

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

Chairperson Laurella 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 Laurella led the flag salute.

The Clerk took roll call and members present included Mr. Danna, Mr. Spatola, Mr. Stanzione, Mr. Sparacio and Mr. Laurella.

Departmental Reports

The Clerk presented the departmental reports of the Housing/Zoning Officer, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Fire Marshal, Emergency Management.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio, to accept and file the departmental reports. The Committee approved.

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #15-128 – Resolution Approving Liquor License Renewals For The 2015-2016 License Term.

Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to adopt Resolution #15-128. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Sparacio	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes	Chairperson Laurella	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #15-129 – Resolution Approving Submission Of A Grant Application To The New Jersey Department Of Transportation For The Resurfacing Of Mulberry Street From South Shiloh Avenue To Cedar Street

Mr. Sparacio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to adopt Resolution #15-129. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Sparacio	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes	Chairperson Laurella	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #15-130- Resolution Approving Submission Of A Grant Application To The New Jersey Department Of Transportation For The Resurfacing Of Garrison Road From Bridgeton Avenue To Lebanon Road.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to adopt Resolution #15-130. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Sparacio	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes	Chairperson Laurella	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #15-131- Resolution Of Deerfield Township Authorizing Execution Of A Shared Services Agreement With The County Of Cumberland For Services Related To A Petition Before The Board Of Public Utilities

Regarding The Intended Discontinuance Of Maintenance Of Copper Landline Telecommunications Wiring By Verizon New Jersey, Inc. (Verizon NJ)

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to adopt Resolution #15-131. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Sparacio	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes	Chairperson Laurella	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #15-132- Resolution Authorizing Temporary Help To Serve As Drivers for The Deerfield Township Harvest Festival.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio adopt Resolution #15-132. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Sparacio	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes	Chairperson Laurella	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports from Department Chairpersons.

Mr. Danna stated that there was a second phone call from the resident that initially called about the speed limit signs on Garton Road between Landis and Bridgeton Avenues. He further stated that he has called the County 3 times and the Administrator sent a letter back in July and never heard back on that either. Mr. Danna indicated that the woman he spoke to yesterday at the County said someone would get back to Mr. Danna, but no one ever did. Chairperson Laurella stated that he will call the Engineer's Office and if we don't hear back then a letter will be sent to the Freeholder Chairpersons for streets and roads. Mr. Stanzione noted that he spoke with the County Engineer, John Knoop, and the County is going to lower the speed limit from the 4-way stop at Woodruff Road to where Bridgeton Avenue cuts off.

Mr. Spatola started with regard to Recreation. He indicated that Recreation met Thursday night and the purpose of the meeting was to start moving things forward for the Harvest Festival. Mr. Spatola noted that the main reason of the meeting was to try out some fireworks and find a location and bring that back to the Festival this year. He further noted that the vendor for the fireworks has been setting off practice shells at different locations to see what can be seen from LoBiondo Park. Mr. Spatola stated that he was not sure what the results were from the fireworks test.

With regard to Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Spatola stated that there was a roof leak and the seniors lost their television. He further stated that a claim was put in to the insurance company to replace it and that was to be approved today. Mr. Spatola indicated that a television was purchased and the line item will be reimbursed with the claim funds.

Also with regard to Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Spatola indicated that he and Mr. Stanzione met with Bob Mulford of Fralinger Engineering and the Fire Chief, Pete Jilinski. He further indicated that in review of the well specs, the cost is a little higher than originally anticipated. Mr. Spatola stated that a 10 inch well is in the proposal, but there was concern that may not be necessary to achieve the goal for faster water fill up. He further stated that a 1/3 of the cost is to prepare a site for turn around and fill up by a

truck. Mr. Spatola noted that Mr. Mulford will make some changes and a test well will be done and then it will go out to bid.

As to the well, Chairperson Laurella noted that we need to have the money in place before the well specs are sent out for bids and an Ordinance needs to be prepared. Mr. Spatola agreed, but felt that the bids should be solidified first and then there will be a proper figure for the Ordinance. Mr. Stanzione noted that the Township wants to move the process along quicker. Chairperson Laurella stated that you can prepare an Ordinance based on the Engineer's estimate.

Mr. Danna asked how the size of the well was determined. Mr. Spatola noted that Chief Jilinski spoke with Mr. Mulford and the well size was determined based on the Chief's information and what our needs are. Mr. Stanzione stated that the fire department wants to increase the volume to better serve the capacity of the trucks and reduce time to fill up. Mr. Spatola noted that Mr. Mulford is going to compare the price of a smaller well versus a 10 inch well. Chairperson Laurella asked what the estimated cost would be and Mr. Spatola stated that the estimate is about \$59,000.00. Mr. Spatola noted that the price included everything (well, paving, striping, switching, etc.)

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to prepare a Capital Ordinance in the sum of \$60,000 for installation of a new well in Carmel. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Sparacio	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes	Chairperson Laurella	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

Additionally as to Buildings & Grounds, Mr. Spatola noted that Mr. Mulford is finishing up with the specs for the parking lot to be resurfaced and adding 2 more parking spots for handicapped parking.

Mr. Spatola stated that the grant application for the parks has been completed and submitted and now it's just a matter of time until we hear about the grant.

Mr. Spatola indicated that there was a meeting with State Police regarding security and safety at the Harvest Festival. He further indicated that it was brought up by the Station Commander and our OEM Coordinator, Mr. Pizzo, that in lieu of the fact that there has been social unrest due to police conflicts, it was asked that the Township have an appropriate Ordinance in place that the State Police can enforce if there is an unlawful gathering or demonstration at the Harvest Festival that threatens anyone's safety or security. Mr. Spatola stated that he reached out to Solicitor Testa's office and they reviewed the Township Ordinance and he found the Ordinance to be sufficient and the Clerk sent a letter to the State Police to that affect along with a copy of the Ordinance.

Mr. Stanzione stated that he was Co-Chair to Mr. Spatola and had nothing further to add to what Mr. Spatola stated.

Mr. Sparacio noted that since the last meeting, the County Road Department came to Vineland and Greenman Avenues and did some tests of the soil there with regard to the drainage issues at that location. He further noted that the County filled in with stone and that will be a temporary fix and further noted that the County is looking to repave Vineland Avenue and install a drain at that intersection next year.

Mr. Sparacio stated that the air conditioning unit in the tractor has been repaired and our public works supervisor repaired it and it is working well and they saved the Township money. Mr. Danna wanted to clear the record that public works brought the

tractor over to his shop to remove the freon so that the unit could be changed. He further noted that public works did all the work.

Chairperson Laurella stated that he spoke with the Zoning/Housing Officer regarding a property owner who needed to demolish a building. He further stated that the property owner met with the Zoning/Housing Officer and was to get a price from a local contractor for demolition. Discussion was held on enforcement with regard to this property owner and the property to demolished.

New Business

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Trick Or Treat In Deerfield Township – Proposed Date And Time.

The Clerk stated that in the packets was a short email from Tony Stanzione at Cumberland Development Corporation indicating that at the meeting last Wednesday discussion was held regarding the date and time for trick or treat for Cumberland municipalities. She further stated that the recommendation was to set Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 4-7 p.m.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to set Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 4-7 p.m. for trick or treat in Deerfield Township. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Sparacio	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes	Chairperson Laurella	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

Communications

The Clerk stated that there were no communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #15-133 For The Payment Of Bills.

Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adopt Resolution #15-133. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Sparacio	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes	Chairperson Laurella	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

Public Comment

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

Pearl Riley of Morton Avenue came before the Committee regarding the Bagby property. Mrs. Riley indicated that Mr. Bagby is retired and is available during the day to bring in a proposal. She further indicated that she feels that Mr. Bagby is dragging his feet and has 20 years to take the property down. Mrs. Riley stated that she is concerned about the property and that the people going in and out of the property could burn it down and cause a fire to the surrounding property.

Chairperson Laurella indicated that the Zoning/Housing Officer will be in Thursday afternoon and he would come and see him personally. He further indicated that there is due process of the law and the Zoning/Housing Office is doing his part. Solicitor

Testa stated the Zoning/Housing Officer is responsible to enforce the law. Chairperson Laurella noted that the office staff could receive any documents on behalf of Zoning/Housing Officer, but it is best that the individual deal with the Zoning/Housing Officer personally.

Discussion was held among the Committee regarding the Ordinance. The Committee thanked Mrs. Riley for her attendance.

John Barbagello of 405 Morton Avenue came before the Committee. Mr. Barbagello stated that he has been with the fire department for 51 years and wanted to comment regarding the well in Carmel. He further stated that the fire department has had a difficult time getting water for the trucks. Mr. Barbagello noted that 2500 and 4000 gallon trucks need to be filled. He further noted that mutual aid is a good thing, and the fire department has good relationships with the surrounding municipalities, but a strong well is important. Mr. Sparacio agreed with Mr. Barbagello and his experience is correct. The Committee thanked Mr. Barbagello for his participation.

There being no further comment from the public, Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to close the public portion of the meeting. The Committee approved.

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

Cosmo J. Laurella, Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield