

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 2, 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. Sparacio, Mr. Stanzione, Mr. Spatola, Mr. Danna and Mr. Laurella.

Minutes

The Clerk presented the minutes of August 5 and August 19, 2015. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to approve the minutes as written. The Committee approved.

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #15-125 - Resolution Waiving Permit Fees For Use Of Tents, To Waive The \$35.00 Type I Open Flame And To Waive The \$5.00 Township Raffle License Fee For The Games Of Chance At The Harvest Festival.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to adopt Resolution #15-125.
Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #15-126 – 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 8th, Friday Evening, October 9th, Saturday, October 10th And Sunday, October 11, 2015 For The Deerfield Township Harvest Festival

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #15-126. Roll Call Vote:

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

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Department Chairpersons.

Mr. Danna stated that he and Mr. Sparacio looked at 2 streets for submission to the NJDOT Trust Fund. He further stated that they looked at Mulberry Street and Garrison Road.

Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to submit Mulberry Street from South Shiloh Avenue to Cedar Street and Garrison Road from Bridgeton Avenue to Lebanon Road for the NJDOT Trust Fund application. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Spatola indicated that tonight, Recreation will be looking at a test display for fireworks to be held at the Harvest Festival this year. He further indicated that the proposed vendor for the fireworks is coming to the proposed location and hopefully everyone will be able to see them from that location at LoBiondo Park.

Mr. Spatola stated that as to the park, Mr. Shinn puts some locks on the panels. He further stated that there was discussion as to a pay-to-play whereby there could be tokens used to run the lights on a timer like at a car wash. Mr. Spatola noted, however, that currently the ordinance indicates that the lights are to be off and until the Committee re-addresses the issue they need to be kept off.

As to Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Spatola stated that the air conditioning compression on the tractor has failed. He further stated that in the past discussion was to use Mr. Shinn's abilities a little greater in that department and Mr. Shinn has found a vendor that has a compressor and the financial aspects are being worked out and run past the CFO for proper expenditure. Mr. Spatola indicated that is being worked out and the tractor should be back up and running properly soon.

As to the doors, Mr. Spatola noted that all the "bugs" have been worked out and feels much better as to the security of the building.

Chairperson Laurella asked when the gentleman was coming out to work on the roof over the senior center. Mr. Spatola stated that the gentleman is coming out next week to make that repair. He further stated that the Township has put a claim in for the damage.

As to Fire and Rescue, Mr. Spatola stated that there are somethings going on there. He further stated that he has asked the Chief to prepare a document that would reflect a fair graduated increase of LOSAP to create an incentive program to keep our volunteers. Mr. Spatola indicated that he does not have the knowledge necessary to judge what and who is able to receive LOSAP and felt the Chief is a better judge. He further indicated that the liaisons would receive the information first and a full presentation would be made to the entire Committee. Mr. Spatola hoped to have this matter finished by the end of the year.

Mr. Spatola noted that the application for the drone was not on the agenda this evening and wanted everyone to be made aware that he has asked the Chief to prepare a presentation to educate the Committee. He further noted that the liaisons will again meet with the Chief and review the presentation and a full presentation will be given to the entire Committee. Mr. Spatola stated that it was denied, but welcomes more knowledge and information. He further stated that it is important that everyone work together and communicate properly and respectfully and make a good decision.

Mr. Stanzione and Mr. Sparacio had nothing for departmental reports.

There was no other discussion or comment with regard to the submissions for the NJDOT Trust Fund Program.

The Clerk asked if there were any other comments with regard to the lighting at LoBiondo Park. Chairperson Laurella asked whether it would be worth trying out to fix the fence and noted the conversation that he and Mr. Shinn had with the electrician. Mr. Stanzione felt that more information needs to be obtained instead of retrying the same

thing that is already there. Mr. Spatola agreed with Mr. Stanzione and felt that the Committee needs to adhere to the Ordinance, but open minded enough to set forth an agenda that would again look at that Ordinance again and maybe find something that would make it better or maybe just leave it the way it is.

Chairperson Laurella asked if the Township had heard anything from Atlantic City Electric as to the street lights. The Clerk stated that we did receive information back, but did not feel that it was proper to just hand out the information without some type of explanation. She further stated that she has been in touch with the gentleman from Atlantic City Electric on 2 occasions and he is supposed to get back to the Clerk as to what is paid total as to street and private lighting and as to contributed lighting which is another packet of street lights. Chairperson Laurella thought it was a simple request as to what lights were turned off on Irving Avenue. Mr. Stanzione clarified that the Clerk has been asked to see what street lights were paid by the Township and which ones were paid by the County. Mr. Sparacio agreed that was the intent and noted that the Clerk has been working on getting the information. Mr. Stanzione questioned whether she needed to speak with someone else. The Clerk indicated that the gentleman, Timothy Bateman, has been very helpful, but is unclear as to his schedule and how often he is in the office. She further indicated that she wanted to receive all information before presenting a packet for the Committee's review. Mr. Sparacio stated that he asked for more information before bringing it back to the Committee. Chairperson Laurella noted that a lot of lights were taken down and then the electric company came in and put new poles on Irving Avenue and when they looked as to what lights were originally there, the electric company put some back that we had asked be shut off.

Mr. Spatola noted that the process the Township is going through for the grants for the parks is proceeding and Mr. Blauer has indicated that we are 99% complete and it's just a matter of finishing it up.

Mr. Stanzione asked Mr. Spatola that he would like to take a ride tomorrow and go to the group homes. He noted that Mr. Fralinger had spoken with him about getting some letters from the group homes.

The Clerk presented Update Participation With The County of Cumberland And Cumberland Municipalities In Formal Petition To The Board Of Public Utilities Regarding Verizon And Telecommunication Problems. The Clerk noted the packet from Hopewell and in the packet is a Resolution authorizing the execution of a shared service agreement. The Clerk further noted that she wanted to give everyone an opportunity to review it before preparation of the Resolution. The Clerk inquired that unless there is some issue the Resolution will be prepared for the next meeting. She also noted that there is a fee schedule based on population for each municipality and Deerfield is looking at a \$2,000 contribution towards the petition.

New Business

The Clerk stated there was nothing under New Business.

Communications

The Clerk stated that there are no communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #15-127 For The Payment Of Bills.

Mr. Sparacio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adopt Resolution #15-127.
Roll Call Vote:

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

Public Comment

Mr. Spatola 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. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione 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