

REGULAR MEETING  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

Chairperson Spatola 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 Spatola led the flag salute.

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

Minutes

The Clerk presented the minutes of August 2 and August 16, 2017. Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the minutes as written. The Committee approved. Mrs. O'Brien abstained as she was not here for the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Closed Session Minutes

The Clerk presented the closed session minutes from August 16, 2017. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the closed session minutes. The Committee approved. Mrs. O'Brien abstained as she was not here for the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Clerk indicated that the closed session minutes would not be released to the public until the reasons for their remaining closed are no longer applicable and the Township Solicitor has had an opportunity to review them.

Ordinances:

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2017-10 – First Reading Of An Ordinance Providing For The Purchase Of A Chief's Vehicle In The Sum Of \$50,179.00 By The Township Of Deerfield, Cumberland County, New Jersey. Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to adopt Ordinance #2017-10 on first reading and to set Wednesday, September 20, 2017 for second reading, public hearing and final adoption. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Murphy	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-124- 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. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to adopt Resolution #17-124. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Murphy	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-125 – 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 5<sup>th</sup>, Friday Evening, October 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> And Sunday, October 8, 2017 For The Deerfield Township Harvest

Festival. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Resolution #17-125. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Murphy	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-126 – Resolution For The Approval To Submit A Grant Application And Execute A Grant Agreement With The New Jersey Department of Transportation For The Resurfacing Of Poplar Street From South Shiloh Avenue To Vineland Avenue. Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to adopt Resolution #17-126. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Murphy	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #17- 127 – Resolution For The Approval To Submit A Grant Application And Execute A Grant Agreement With The New Jersey Department of Transportation For The Resurfacing Of Maple Street From Morton Avenue To Greenman Avenue. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #17-127. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Murphy	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-128- Resolution Approving Reduction Of Performance Bond Posted By Bridgeton (Landis) DG, LLC (Dollar General) From \$221,209.50 To \$66,362.85. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to adopt Resolution #17-128. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Murphy	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-129 - Resolution Authorizing The Exclusion Of The Public From A Meeting Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Deerfield To Be Held On September 6, 2017- Relating To Contract Negotiations And Personnel. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #17-129. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Murphy	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

### Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports from Department Chairs. Mr. Murphy reported on streets and roads. He stated that last week he went around the Township looking at streets lights and found only one street light out that was not working at Maple and Poplar. Mr. Murphy stated that he will call who we need to call. He further stated that he did go out to Richards Road again during the recent rains, but was unable to speak with the farmer as Mr. Murphy has been busy at work. Mr. Stanzione added that he too hasn't been able to go with Mr. Murphy as he was out of town.

Mr. Stanzione indicated that with regard to Recreation he brought up the renaming of Rosenhayn Park with the members and they have no problem in renaming the park. Mr. Stanzione suggested moving ahead with that and having a couple of signs made as there is money left over from the basketball court resurfacing.

Mr. Stanzione also mentioned a separate matter with regard to a benefit he attended at the fire house. Mr. Stanzione stated that there is paid staff at the fire hall all day long and there should be no cobwebs or stuff all over the floor. He further stated that the paid staff should be doing something while they are there and it wouldn't hurt to have them sweep the floor and vacuum and get the cobwebs off the walls. Mr. Stanzione indicated that it is upsetting to see that after someone has been sleeping there all day long.

Chairperson Spatola stated that he and Mr. Danna met with 3 applicants this evening to increase the amount of paid guys at the fire hall. He further stated that copies of the applications will be placed in the bins for review and recommendation on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Chairperson Spatola noted that the work on the fire hall is moving along. There have been a couple of days of rain, but things seem to be moving along well and it will be stronger than it was before. He further noted that when the addition was put on the original fire house the part that was destroyed and the left wall of the addition was never anchored to the fire hall and was just abutted to the original building. Chairperson Spatola stated that there were no anchors, straps or banding. Mrs. O'Brien noted that we are fortunate the whole addition did not come down when the truck hit the building.

New Business

The Clerk presented Raffle Application – Parish Of The Holy Cross – 50/50 On Premises Raffle – October 6- October 8, 2017. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to approve the Raffle Application. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Murphy	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

The Clerk presented Raffle Application – Parish Of The Holy Cross – Games of Chance – October 5 – October 8, 2017. Mr. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Murphy	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

Mr. Murphy stated that there are 2 trees in Lincoln Park that are not in the right of way and are on Township property. He further stated that those trees are rotten and need to come down.

Mr. Murphy also mentioned that with regard to Recreation one of the bands brought an aluminum ramp to bring stuff onto the stage. Mr. Murphy stated that Mr. Shinn found a similar type ramp for sale and it would make it easier and safer for our people to take things out of the trucks and onto the stage. He further stated that the ramp can be purchased from Schaper Brothers for \$250. It was suggested that the purchase be suggested to Recreation for approval as it's specific for Harvest Festival only.

Mrs. O'Brien noted that it's another example of how Mr. Shinn is always looking at ways to do what we do better.

Communications

The Clerk stated that there are no communications this evening

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-10 For The Payment Of Bills. Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to adopt Resolution 17-130. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Murphy	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

Public Comment

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

Gerta Hoerl of 537 Richards Road came before the Committee. Mrs. Hoerl stated that years ago her parents burned trash and was wondering what was the current rule. Mr. Stanzione indicated that no trash burning is allowed at all. He further indicated that camp fires and bon fires are different as long as they are in a contained area and a permit needs to be obtained from the forest fire service. Mr. Stanzione stated that the fine for burning trash is \$500. Discussion was held regarding controlled burning.

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

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to go into Executive Session per the Resolution for this evening. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Murphy	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to reconvene the regular meeting. The Committee approved.

As a result of the Executive Session, Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to appoint Andrew Tartaglia as Emergency Management Coordinator for the Township of Deerfield. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Murphy	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

Also as a result of the Executive Session, Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to appoint Andrew Tartaglia as a Class II member of the Land Use to fill the vacancy left by Andrew Pizzo. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Murphy	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

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

There as a motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting as a result of an additional matter to be voted on as a result of Executive Session. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to reconvene the Regular Meeting. The Committee approved.

Also with regard to the Executive Session, Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to set the new price for the Harvest Lane properties at \$135,000.00 with cost of advertising. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Murphy	Yes	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Spatola	No
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adjourn the meeting. The Committee approved.

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Frank R. Spatola, Jr., Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Karen Seifrit, Clerk