

REGULAR MEETING  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
APRIL 19, 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 Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Stanzione, Mr. Danna, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Spatola. Todd Heck, Esquire appeared for Solicitor Testa.

Departmental Reports

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

2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-85 Authorizing The Municipal Clerk To Read The 2017 Budget By Title Only. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded Mr. Danna to adopt Resolution #17-85. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-86 Certifying The Requirements Of Local Examination By The Township Of Deerfield Of The 2017 Municipal Budget. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Resolution #17-86. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to open the public hearing on the 2017 Municipal Budget. The Committee approved.

There being no comment from the public, Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to close the public hearing on the 2017 Municipal Budget. The Committee approved.

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-87 Adopting The 2017 Municipal Budget. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to adopt Resolution 17-87. Roll Call Vote:

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

Ordinances

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2017-4 – Second Reading And Public Hearing 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. Murphy to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2017-4. The Committee approved.

There being no comment from the public, Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2017-4. The Committee approved.

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to adopt Ordinance #2017-4. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2017-5 – First Reading Of An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #2000-7 Implementing The Length Of Service Awards Program For Emergency Service Volunteers In The Township Of Deerfield. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to adopt Ordinance #2017-5 on first reading and to set Wednesday, May 3, 2017 for second reading, public hearing and final adoption. Roll Call Vote:

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

#### Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-88 Certifying The Salaries Of Certain Municipal Employees. Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to adopt Resolution #17-88. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-89 Authorizing The Exclusion Of The Public From A Meeting Of The Township Committee To Be Held On April 19, 2017 (Pertaining To Contract Negotiations And Personnel). Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to adopt Resolution 17-89. Roll Call Vote:

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

#### Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Department Chairpersons. Mr. Murphy stated that the County has started on Vineland Avenue and it appears that all the drains are in and have started putting in curbing. He further noted that he received a telephone call regarding Willow Street and Landis Avenue. Mr. Murphy indicated that public works tried to put some patch down and it's not holding. He further indicated where the State did the cut line the patch has deteriorated and there is a 7 ft by 20 ft hole that's down to the dirt. Mr. Murphy felt that something needs to be done before someone gets hurt.

With regard to the Recreation, Mr. Stanzione stated that Youth Night is supposed to be May 17<sup>th</sup>. He also stated that the Easter Egg Hunt went really well and Recreation is working on plans for the Harvest Festival.

Mrs. O'Brien reported on Buildings and Grounds. She indicated that 2 quotes have been received for the driveway and 2 quotes have been received for the basketball

court for resurfacing and paving. She further indicated that there are some discrepancies in the quotes and are going to get clarification. Mrs. O'Brien noted that Buildings and Grounds are getting prices for 4 signs for staff parking on the side driveway and a sign to direct seniors to the rear of the building to create a safe way for them to enter the building. She further noted that pricing is being obtained for a handicapped door opener to help the seniors safely enter the building. Mrs. O'Brien stated that pricing is being obtained for concrete flooring for the pole barn and a capital ordinance would need to be prepared for that expenditure.

As to fire and safety, Chairperson Spatola reported that 3 more prospective EMTs will be interviewed to bolster the paid group and help cover the time slots. He noted that on Monday at 8:30 he and Mr. Murphy will be sitting in on the interviews with the Chief and the recommendations will be brought to the Committee.

Chairperson Spatola indicated that the Chief is supposed to have met with the Craig Truitt at the landfill with regard to a well on the landfill site. He further indicated that Jerry Velasquez of the CCIA offered the Township the use of a well currently existing and upgrade it to fit our specifications and then the Township would not have to supply infrastructure and we can vacate the well at Irving and Sugarman. Chairperson Spatola noted that is a great offer from CCIA and it would save the Township a lot of money.

#### New Business

The Clerk presented Request From The Offices Of The 3<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District Use Space At The Deerfield Township Municipal Building For Their Mobile Outreach Program For 2 Hours During The Week Of June 12, 2017. No one had any issues with the request and Clerk stated that she would reach back out make arrangements with the District Office.

#### Communications

The Clerk stated that there were no communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-90 For The Payment Of Bills. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to adopt Resolution #17-90. Roll Call Vote:

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

#### Public Comment

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

Robert Anderson of 479 Irving Avenue approached the Committee. Mr. Anderson addressed the comments made concerning the well in Carmel. Mr. Anderson indicated that the current well reflects favorably on his homeowners insurance and felt that it was important for the Township to either drill a new well or keep the current one functional.

Mr. Anderson addressed the rumble strips on Irving Avenue and noted that the speed limit is 35 mph. Mr. Anderson stated that from Sugarman Avenue to Morton Avenue the area becomes a race track. He further stated that people have no respect for the law and felt that something needs to be done whether some type of traffic device or more patrolling by the State Police.

Lastly, Mr. Anderson noted that road is torn to pieces by South Jersey Gas when people converted to natural gas. He noted that the patches by South Jersey Gas have sunk and left potholes in the roadway. Discussion was held regarding the fill holes left by South Jersey Gas throughout the Township. Chairperson Spatola indicated that the Township has reached out to South Jersey Gas and will continue to do so.

Mrs. O'Brien indicated that the Township has every intention of having a well and the gentleman who bought the fire hall is allowing the Township to use it. Chairperson Spatola stated that the Township made an agreement with the person who bought it and has allowed the Township to use it, but in time it becomes a problem for the current owner where it inhibits expansion of his business then the Township would have to do something else. He further stated that the Township had looked into drilling a new well but the price was 3x more than was budgeted. Chairperson Spatola reiterated the offer from the CCIA. Discussion was held regarding the well in Carmel and that fact that the well is run for use.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to proceed with a notice and advertising for sale of foreclosed properties on Bridgeton Avenue. Roll Call Vote:

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

There being no further business, Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy, 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