

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MARCH 16, 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 Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Spatola, Mr. Laurella, Mr. Sparacio and Mr. Danna. Todd Heck, Esquire from Solicitor Testa's office appeared on his behalf this evening.

Departmental Reports

The Clerk presented the departmental reports of the Zoning/Housing Officer, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Fire Marshal, Emergency Management Coordinator and Animal Control. Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to accept and file the departmental reports. The Committee approved.

Ordinances

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2016-1 – Second Reading And Public Hearing Of An Ordinance To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14). Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2016-1. The Committee approved.

There being no comment from the public, Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2016-1. The Committee approved.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to adopt Ordinance #2016-1. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2016-2 – First Reading Of An Ordinance Providing For Salaries And Compensation Of The Officers And Employees Of The Township Of Deerfield, Cumberland County New Jersey.

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr, Sparacio to adopt Ordinance #2016-2 on first reading and to set Wednesday, April 6, 2016, for second reading, public hearing and final adoption. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Introduction Of The 2016 Municipal Budget Of The Township Of Deerfield In The Sum Of \$1,682,776.84. The Clerk read a the Budget Statement indicating the Budget for 2016 at \$1,682,776.84 and that the local purpose tax for the Township of Deerfield would 9.2 cents per \$100 of assessed value. She further indicated that a summary of 2016 budget would be published in The Daily Journal on Thursday, March 31, 2016 and that the public hearing and final adoption of the budget would be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016.

Mr. Laurella asked if there was any way to add money to the budget for a lean-to. He noted that there are 2 light towers that have no protection. The Clerk noted that would be a Capital expenditure and there is money in the budget for that kind of expense. Mr. Spatola stated that money was put aside and there is more than enough money to do a lean-to and a steel roof. Mr. Laurella indicated when the sale of the Carmel building took place all of the equipment in that building was to come up to the municipal building, we would build a building in back and everyone was one board, but now it has died. He further asked if a lean-to would be enough, would it be secured and what kind of roof could you do (a flat roof vs. a pitched roof). Mrs. O'Brien stated that the lean-to could have a sloped roof (4/12 or 3/12 with a metal roof). Mr. Laurella indicated that he did not feel that the money went in for building.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to adopt the 2016 Municipal Budget on first reading and to set Wednesday, April 20, 2016 for second reading, public hearing and final adoption. Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. O'Brien	Yes	Mr. Sparacio	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Laurella	No		

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-77 – Resolution Certifying The List Of Volunteer Firefighters Who Have Qualified For The Length Of Service Award Program (LOSAP) Benefits For The Year 2015. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to adopt Resolution #16-77. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-78 – Resolution Amending The 2016 Temporary Budget. Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Resolution #16-78. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-79 – Resolution Authorizing the Execution Of An Application For Cooperative Purchasing. Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio. Roll Cal Vote:

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

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Department Chairpersons.

Mr. Spatola stated that this Saturday (March 19) is the Easter Egg Hunt. He also stated that Saturday is also rabies clinic.

Mr. Spatola noted that with regard to Recreation the Committee has spoken about people requesting to use the park for different functions and that the Solicitor has reviewed the Ordinance. He further noted that the Clerk has a prepared a draft/sample of

a Use Facilities Application for people who want to use the park. Mr. Spatola stated that individuals will need to fill this out and go through proper channels. He further stated that the Solicitor will need to revamp the current Park Ordinance so that this application process is included in the Ordinance. Mr. Spatola asked that everyone review the draft and get any feedback to the Clerk.

With regard to fire and rescue, Mr. Spatola noted the Township is moving forward with that process. He further noted that he reached out to the Executive Director of the CCIA, Jerry Velazquez, and that everything is still in order and a copy of tonight's resolution to enter into the Cooperative will be sent to the CCIA so that the money can get allocated.

Mr. Laurella noted that he had asked representatives for the Recreation Committee to see if the Township could get money from them to pay for overtime for the help for the Harvest Festival. Mr. Spatola stated that he had not had the opportunity to bring that forth, but would do so. Mr. Laurella indicated that public works has comp time to use from the Festival, but things need to get done around the building and they would probably prefer the money instead of comp time. Mr. Laurella thanked the Recreation Committee for their time during the Festival.

Mr. Laurella stated that public works had an accident with one of the vehicles. He further stated that he was not sure what the condition of the vehicle was. The Clerk stated that the Township has filed a claim with the JIF and they'll probably want to come out and see it and that the public works individual was not hurt.

Mr. Sparacio just want to note the times for the rabies clinic on Saturday and that will be from 9am to 11am.

He also stated that with regard to Vineland Avenue and speed limit signs, Mr. Sparacio stated that he spoke with the Deputy Director for the Freeholders and stated that the signs should not be a problem. Mr. Sparacio further noted that the speed limit in that area near the fire training center is 50 mph to Morton Avenue and sometimes putting speed limit signs up makes people drive faster. Mr. Sparacio stated that the Deputy Director informed him that if sometime in the future the Township wants to lower the speed limit then the Township would have to do an Ordinance for that.

The Clerk presented Update Discussion Regarding Well In Carmel Area. Mr. Spatola stated that the Township received bids for a well in that area and they were way over the budget. He further stated that he spoke with owner of that facility and advised him that the Township wasn't going forward with the well due to the cost. Mr. Spatola indicated that the owner of the property is okay with the Township using the well on the property. He further indicated that the owner would get in touch in July or August and do something more formal with the Township (an easement).

New Business

There was no new business presented this evening.

Communications

The Clerk stated that there are no communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-80 For The Payment Of Bills. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio, to adopt Resolution #16-80. Roll Call Vote:

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

Public Comment

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

Mr. John Orsci of Maxon Avenue came before the Committee. Mr. Orsci stated that the issues with regard to the lawsuit have been settled and to date Mr. Orsci still has not received an easement from the Township and it has been 2 years. Mr. Heck indicated that the engineers needed to approve the configuration and that has been completed. Discussion was held regarding the water on Maxon Avenue. Chairperson Danna stated that they would have the Solicitor follow up and get the easement prepared and finalized.

There being no further comment, Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to close the meeting to the public. The Committee approved.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to adjourn the meeting. The Committee approved.

Rudy Danna, Jr., Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield