

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

Chairperson O'Brien 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 O'Brien led the flag salute.

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

Departmental Reports

The Clerk presented the departmental reports of the Zoning/Housing Officer, Tax Collector, Treasurer and Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to accept and file the departmental reports. The Committee approved.

Ordinances

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2018-9 – An Ordinance Adopting Preliminary Investigation For Evaluation And Recommendation Of An Area In Need Of Redevelopment In The Township Of Deerfield, County Of Cumberland, New Jersey (Block 61, Lots 4, 5, 5.01, 5.02, And 10 And Block 63, Lots 16, 17, 42, 43 And 45 Dated August 13, 2018. Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Ordinance #2018-9 on first reading and to set Wednesday, October 3, 2018, for second reading, public hearing and final adoption. Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #18-149 Authorizing Temporary Help To Serve As Drivers for The Deerfield Township Harvest Festival. Mr. Brago made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #18-149. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #18-150 – Approving Fireworks Display For Sunday, October 7, 2018. Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #18-150. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #18-151- Approving Private Sale of Township Lands To The Cumberland County Improvement Authority. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brago to adopt Resolution #18-151. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #18-152- Authorizing The Exclusion Of The Public Of A Meeting Of The Township Committee To Be Held On Wednesday, September 19, 2018- As To Contract Negotiations. Mr. Brago made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #18-152. Roll Call Vote:

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

Old Business

Mr. Terrigno stated that he had nothing to report for streets and roads. As to Old Business, Mr. Terrigno inquired as to the sale of township properties to Mr. Saul Levin. Solicitor Testa noted that there has been contact and his office is working with Mr. Levin's attorney. He further noted that as to the other property, his office is waiting on the title company because they can't find whether there was an action to quiet title. Chairperson O'Brien inquired if there are any steps the Township should be taking for either of those properties and Solicitor Testa answered no. Mr. Testa indicated that as to the Levin properties that is moving along and with respect to the other property he is waiting on the title company.

Mr. Danna had no departmental report but spoke as to Old Business. Mr. Danna indicated that he tried to call Kim Nance at NJDOT two more times and have received no return calls. Mr. Danna asked if Mr. Stanzione could reach out. Chairperson O'Brien also stated that she would reach out too. Mr. Brago noted that there was a lot of road flooding in front of R&G. Mr. Terrigno noted that the retention pond on the property could not hold all the water. Chairperson O'Brien indicated that the Township is not equipped for weather like that and when things like that happen the Township will have flooding. She further indicated that these events will come frequently enough where the Township will have to make arrangements for that, but until then and it's only one or 2 a year there is very little the Township can do as it is cost prohibitive.

Chairperson O'Brien thanked Mr. Brago for posting the flooding issues on the Township Facebook page and asked Committee members to notify Mr. Brago of any road or flooding issues so that he can post it to the Facebook page.

Mr. Danna inquired whether the retention ponds are required to be maintained. Chairperson O'Brien stated she was not sure and it was a question to be posed to the Township Engineer. Mr. Stanzione noted that the issues with regard to Landis Avenue should be addressed by the State. Chairperson O'Brien noted that the 2 locations are Landis and Morton and Willow at Landis.

Mr. Stanzione noted that the fire department is moving along. He noted that he and Mr. Danna need to meet and go over a few items.

Mr. Brago stated that he had no animal control report for this evening. As to Old Business, Mr. Brago inquired as to whether a list has been obtained from public works to be put on GovDeals. The Clerk stated that no list has been obtained at this time. Mr. Brago also noted that there was a recreation meeting last Thursday, but he was unable to attend.

Chairperson O'Brien indicated that she spoke with the maintenance supervisor several times for the need for additional assistance. She noted that one of the options discussed was that at the Recreation meeting to ask for some volunteer help, however there was no one from Recreation able to volunteer. Chairperson O'Brien noted that the Township usually receives assistance from County inmates, however, this year we will not be receiving any from the Cumberland County Jail. She further noted that the reason

given was due to the recent escape by the individual who got out of custody on work release. Chairperson O'Brien indicated that other options are being pursued in the form of individuals in need of community service. Mr. Terrigno inquired if these issues are problems that have occurred in the past or if it was only this year. Chairperson O'Brien stated that she asked the maintenance supervisor that and the weather this year and the absence of his laborer have caused him to be even further behind. She further stated that in speaking with the maintenance supervisor there used to be a lot more man power that was budgeted than there currently is. Chairperson O'Brien reiterated to the maintenance supervisor that if he brings those concerns to the Committee when the budget is prepared in the coming year then a discussion can be held as to what the Township's contribution to the festival is and what the benefits to the Township are.

New Business

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding The Hire Of Additional Help For Harvest Festival Preparations. Chairperson O'Brien stated that it is necessary that the Township allocate some funds to get some assistance for the maintenance supervisor. She noted that he came to the last meeting asking for help and she has recently spoken with him about what needs to be accomplished. Chairperson O'Brien stated that they are doing everything possible, but there is a significant amount of work that will go undone without some assistance. Mr. Danna inquired if there will need to be an advertisement in the newspaper. Mr. Terrigno inquired as to whether or not the Township could hire a current employee to help and assist the public works manager. Solicitor Testa noted that Mr. Terrigno's suggestion is a workable solution. Discussion was held regarding compensation to the employee assisting for the Harvest Festival. It was agreed that the employee would be compensated but at whatever the rate the Township pays for labor. Chairperson O'Brien also noted that the Township previously advertised for the position and received multiple applications. She inquired whether the Township could go back to those applicants without having to advertise again. Solicitor Testa said that the Township could do that also.

Mr. Terrigno inquired who would pay for the additional help and would it come out of Harvest Festival or budget. The Clerk noted that there is the summer help line item and there will be extra money in that line to pay for an additional person. She further noted that if the individual is just doing Harvest Festival work than the money can be reimbursed back to the Township. Mr. Brago noted that the worker would probably be doing more than just Harvest Festival work and would be doing whatever the public work manager needed them to do. Discussion was held regarding the options and it was agreed that options would be presented to the public works manager and it would be up to him as to what would work best.

Mr. Stanzione noted that in the past the Township would reach out to the County and get some individuals in need of community service. Chairperson O'Brien stated that she spoke with Freeholder Sparacio and he is pursuing a list of people in need of community service credit. Mr. Stanzione noted the individuals could be used for whatever was needed. Chairperson O'Brien indicated that she would follow up with Freeholder Sparacio.

Mr. Brago also brought up the use of the Boy Scouts. Mr. Brago thought they might be useful in painting the stage for a scout badge. He noted that Mr. Shinn has everything he needs to paint the stage.

The Clerk presented Approval Of Special Permit – Parish Of The Holy Cross – Spaghetti Dinner, November 4 2018 From 12PM To 5PM. Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brago to approve the special permit. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Brago indicated that a few months ago there was a motor vehicle accident in the Township where an individual was hurt and a civilian, prior to the fire department getting on scene, pulled the individual from the wreckage of the vehicle. He further indicated that he reached out to the civilian and noted that the fire department and Township would like to acknowledge him for saving a life. Mr. Brago stated that the fire department would like to present the individual with something. He further stated that it looks like that the first Wednesday in December will be the presentation. Mr. Brago noted that he would like to reach out to Freeholders Musso and Sparacio and see about getting a Proclamation from the County as well.

Chairperson O'Brien wanted to bring everyone update on the air quality issues at the Township school. She noted that she and Mr. Brago were at the question and answer session last night held at the fire house. Chairperson O'Brien stated that the school is being proactive from this point forward and have a plan in place to remediate the problem, continue testing and to review the existing HVAC system to see if it is contributing to the problem. She noted that the school was offered some solution that they are also looking at implementing. Chairperson O'Brien indicated that they have been supported by the County and the CCIA by way of space for the children to attend school, if necessary. She further indicated that she offered the Township's support in whatever way would be of help to connect them to the people they need to be connected to, to make sure that the children and staff members of our school have a healthy and safe place to learn and play.

Communications

The Clerk stated that there were no communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #18-153 for the Payment Of Bills. Mr. Terrigno made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brago to adopt Resolution #18-153. Roll Call Vote:

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

Public Comment

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

Mr. Brago made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terrigno to go into Executive Session per the Resolution this evening. Roll Call Vote:

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

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Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terrigno to reconvene the Regular Meeting. The Committee approved

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

Abigail P. O'Brien, Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield