

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 20, 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. Sparacio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to accept and file the departmental reports. The Committee approved.

2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-86 Authorizing The Municipal Clerk To Read the 2016 Budget By Title Only. Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to adopt Resolution #16-86. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-87 Certifying The Requirements Of Local Examination By The Township Of Deerfield Of The 2016 Municipal Budget. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Laurella stated that he was abstaining on the budget, because he didn't feel it was exactly where it needed to be. He further stated he was not totally against it.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to open the public hearing on the 2016 Municipal Budget. The Committee approved.

There being no comment from the public, Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio. The Committee approved.

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-88 To Adopt The 2016 Municipal Budget. Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Resolution #16-88. Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-89- Certifying The Salaries Of Certain Municipal Employees. Mr. Sparacio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to adopt Resolution #16-89. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-90- Authorizing An Inter Local Service Agreement Between The Borough Of Shiloh And The Township Of Deerfield For Certified Recycling Coordinator Services. Mr. Laurella noted that this was a significant savings over the cost in previous years. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to adopt Resolution #16-90. Roll Call 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. Laurella stated that he spoke with Mrs. O'Brien who asked that Mr. Spatola take her place and work with Mr. Laurella with regard to the lean-to and/or new building and roof for the garage. He further stated that they will set up a meeting and come back with a report to the Committee.

Mr. Spatola noted that there was a CDC meeting last week and a speaker who spoke on Shop Local Rewards. Mr. Spatola outlined the program for the Committee and how it would work for the municipalities. He noted that additional discussion will be held at the next CDC meeting and he will bring back the recommendation to Committee.

As to recreation, Mr. Spatola noted that there were some shingle blown off the stage roof and our maintenance supervisor went and put replacement shingles on the roof.

Mr. Spatola stated that as to fire and rescue, we're still waiting to hear from the truck vendor on the final price. He further stated that the vendor did meet with the Chief and went over the specs one last time and everything seems to be in order with the CCIA to fund the truck. Mr. Spatola noted that the CCIA, after their budget was adopted, has already begun incorporating the 27 cent increase in our Host Community Benefit to pay back the no interest loan for the truck. He further noted that we have already received 3 increases in our Host Community Benefit fee for the months of January, February and March.

There was no report regarding personnel. Mr. Spatola noted that the flags out front are looking tattered and perhaps they could be changed. Mr. Laurella stated that there are usually some extra flags around and asked that the Clerk make public works aware of the flags and that the lights need to be adjusted.

Chairperson Danna asked Mr. Laurella how things were progressing with the street lights. Mr. Laurella noted not good. Chairperson Danna stated that he has received several complaints. Mr. Laurella asked for the names and locations and will reach out to Atlantic City Electric. He noted that there was supposed to be a light installed near the training center and that has yet to be installed. Mr. Laurella indicated that on 2 occasions requests were made in writing and still there is no light at that location. Discussion was held regarding the street light near the training center.

Chairperson Danna inquired from Mrs. O'Brien the status of the foreclosure list. Mrs. O'Brien stated that there is a list of the properties and prioritized them and are waiting for the budget to be adopted to present it to the Solicitor.

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding The Purchase Of A New Tractor Through The Capital Improvement Fund.

Mr. Laurella stated that he and Mr. Sparacio met with the public works supervisor regarding the tractor specs and which one to get. He further stated that there are three (3) quotes and wondered how comparable they are to each other. Mr. Spatola indicated that he would have preferred to have the public works supervisor present this evening as he's the one who uses this equipment and knows best what his needs are. He further indicated that there a lot of issues when we spend money and the engineer comes into play, but didn't feel that this is one of those circumstances and the recommendation lies with the public works supervisor. Mr. Spatola stated that he felt that as long as the liaisons met with the public works supervisor and are ready to make a recommendation he will stand behind the recommendation.

Mr. Laurella stated that the matter was only for discussion and the encumbering of money for a tractor.

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Facilities Use Application For Parks And Recreation Areas. Mr. Spatola stated that the Clerk has done a great job along with our Solicitor in revisiting our park use ordinance in order to accommodate private organization or individuals to use our parks. He further stated that it was something that needed to be organized. Mr. Spatola indicated that the Clerk came up with an application to incorporate a fee, certificate of insurance and application and approval prior to use. He further indicated that the Solicitor incorporated that into our current ordinance. Mr. Laurella questioned the hours for use of the park, if there was going to be additional lighting and is any person from public works going to be needed. Discussion was held regarding the issues brought up by Mr. Laurella.

The Clerk presented Update Discussion Regarding Speed Limit On Vineland Avenue. Mr. Sparacio noted that the speed limit on Vineland Avenue is currently 50 mph. He stated that there is no signage on that road and there was some concern by some residents that live on that road. Mr. Sparacio questioned what would need to be done to lower the speed limit in that area. Mr. Laurella stated that a letter would need to be sent to the Freeholders to lower the speed limit.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to send a letter to the Freeholders Road Liaisons to request a meeting to lower the speed limit on Vineland Avenue. Roll Call Vote:

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

Chairperson Danna noted that during previous discussion that an Ordinance would need to be done to raise the speed limit back up should it become an issue. Discussion was held among the members regarding the speed limit and the recommendation of a speed limit.

Chairperson Danna questioned what was going on with the situation on North Shiloh and Anthony Sparacio. Mrs. O'Brien noted that there was an update in the bins in

the form of an email. She noted that Mr. Fralinger had some water damage and the Clerk stated that he will be submitting a report in about week.

Ordinances

The Clerk stated that she was presenting 2 Ordinances for considers this evening.

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2016-3 for first reading – An Ordinance Appropriating The Sum Of \$25,000.00 From The Capital Improvement Fund Of Deerfield Township For The Purchase Of A Tractor For The Public Works Department.

The Clerk stated that as a result of the meeting between Mr. Sparacio, Mr. Laurella and the public works supervisor this Ordinance was being presented to only encumber the money necessary to purchase a tractor. Mr. Spatola inquired whether there was a recommendation for a tractor. Mr. Laurella stated there was but the Agenda only allowed for discussion. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to adopt Ordinance #2016-3 on first reading and to set Wednesday, May 4, 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 Ordinance #2016-4 for first reading of An Ordinance Amending Procedures For Group Use Of Township Parks And Recreation Areas And Establishing Procedures For Conducting Special Events On Public Lands Within The Township. Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Ordinance #2016-4 on first reading and to set Wednesday, May 4, 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		

New Business

The Clerk presented Raffle Application for an Off Premises Raffle by Big Brothers And Big Sisters of Cumberland and Salem Counties, Inc. for October 9, 2016. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to approve the Raffle Application. Roll Call Vote:

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

Communications

The Clerk stated that there are no communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #16-91 For The Payment Of Bills. Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien, to adopt Resolution #16-91. 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 Mrs. O'Brien to open the meeting to the public. The Committee approved.

Mr. Angelo Pace of 665 Big Oak Road came before the Committee. Mr. Pace stated that there is a problem on that stretch of road between Morton Avenue and Parvins Mill Road. He further stated that there are no speed limit signs and it is also a no passing zone. Mr. Pace relayed the number of times cars disregard the no passing zone. He also noted that you can't see the lines on the roads. Discussion was held regarding the number of accidents that occurred at Morton and Parvins Mill and Morton and Big Oak and how those accidents finally resulted in 4-way stops. Mr. Laurella stated that he and Mr. Sparacio will bring it up during their meeting with County officials.

Mr. John Stanzione of 721 Morton Avenue came before the Committee. Mr. Stanzione suggested that the Committee consider the Park Ordinance and who will police the area during the special event. Discussion was held regarding the responsibility of the applied for event and the required certificate of insurance. Additional discussion was held regarding use and local residents using the parking during a "rented" event. Todd Heck, Esquire, appearing on behalf of Solicitor Testa stated that he did not believe the park would be closed to residents and anyone wanting to use the facilities. Mr. Heck stated that the application is for people who are not connected and inviting people to attend. He further stated there is always the prospect of conflict. Mr. Stanzione stated that the Solicitor should check in to any organized group using the facility. Mr. Heck indicated that an occasional event is different from an organized group. Additional discussion was held regarding the "permitted" use/user and the general public.

John Barbagello inquired whether individuals will have Certificates of Insurance and it was indicated that it was part of the application.

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

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

Rudy Danna, Jr., Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield