

REGULAR MEETING  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
JUNE 1, 2016

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. Sparacio, Mr. Laurella, Mr. Spatola, Mrs. O'Brien. Mr. Danna was absent due to a broken wrist. Todd Heck filled in for Solicitor Testa who was unavailable this evening.

Proclamation

The Clerk presented Proclamation 2016-4 Proclaiming EMS Appreciation Week. Chairperson Spatola read the Proclamation and presented same to Casey Regalbuto, EMS Chief for Rosenhayn Volunteer Fire Department.

Minutes

The Clerk presented the minutes of May 4 and May 18, 2016. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to approve the minutes as written. The Committee approved.

Ordinances

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2016-6- First Reading Of An Ordinance Amending The Capital Budget Of The Township Of Deerfield And Providing For The Acquisition Of A Rescue Truck And Appropriating The Sum Of \$83,000 to Fund Same

Mr. Spatola noted that this money represents the Township's share towards the truck. The money is funded from the EMS billing (\$80,000) and \$3,000 will be from the Capital Fund.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to adopt Ordinance #2016-6 on first reading and to set Wednesday, June 15, 2016 for second reading, public hearing and final adoption. Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-99 – Resolution Authorizing The Exclusion Of The Public From A Meeting Of The Township Committee To Be Held On June 1, 2016 – Pertaining To Personnel.

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to adopt Resolution #16-99. Roll Call Vote:

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

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Department Chairpersons.

Mr. Laurella stated that he and Mr. Sparacio met with the County regarding Big Oak Road and Vineland Avenue. He further stated that Big Oak Road and Parvins Mill

Road will get a 4-way stop. Mr. Laurella noted that as to speed limit signs, the County doesn't believe in putting them up as it encourages people to go faster.

Mr. Sparacio indicated that Vineland Avenue will be getting paved this late Summer/early Fall. He further indicated that the Sheriff's Department put out the "Know Your Speed" trailer over by Wenger Farm and hopefully it will have some effect. Mr. Sparacio also noted that as to Vineland Avenue and Greenman Avenue the County will be working on drainage for the intersection.

Mr. Spatola stated that with regard to Recreation, Youth Night will be Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6p.m. He further stated that as to the Harvest Festival everything is going well and that food packets will be going out to the vendors soon.

As to fire and rescue, Mr. Spatola noted the \$83,000 appropriated for the Township's share of the truck. He further noted that the Township returned the remainder of the loan for the stage roof to the CCIA. Said sum in the amount of \$30,000.00

With regard to Finance, Mr. Spatola stated that he and Mr. Sparacio attend the Exit Conference for the audit. He further stated that it went very well and as a whole the Township did very well.

Mr. Laurella indicated that he and the Deputy Mayor met with Fralinger Engineering and it appears that the Township will be moving forward with a lean-to and a motion will need to be made to enter into a contract with Fralinger's for that work as it is over and above our annual contract.

As to Pine Street, Mr. Laurella stated that he and Mr. Shinn went out to Pine Street with regard to a vacant property. He further stated that the property is very overgrown. Mr. Laurella indicated that there is an open septic and basement that needs to be filled in so that no one gets hurt.

Mrs. O'Brien inquired whether someone knew the location of the septic. Mr. Laurella stated that the Mayor did. Mrs. O'Brien suggested that buildings and grounds go out with the Mayor to locate the septic and then make arrangements to get it filled in. Discussion was held regarding Township owned properties that are vacant and may need attention to be made safe. Additional discussion was held about placing a lien on any property cleaned up and recouping the cost through a lien.

Mr. Laurella inquired as to the status of the properties submitted for foreclosure. Mrs. O'Brien stated that the properties were submitted to the Solicitor's office and Mr. Heck agreed that he had just received the list of properties.

Discussion was held about moving forward with the cleanup of the Pine Street property.

Mrs. O'Brien recommended that the matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting in order for buildings and grounds to come back with a review of the property.

The Clerk presented Update Discussion And Motion As To Push Box For Snow Removal. Mr. Spatola stated that he and Mayor Danna met with the members of the school board regarding the purchase of a push box for the new tractor by the school. He further stated that he has not received a definitive answer from the school. Jason Scythes, a member of the school board, indicated to the Committee that it was brought up at the school board meeting, but does not have any direction from the board.

Mr. Laurella asked why the Township shouldn't just pay for the push box. He stated that it leaves the school out of it and the Township will continue to remove the snow as much as possible barring any extreme amount of snow. Mr. Laurella indicated that the Township has budgeted for the push box and there's no sense going through a hassle.

Mr. Spatola stated that the board was very receptive at the meeting when we talked to them and they understood that it was not about the money, and that if it was not in their budget the Township would continue to remove their snow. He further stated that it was more of an issue to bring the school district together with the Township and that is the way everybody looked at it.

The Clerk presented Update Discussion And Motion On Proposal From Fralinger Engineering Regarding Lean to and Metal Roof For Public Works Garage.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to hire Fralinger Engineering to prepare specifications for a lean-to and new roof. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Laurella inquired as to whether or not money was put in the budget for LOSAP. The Clerk stated yes.

#### New Business

The Clerk presented application For Special Permit-Rosenhayn Volunteer Fire Company-Annual Chicken Barbeque-August 7, 2016.

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to approve the Special Permit Application. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk gave an Update On The JIF Safety Program and Health Fair. The Clerk indicated that the JIF has 3 main requirements for the 2016 Safety Program. She further indicated that attendance at the Safety Coordinator's Roundtable was attended and the Township's Safety Contract submitted as part of the program. She also noted that the third item, attendance at the Retreat will require at least a ½ day attendance and that will take place in October.

The Clerk stated that the Township will receive \$1600 in safety money to be used for safety related items. Additionally, the Clerk stated that a Health Fair was held in the Senior Center on May 26<sup>th</sup> and everything went very well. Vendors attended and there were door prizes and refreshments. She further stated that the Senior Center Coordinator did a great job in organizing the event.

#### Communications

The Clerk stated that there are no communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-100 For The Payment Of Bills. Mr. Sparacio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien, to adopt Resolution #16-100. Roll Call Vote:

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

Public Comment

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

Jason Scythes of 724 Morton Avenue approached the Committee. Mr. Scythes noted that in an email from him to the Committee, he suggested that it might be worthwhile for a member from the Township Committee and a member from the school board attend each other's meetings.

Mr. Spatola stated he did bring forth that suggestion and felt that it was a good idea and something that is do-able. Mr. Scythes stated that it would help keep everyone up to date and as to the challenges that face the school. Mr. Laurella indicated that this idea started 30 years ago and has stopped and started many time over the years. Mr. Scythes agreed with Mr. Laurella and felt that the idea could be productive. Mr. Spatola noted that it might be worthwhile to exchange meeting minutes from the board and Township Committee at least then if there are any questions, they can be addressed. Mr. Laurella inquired as to the school's meeting dates. Mr. Scythes stated that the school board meets the fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

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

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

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

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

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

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Frank R. Spatola, Jr., Chairperson  
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST

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Karen Seifrit, Clerk  
Township of Deerfield