

REGULAR MEETING  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 7, 2019

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 Mr. Terrigno, Mr. Brago, Mrs. O'Brien and Mr. Danna. Mr. Stanzione was unavailable this evening.

Minutes

The Clerk presented the minutes of July 3, 2019. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terrigno to approve the minutes as written. The Committee approved.

Closed Session Minutes

The Clerk presented the Closed Session minutes of July 3, 2019. Mr. Terrigno made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brago to approve the minutes as written. The Clerk noted that the Closed Session minutes would not be released to the public until the reasons for them remain closed is no longer applicable and the Solicitor has had an opportunity to review them.

Ordinances

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2019-4-First Reading Of An Ordinance Granting Renewal Of Municipal Consent To Comcast To Construct, Connect, Operate And Maintain A Cable Television And Communications System In The Township Of Deerfield, New Jersey. Mr. Terrigno made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brago to adopt Ordinance #2019-4 on first reading and to set Wednesday, September 4, 2019 for second reading, public hearing and final adoption. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2019-5-First Reading Of An Ordinance Amending Chapter 144 Entitled Peddling And Soliciting Of The Code Of The Township Of Deerfield. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terrigno to adopt Ordinance #2019-4 on first reading and to set Wednesday, September 4, 2019 for second reading, public hearing and final adoption. Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #19-85 – Resolution To Close A Portion Of County Road 634, Morton Avenue, (Northbound) From Shiloh Avenue To Landis Avenue And To Close A Portion Of County Road 735, North Shiloh Avenue (Westbound) From Morton Avenue To Greenman Avenue On Thursday Evening, October 10<sup>th</sup>, Friday Evening October 11<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> And Sunday, October 13, 2019 For The Deerfield Township Harvest Festival. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brago to adopt Resolution #19-85. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #19-86 Resolution Requesting Temporary 4-Way Stop Signs At The Intersection Of South Shiloh Avenue And Spruce Street And A Temporary Stop Sign On Willow Street At The Intersection Of Willow Street And Alexander Place On Thursday Evening, October 10<sup>th</sup>, Friday Evening, October 11, Saturday, October 12 and Sunday, October 13, 2019 For the Deerfield Township Harvest Festival. Mr. Brago made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Resolution #19-86. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #19-87- Resolution Extending The Grace Period On Third Quarter 2019 Taxes To August 30, 2019. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brago to adopt Resolution #19-87. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #19-88 – Resolution Approving The 2018 Municipal Audit. Mr. Terrigno made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brago to adopt Resolution #19-88. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #19-89 – Resolution Consenting to The Proposed Lower Delaware County Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan Amendment And Cumberland County Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) For The Downe Township Municipal Chapter And County Septic Management Plan WMP Components. Mr. Brago made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terrigno to adopt Resolution #19-89. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #19-90 Approving Jesse J. Harris And Joshua N. Cooper As Part Time Firefighters/EMTS. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terrigno to adopt Resolution #19-90. Roll Call Vote:

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

#### Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Department Chairpersons. Mr. Terrigno stated that he has received no complaints as to streets and roads except the same issues that we have been working with the County on.

Chairperson Danna asked if there has been an update on the sewer study. The Clerk stated that she had nothing more to report. Mrs. O'Brien stated that she had spoken with Fralinger Engineering about where the Township would like to have sewer and if they designed it that way it would cost the Township an extreme amount of money. Mr. Terrigno asked if someone could reach out and speak with Fralinger. The Clerk noted that Stephen Nardelli will be handling matters for the Township and Mrs. O'Brien noted that Michael Fralinger will be helping the Township on the park project and they are working on setting up a meeting.

Mr. Brago reported on Recreation. Mr. Brago indicated that he attended the last recreation committee meeting and they are still moving forward with obtaining bands for the Harvest Festival. He also indicated that recreation will be saving money on advertising and they are not looking for big time country band and are looking more at tribute bands.

Mr. Terrigno asked if the Township was going to keep the Festival the same or are there future plans for the Festival. Mr. Terrigno felt that the sooner we act on giving them due notice that will give recreation time to notify vendors and to cut back on a day to help reduce the traffic and trash issues. He also noted that if no one is coming in to complain about the Festival than why change anything. Mrs. O'Brien reminded Mr. Terrigno of the last time the Committee spoke to recreation it was too late for this year to make a change and to notify the vendors. She agreed with Mr. Terrigno that if there are changes that the Township would like to see then the recreation committee should be notified before this year's Festival so they can notify the vendors. Mrs. O'Brien also noted that Mr. Spoltore indicated to her that recreation may not be able to use the same vendors as Skelly's make money off of how many days they are available.

Mrs. O'Brien also asked if there was a way for the Festival to make money and that would benefit the recreation committee and future recreation events for the Township. She noted that the recreation committee has scaled back their entertainment and advertising budgets that are their 2 largest expenses.

Discussion was held among the members as to the future of the Harvest Festival and having a future discussion with the recreation committee. Mr. Terrigno reminded everyone that the Township is spending a lot of money on the park and does not want to see those improvement jeopardized. Mrs. O'Brien asked the Clerk to add to the next Agenda a discussion item for the Harvest and let the recreation committee know that it will be on our Agenda so they can have someone hear from the committee. Mrs. O'Brien also noted that she discussed with the engineer as to how the park will look with the new changes and how it will affect the Harvest Festival, bringing in the rides so as not to crush the new walk way, etc.

Mr. Brago continued with his recreation report. Mr. Brago stated that Cinema Night was held and poorly attended. He further stated that he spoke with Paul Hoffman from the recreation committee and possibly changing the event to a different time of year. Mr. Brago suggested possibly moving the event to late September and making it a part of a back to school event. Mr. Terrigno agreed with Mr. Brago's suggestion of moving the event to September and making it part of a back to school event and it might get a better turn out. Mrs. O'Brien suggested having the event posted to the Township's Facebook page as there are children that don't go to our school, but would like to attend, but they didn't know about it. Mr. Brago noted that he did put flyers in the 2 stores and the post office, but felt that the time of the year and lack of "advertising" precluded a good turnout.

The Clerk noted that she had provided the Committee with a letter from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District asking to use the meeting room on Thursday, August 15, 2019 from 11 am to 2 pm for their mobile outreach program. The Committee approved the use.

The Clerk also gave an update on the GovDeals auction. She noted that all the items sold when the auction closed this afternoon. The Clerk stated that she has heard from 3 of the buyers to pick up their items and noted that the Township should be receiving approximately \$1400 after the GovDeals commission.

New Business

As to GovDeals, Mr. Brago stated that he spoke with the public works supervisor today to see if he could get over to the fire house as there is some old equipment that can be sold. He further stated that he would like to see those put up for auction.

Mrs. O'Brien inquired if there has been a meeting with the fire department. Chairperson Danna stated that has not taken place as he was under the weather when the meetings were scheduled and had to be postponed. Chairperson Danna asked the Clerk to work on getting the meeting rescheduled.

Mr. Brago stated that he had a gentleman come and give a price on what it would cost to have the exterior of the municipal building pressure washed. He further indicated that the building would not be so much "pressure washed" as treated with chemicals to clean the brick. He noted that there several places around the building that are "green" and need to be cleaned. He also noted the expense of renting a lift and the time it would take public works to clean the building. Mr. Brago asked if the Committee would be interested in shopping that project out or tasking our public works with the job. Mrs. O'Brien asked what the cost would be. Mr. Brago didn't remember, but believed it was less than \$2,400. Discussion was held among the members concerning project and cost.

Mr. Terrigno stated that Steve Bateman from Fairfield Township brought to his attention the extreme amount of calls EMS is running to Millville due to the lack of service Millville is getting from Inspira. He further stated that he is waiting on the numbers for the number of times Deerfield is running into Millville. Mr. Terrigno indicated that Mr. Bateman would like to have a meeting with municipalities and EMS coordinators to see what can be done to rectify the situation and providing mutual aid when there is no reciprocation from Millville.

Mr. Brago noted that the Township would still bill the insurance company for the call and the balance would be billed to the individual. Mrs. O'Brien stated that the life blood of our fire and rescue is our ability to leave the Township and charge for the call as we do not charge our residents for services. Mrs. O'Brien felt that it is important to meet with our fire and rescue before having a discussion with another town. Mr. Terrigno did not believe Mrs. O'Brien understood the request from Mr. Bateman and to have municipalities come together and see if there is a way to rectify the situation of us going into other municipalities that are not giving us mutual aid.

Mr. Brago stated that he believed Mr. Terrigno and Mrs. O'Brien were correct in their thought processes. He further stated and agreed that when the ambulance goes to another town the Township gets to bill that individual as we don't bill our residents and we get to make some money. He also noted that if we don't run to other towns we won't have the opportunity to make as much money and fund the paid rescue staff. Mr. Brago agreed that the call volume is not as much as a city and it is not our responsibility to provide ambulance service to a town that does not provide it for themselves.

Mr. Terrigno stated that he brought the matter up this evening so as to join with Mr. Bateman and see if some type of roundtable could be convened to cover the smaller municipalities. Mrs. O'Brien agreed with Mr. Terrigno but did not feel that Deerfield will have paid personnel if the Township does not go into other towns and bill those individuals. She also noted that if Deerfield is not missing calls (and there is that potential for missed calls) but we have mutual aid with other towns such as Upper Deerfield and should be able to cover Deerfield.

Mr. Terrigno stated that he is still working on getting the numbers and clarified that if Deerfield is on a call to Millville then Deerfield is still going on the call. Mr.

Brago noted that if Deerfield needed a mutual aid ambulance from Inspira they would deny the call and say they don't have the resources to answer the call. He also noted that Millville has 14,000 ambulance calls a year. Mr. Terrigno felt that if Deerfield goes into Millville and the individual does not have insurance then Deerfield should be able to bill the City of Millville. Mr. Brago felt that discussion should be held with the Chief and EMS Chief of Rosenhayn and see how many times this is happening and felt that more research needs to be done before taking certain steps. Mr. Terrigno thanked Mr. Brago for his insight and noted that is why Mr. Bateman wants to have a roundtable. Mrs. O'Brien felt that it is important that we have all the information available before sitting down at a roundtable to discuss running to Millville.

Discussion was held among the members regarding contracting out ambulance service. Mrs. O'Brien noted that the money the Township spends on fire and rescue is always a hotly contested item and she wants to make sure that we are not cutting off some of that source of income that's helping to justify the cost of our fire and rescue. Mr. Brago noted that the money brought in by the ambulance service is not made to fully offset the expense of the service it's made to help relieve some of it and it will never fully absorb the cost of the service. He also noted you have to weigh the cost of a life versus what you're spending on the service. Mrs. O'Brien noted that the Township will not justify paying more. She further noted that she has been an advocate for more paid hours and justify that to those who are not by finding an income source to supplement it. Mrs. O'Brien noted that if we don't make any money and we don't have paid EMS then lots of people will lose that benefit in our Township and trying to manage those expectations on both side and maintain what we have built up over the last few years as it has been a struggle to get there. Mr. Brago reminded everyone that volunteer service is dying everywhere.

Chairperson Danna suggested leaving the discussion as is and wait until the Clerk is able to obtain the information from the ambulance company.

Chairperson Danna also noted that there is a street light out down by the school. The Clerk noted that the Township needs to the pole number and Mr. Danna stated he would get that number.

#### Communications

The Clerk stated that there are no communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #19-91 - For The Payment Of Bills. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brago, to adopt Resolution #19-91. Roll Call Vote:

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

#### Public Comment

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

John Orsci, 1009 Maxon Avenue, came before the Committee. Mr. Orsci stated that he had a couple of items. He further stated that there are SJ Gas flags near his house and questioned whether SJ Gas will be digging across from his house. The Committee stated that they were not aware of the reason. Mr. Brago asked the Clerk to check with the construction office to see if there was any permit.

The second item Mr. Orsci brought up was that near his mother's property the Township has mowed approximately 30 feet off the road as opposed to the 10 feet for other locations along the road way. Mr. Terrigno noted that public works had been working in that area. Mr. Orsci was wondering why as that his mother's property should be treated like all the other residents along the road. Mr. Orsci stated that he was not aware of any problem, and if there were a problem, he was not made aware of it. Mr. Brago questioned if it was near the swale and Mr. Orsci said yes, but the area does receive water unless the road is flooded.

Mr. Orsci brought up a matter from 2014 where there was a lawsuit. He noted that he had put a drain in on Maxon Avenue to keep the rain off his property, however, the Township owns 49 ½ feet of the road. Mr. Orsci stated that the he and the Township came to an agreement and he was supposed to upgrade the grates to engineering standards and was supposed to receive an easement. He further stated that he came before the Committee in 2017 and spoke with Mr. Heck and he said he would work on it. To date the easement from the Township has not been received and he has not provided the easement to the Township.

Chairperson Danna stated that the Township would have Solicitor Testa look into the matter. Mr. Orsci noted that he never received his easement and he has not provided the Township with their easement and said the Township has been diverting water onto someone else's property which is improper. He would like to get the matter settled.

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

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

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Rudy Danna, Jr., Chairperson  
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

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Karen Seifrit, Clerk  
Township of Deerfield