

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 7, 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 Mr. Sparacio, Mr. Laurella, Mr. Spatola, Mrs. O'Brien and Mr. Danna. Robert Casella appeared on behalf of Solicitor Testa.

Minutes

The Clerk presented the minutes of August 3 and August 17, 2016. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to approve the minutes as written. The Committee approved.

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-123 - 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. Sparacio to adopt Resolution #16-123. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-124 - 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 6th, Friday Evening, October 7th, Saturday, October 8th And Sunday, October 9, 2016 For The Deerfield Township Harvest Festival.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Resolution #16-124. Roll Call Vote:

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

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Department Chairpersons.

Mr. Laurella stated that bids have been awarded for Vineland Avenue and South State will be doing the job. He reiterated that the 4-way stop at Parvins Mill and Garton Road should be done soon.

Mr. Spatola indicated that the Recreation Committee was meeting this evening and will meet 2 more times before the Harvest Festival. He further indicated that everything is going well and the main attraction for the Festival will be Joe Nichols. Mr. Spatola noted that DiFranco's Farms has been approached for the Farmer of the Year.

The Clerk presented Update Regarding Bid Opening For Lean-To – Motion To Accept Or Reject Bids. Mr. Laurella stated that he and Mr. Spatola spoke and the recommendation is to reject the bids.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to reject all bids with respect to the lean-to. Roll Call Vote:

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

New Business

The Clerk presented Raffle Application from Parish Of The Holy Cross for an On-Premises 50/50 Raffle for October 7 – October 9, 2016. Mr. Sparacio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to approve the raffle application. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Raffle Application from Parish Of The Holy Cross for Games of Chance from October 6 – October 9, 2016 for the Deerfield Township Harvest Festival. Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to approve the raffle application. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Laurella stated that he was supposed to have a packet from public works to do the roof over the garage. He further stated that there are some prices and he would like to meet with Mr. Spatola or Mrs. O'Brien and Mr. Shinn to go over the prices. Mr. Laurella noted that a Capital Ordinance will need to be prepared and hopefully by the middle of next month start work on the roof. He also noted that possibly after the roof work, work can begin on a pole barn.

Mr. Spatola stated that the reasons that the bids were rejected was because they were approximately \$30,000 over the anticipated cost and the Committee chose to reject the bids and explore other options such as a pole barn. He further stated that preliminary numbers appear to be less than the cost of a lean to. Mr. Spatola indicated that the Township's bid threshold is \$36,000 and hopefully the Township can receive prices below the threshold and solicit our own bids. He further indicated that the Township's goal is to split the 2 projects and keep them under the bid threshold.

Mr. Laurella asked that the Clerk to prepare a Capital Ordinance in the sum of \$17,000 for a metal roof on the garage. Mr. Spatola recommended a meeting with public works to make sure the number is correct and it covers the roof and gable ends.

Mr. Spatola noted the well at the old Carmel Fire Hall and indicated that the owner of the property was approached in April and the discussion was left that the owner was busy on a project and the Township would reach out in a couple of months to discuss the well. Mr. Spatola indicated that due to his accident, he has been unable to follow up, but is aware of what has transpired over the last month. He further indicated that the owner did receive a letter from DEP and how it pertained to the well. Mr. Spatola stated that he was asked to bring it to the Clerk and then the Township would see that the

paperwork was handled properly. He further stated that the Township needs to get back with the owner and discuss whatever needs to be done.

Mr. Laurella indicated that he and Mr. Danna met with the owner and a woman from DEP was supposed to come down and meet with the Clerk. The Clerk stated that the woman from DEP never showed up. It was asked that the Clerk reach out to the owner and let him know that DEP never came with the papers and also asked that the Clerk contact the woman at DEP and let her know that we would like to do whatever is necessary to remedy this situation.

Mr. Spatola noted that if Township is going to take over the well then the Township Solicitor will need to get involved and do whatever is legally responsible to cover the Township and the owner. He further noted that the Township should meet with the owner and find out what he wants to do.

Mr. Laurella brought up a proposed Ordinance for liens. Mr. Laurella noted that work was done last year on the properties at Harvest Lane and no liens were placed on the property because no Ordinance was in place. Discussion was held regarding the preparation of the Ordinance. It was recommended that the Ordinance be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Communications

The Clerk stated that there are no communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-125 For The Payment Of Bills. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adopt Resolution #16-125. Roll Call Vote:

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

Public Comment

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien, to open the meeting to the public. The Committee approved.

Berta Hil of Richards Road came before the Committee. Mrs. Hil stated that there are young trees growing around telephone poles and they are growing into the road. Mr. Laurella asked where on Richards Road the trees were growing. Mrs. Hil indicated that the trees are between Garton and Woodruff Road. Mr. Laurella stated that it might not be Deerfield Township.

Mrs. Hil also noted that at the location of the proposed 4-way stop at Parvins and Big Oak there are 3 bushes along the fence you cannot see traffic coming toward you. Mrs. O'Brien noted that there is growth at the intersection that makes it hard to see.

Lastly, Mrs. Hil wanted to note the large pothole on Parvins Mill Road near Mrs. O'Brien's house. Mrs. O'Brien agreed and stated that she has called the County about those same potholes.

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

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Mr. Spatola wanted to thank everyone for the fruit basket and all the visits he received while he was out with his injuries.

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

Rudy Danna, Jr., Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield