

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
AUGUST 17, 2016

Chairperson Danna 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 Danna led the flag salute.

The Clerk took roll call and members present included Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Laurella, Mr. Sparacio and Mr. Danna. Mr. Spatola was absent this evening.

Departmental Reports

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

Ordinances

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2016-9 – Second Reading And Public Hearing Of An Ordinance To Vacate A Portion Of South Shiloh Avenue Between Spruce Street And Greenman Avenue Within The Township Of Deerfield.

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2016-9. The Committee approved.

There being no questions from the public, Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2016-9. The Committee approved.

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to adopt Ordinance #2016-9. Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. O'Brien	Yes	Mr. Sparacio	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes

Mr. Laurella inquired from Solicitor Testa what was the next step now that the Ordinance has been adopted. Solicitor Testa stated that the Ordinance is now passed and the adjoining property owners can be offered the property to the middle of the road. He further stated that he will have Mr. Heck from his office send notices out to the adjoining property owners.

Resolutions

The Clerk indicated that there were no Resolutions this evening.

Old Business

The Clerk presented reports from Department Chairpersons. Mr. Laurella stated that he is still working with the County regarding Morton Avenue. Chairperson Danna indicated that he noticed that several of the potholes on Morton Avenue now have red squares around them and it appears they've been marked for repairs.

Chairperson Danna inquired as to the status of Vineland Avenue. Mr. Laurella stated that the project has been halted due to the lack of money in the Transportation Trust Fund. Mr. Laurella also noted that the 4-way stop at Big Oak and Parvins Mill should be installed prior to the new school year.

Mr. Laurella indicated that rumble strips have been installed on Lebanon Road and that County has been installing them on all their roadways.

Mr. Sparacio stated that the chicken barbeque went very well and they sold out for another year. He further stated that the Harvest Festival is coming up very quickly and the Recreation Committee could use help. Mr. Sparacio noted that if anyone knows someone who would like to volunteer to help it would be appreciated.

Mr. Laurella noted that the Township didn't hire any summer help and public works will need some help at the Festival. Mrs. O'Brien asked if there were some groups from the high schools that could use community service. Mrs. O'Brien recommended calling Cumberland Regional and Bridgeton as this is the type of activity that the kids could put on their resume. Mr. Sparacio noted that volunteers need to meet an age minimum as in years past some volunteers couldn't stay after a certain time or needed a guardian with them.

Mr. Laurella noted that on August 30, 2016 at 11:00 am bids will be opened for the lean-to. He further noted that 2 members of the Committee will be present together with the engineer. The bids will be opened and a recommendation will be made by the engineer and that no action will be taken on August 30th.

New Business

The Clerk indicated that there was no New Business this evening.

Communications

The Clerk stated that there are no communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-122 For The Payment Of Bills. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio, to adopt Resolution #16-122. Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. O'Brien	Yes	Mr. Sparacio	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes

Public Comment

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

Bruce Murphy, II came before the Committee. Mr. Murphy stated that it was brought to his attention today about the old Carmel Fire Hall and the well used to fill the fire trucks. Mr. Muphy indicated that while at work for D'Agostino Water Solutions they received a proposal to abandon the well. He further indicated that he wanted to bring it to the Committee's attention so that they could follow up and see where the matter is going to go.

Chairperson Danna stated that the new owner had given us permission to use the well. Mr. Laurella indicated that Mr. Spatola at met with the owner and at that time did not have time to deal with the well, but would later meet with the Committee and discuss the well and what's going to be done with it.

Mr. Murphy stated that the paperwork indicates a desire to do away with the well. Mr. Laurella asked that he and Mr. Danna meet with owner and discuss the matter and also see about getting a letter from the owner to that affect.

Mrs. O'Brien recommended that Mr. Laurella and Mr. Danna speak with Mr. Spatola first before meeting with the owner and see where his conversation left off with the owner. Mr. Danna stated that he would reach out to Mr. Spatola and speak to him about his conversation about the well and the Township's use.

Mr. Murphy stated that he wanted to bring it to the Committee's attention in case the Township needed water on that side of town.

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

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

Rudy Danna, Jr., Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield