talking about. Mr. Terrigno noted that his in-laws in Cedarville are getting solar and can't see why Deerfield can't get solar. Mr. Stanzone stated that Atlantic City Electric has to keep that space open even though the landfill is getting off the grid. He further stated that anything that is dedicated needs to remain in case something happens at the landfill. Mr. Brago clarified that the dedication keeps Deerfield residents from being allowed the use. Chairperson O'Brien noted that the system was built to distribute energy not receive it and it's antiquated and every time they receive energy it recreates a surge. She further noted that Atlantic City Electric is concerned that Deerfield will be the tipping point.

The Clerk noted that the bid opening for the resurfacing of Poplar Street from the NJDOT grant will take place at 10:00 am on Wednesday, July 25, 2018. The Clerk noted that the Fralinger's will provide a spreadsheet of all the bids for review and acceptance.

Chairperson O'Brien stated that she has been trying to speak with Jerry Velazquez of the CCIA regarding the old landfill and our intentions for that old piece of property. She further stated that at the Land Use Board meeting there was concern as to why the fire school and the 911 center are both included in the proposed redevelopment area and she was going to speak with Mr. Velazquez about that also. Chairperson O'Brien noted

that Mr. Velazquez has assured her that there is no intention to do anything with them with the full understanding that we don't have any control over what happens as the County controls them and if the County chooses to change their use we can't stop that. She further noted that she will speak with Mr. Velazquez as to why those 2 facilities need to be included in the redevelopment zone.

Mr. Brago noted that the new Ipads are in and will be working with Clerk to get them up and running. He further noted that the Committee will probably be using paper for a few more meetings until the kinks are worked out. Mr. Brago stated that he met with Jen Sweeney from the College and she was a great help and a good contact who is willing to lend guidance.

Mr. Brago reminded everyone that Cinema Night will take place in the park on July 28th at 6:15 pm.

He also noted that in Carmel Park the old sphere will be taken down, but it has not happened yet and should be in the next week or so.

Solicitor Testa stated that he reviewed the Township's policy with regard to social media and the use of the Ipads and felt that our policy is comprehensive enough and we do not need to amend it.

Mr. Danna inquired as to the status of the well at the landfill. Mr. Stanzione noted that it is not finished yet. He further noted that there needed to be a hook up and a install a different electric box and a Knox box needs to be installed.

New Business

Mr. Terrigno stated that with regard to the rental of tents there was a discrepancy as to tents not to leave the Township except for use by other municipalities. He further stated that there was a tent rented and taken out of the Township which was brought to his attention by an individual who tried to rent a tent and couldn't do so outside of the Township. Mr. Terrigno asked if something could be arranged to rectify the situation in the future. Chairperson O'Brien indicated that she spoke with the Clerk about this and to amend the application to ask where the tent was going to be used. She further indicated that she did not know if the Township could impose a fine or revoke future privileges in the future. Mr. Brago inquired of Solicitor Testa if the Township could keep the \$50 deposit. Solicitor Testa inquired how the policy was implemented. The Clerk stated that there is an Ordinance for tent rental. Solicitor Testa indicated that he would have to review the Ordinance. Chairperson O'Brien reiterated that the application has been amended to ask for location of use. Mr. Stanzione indicated that the reason the tent rentals were limited to Township residents is because years ago everyone was coming here to rent tents and then the Township found out that someone was renting tents and then re-renting them.

Mr. Terrigno noted that the Recreation Committee has a trust with approximately \$77,500. Mr. Terrigno questioned why they are taking money from the Recreation – Other Expenses municipal budget to cover incidentals for the Harvest Festival. He noted that his problem is when reviewing the municipal budget for Recreation he is finding charges for the Harvest Festival which total approximately \$6,400. He further noted that is problematic considering Recreation has \$77,000 for the Harvest Festival. Mr. Stanzione noted that the money in the trust doesn't only have to be used for the Harvest Festival. Mr. Terrigno stated that is what he was told the money in the trust was to be used for. Mr. Stanzione indicated that the trust money can be used for anything that Recreation decides to use it on. He further indicated that if the money was there and didn't have the Harvest Festival the money could be used towards a new swing set or gym equipment. Mr. Terrigno stated that he was told by a Recreation member that

the money was a grant to start the Harvest Festival and the money could only be used for that purpose. Mr. Terrigno noted that the Festival is an expensive proposition and appreciates that Recreation is able to do so with the money available to them. Mr. Stanzione recommended that Mr. Terrigno provide the numbers to Mr. Brago and let him present it to Recreation for clarification. Discussion was held regarding the money expended for the Harvest Festival.

Communications

The Clerk stated that there were no communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #18-130 for the Payment Of Bills. Mr. Terrigno made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to adopt Resolution #18-130. Roll Call Vote:

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| Mr. Brago | Yes | Mr. Terrigno | Yes |
| Mr. Stanzione | Yes | Mrs. O'Brien | Yes |
| Mr. Danna | Yes | | |

Public Comment

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terrigno, to open the meeting to the public. The Committee approved.

There being no comment from the public, Mr. Brago made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to close the meeting to the public. The Committee approved.

Mr. Stanzione stated that he gave the County Gerda Hoerhl's phone number and she is quite happy with what has taken place at the curve and the farmer has moved away from the road.

Mr. Brago noted that the phone system has been put in at the fire house and it's a very nice system and they have to come back after Comcast updates the fire house to a commercial system. The Clerk noted that Comcast is supposed to come out on Tuesday between 9-11 am.

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

Abigail P. O'Brien , Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield