

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MAY 16, 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, Fire Marshal 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 #2018-4 Second Reading And Public Hearing Of An Ordinance Amending The Fees For Smoke Detectors And Carbon Monoxide Alarms In The Township Of Deerfield.

Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terrigno to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2018-4. The Committee approved.

There being no comment from the public, Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brago to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2018-4. The Committee approved.

Mr. Brago made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to adopt Ordinance #2018-4.
Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2018-5 – First Reading Of An Ordinance Appropriating The Sum Of \$5,000.00 From The Capital Improvement Fund Of Deerfield Township For The Purchase Of A Brush Rotary Mower For The Public Works Department.

Mr. Terrigno made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brago to adopt Ordinance #2018-5 on first reading and to Wednesday, June 6, 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 #18-103 Approving Release Of Performance Bond Posted By Ezekiel Colon D/B/A A&L Auto Lines In the Sum Of \$14,000.00. Mr. Brago made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to adopt Resolution #18-103. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #18-104 – To Affirm The Township Of Deerfield's Civil Rights Policy With Respect To All Officials, Appointees, Employees, Prospective Employees, Volunteers, Independent Contractors And Members Of The Public That Come Into Contact With Municipal Employees, Officials And Volunteers. Mr. Brago made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terrigno to adopt Resolution #18-104. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #18-105 – Authorizing Exclusion Of The Public From A Meeting Of The Township Committee To Be Held On May 16, 2018 – Meeting Pertaining To Personnel And Attorney-Client Privilege. Mr. Terrigno made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to adopt Resolution #18-105. Roll Call Vote:

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

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Department Chairpersons.

With regard to streets and roads, Mr. Terrigno reported that the brush hog we currently have is no longer functioning and hopefully the new one will be received as soon as the money is appropriated.

Mr. Terrigno noted that with regard to the auction set for June 6th, he clarified that Solicitor Testa is opening the sealed bids and the public would be able to bid. Solicitor Testa inquired if the people submitting sealed bids are aware that there will be additional bidding. Mr. Terrigno indicated “no” and Solicitor Testa stated that its two different things. Chairperson O'Brien indicated that we have to re-advertise as it needs to be an actual auction. She further indicated that Mr. Levin would need to be notified that the auction would be postponed until June 20th.

Mr. Brago reported on animal control and that three dogs have been taken to the SPCA and three dogs have been returned to their owners. He further reported that he was unable to make the Recreation meeting last month. Mr. Stanzione stated that he attended and the Recreation Committee is working on getting the groups together and volunteers.

Mr. Terrigno followed up with a question regarding the auction. He inquired if no one bids on a property can the Township lower the price. Solicitor Testa stated “no” not that night. He further stated that it can be re-advertised for another night. Solicitor Testa indicated that someone could say that they would have bid on the property if they knew the price was \$500 instead of a \$1000 and the notice is indicated a specific price.

Mr. Brago noted that he was unable to make the Land Use Board and Mr. Danna attended. Chairperson O'Brien stated that there was barely a quorum and the Board was reviewing the Master Plan. She further stated that Deerfield Township is currently under Master Plan review and anyone is welcome to attend which is the second Wednesday of the month and the Board will be doing a deep dive into what the future of the Township looks like. Chairperson O'Brien indicated that there was difficulty in getting a consensus

due to the amount of members present. Mr. Stanzione asked that Chairperson O'Brien keep everyone up-to-date as everyone can't attend the meeting unless it is advertised. Chairperson O'Brien stated she would and confirmed that anything the Board approves would have to come before Township Committee.

Mr. Brago inquired as to the AED and pads. The Clerk stated that the AED has pads, but the new one the Township wants to get is waiting for Federal approval. Mr. Brago indicated that he spoke with Chad McMahon, Rescue Chief, and the government has a hold on AED disbursement. Mr. Terrigno stated that Mr. McMahon is waiting on approval as he would like everything to be uniform at the municipal building, fire hall and school. Mr. Brago stated that he will follow up with Mr. McMahon.

As to the new phone system, Mr. Brago inquired as to when that changeover will take place. Clerk noted that is underway and should be taking place in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Brago noted that with regard to the gates out back, he has been working with public works and the Tractor Supply credit card is in and the Township will be able to get the equipment to finish the project out back. Mr. Brago indicated that it will be about \$347 to finish out the project.

As to EMS billing Mr. Brago asked the Clerk to reach out to Ambulance Billing Company and schedule a meeting and see if they can come down and go over the contract and make sure everything is ready for a smooth transition for July 1st.

Mr. Brago inquired if there was any more discussion for purchase of laptops for use by the Committee. Mr. Brago stated that he has priced them out through Best Buy. Mr. Terrigno suggested using State contract. Mr. Brago noted that he took Solicitor Testa's advice and reached out to the lady at the Cumberland County College who indicated that is the way the College does it. He further noted that the College puts them out for their Committee people and it works out well. Mr. Brago stated that the Township will have to come up with a policy for the use and intended use. He further inquired as to the wireless internet. Chairperson O'Brien noted that she and Mr. Danna met with Mr. Shinn regarding buildings and grounds and went over a list of items and one being the gate, the fence along the grass, increased security measures and increased access to the internet. Chairperson O'Brien noted that the service comes from a box on the other side of the building and it's not reaching the meeting room and a booster will need to be obtained. The Clerk stated that she would reach out to our IT person.

Mr. Stanzione stated that everything is good with fire and rescue.

New Business

The Clerk presented Raffle Application For An Off Premises Raffle By Big Brother Big Sisters OF Cumberland And Salem Counties, Inc. For October 7, 2018. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to approve the raffle application. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Terrigno noted that there is no liaison to the senior center and recommended Mr. Danna as the liaison to the senior center. Mr. Terrigno made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brago to appoint Mr. Danna as liaison to the Charlotte Brago Senior Center. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Terrigno asked that the Agenda for the meetings be emailed the Monday before the meeting. The Clerk stated that she would do that.

Mr. Stanzione inquired what was happening with the well. The Clerk stated that she just forwarded Solicitor Testa an email to prepare an Agreement to transfer some of the Tonnage Grant money to the CCIA to do something related to recycling and the CCIA would do the well as a gift. Mr. Stanzione indicated that if we get them the letter confirming reimbursement they will get started on the well.

Mr. Brago stated that he will be attending the Recreation Committee next week and was emailed from a company called Absolute Entertaining and they do all kinds of events throughout the State. He further stated that they have a thing called "Cinema Movie Night" where they set up a big movie screen and it is open to the residents and they watch a movie and sit in the park and have a nice evening. Mr. Brago indicated that he did reach out to them and they have 30 foot screen that they come and set up and provide the sound system. He further indicated that the Township would have to get the movie licensing agreement to show the movie, which they do not provide. Mr. Brago noted that they gave him contact information for Swank Motion Pictures and they deal with 99% of the major movie companies and have the licensing agreements to show the movies. Mr. Brago stated that he is going to present that to Recreation and would like to get moving on that quickly and have a movie night held over the summer. He further stated that he would like to get a flyer out to the kids before the end of the school year. Mr. Brago indicated that the monitor, screen set up and take down and someone here for the event would be about \$1400 and the licensing agreement if \$435 for a total of \$1435.00

Mr. Terrigno suggested that Mr. Brago reach out to Linda Miletta from Cedarville and they put that on at the ballpark for the kids. Mr. Terrigno felt Miss Miletta would be able to give Mr. Brago some insight and would provide her number to Mr. Brago.

With regard to the Harvest Festival, Chairperson O'Brien stated that there will be a parade at the Harvest Festival this year. No date has been set.

Communications

The Clerk stated that there were no communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #18-106 for the Payment Of Bills. Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brago to adopt Resolution #18-195. Roll Call Vote:

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

Public Comment

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

Donna Ollett of 818 Vineland Avenue came before the Committee. Mrs. Ollett inquired what was happening with the flooding between Greenman and Vineland Avenues. She noted the last time it rained it came across pretty hard. Chairperson

O'Brien noted that the Township has that last rain documented. She further noted that there is no quick fix for that kind of water and the Township has reached out to the engineers. Mrs. Ollett noted that the water is pretty high after recent rains. Mrs. Ollett noted that Mrs. Lopez's yard was full the last time but it's okay for now. Additionally, Mrs. Ollett noted that the Township was going to check with the County. Mr. Brago indicated that the County said they are only really responsible for the water on the roadway and the drainage system is only responsible for what is on the road and not what is coming from another property. Mrs. Ollett felt that the water might be coming from the pond. Mr. Terrigno stated that there was discussion before the meeting regarding that property. Mr. Stanzione noted that a lot of the problem is coming from the farmers. He further noted that in the 60's there were swales that went through the entire town and it let the water drain out. Eventually, however, the farmers covered up all the swales and that is why there is nowhere for the water to go and where there were swales there are now houses. Mr. Stanzione reiterated Chairperson O'Brien in that you have to have a plan or the water will just go from one property to the next and you have to fix it all. Mr. Stanzione stated that from the railroad tracks south all the water went down to the drain across from the school and then out to Jesse's Bridge and then to the Maurice River and anything north of the tracks went to the stream at the bottom of Big Oak Road and then out to Parvins. He further stated that until there is a plan to cut swales back in the water is never going to go. He agreed that the County is not responsible for the water in a person's yard they are actually responsible to get the water off the streets.

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

Mr. Terrigno made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna 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		

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terrigno to reconvene the regular meeting. The Committee approved.

Mr. Terrigno made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brago to authorize Frank Guarancini to send formal letter to the complainants, their attorneys, defendant and his attorney as well as the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and Excess Liability Fund as to the findings and recommendations of the investigator and the recommendations of the Committee that Mr. Stanzione and Miss Seifrit need to complete anti-harassment and whistle blower training course in a timely fashion. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Brago	Yes	Mr. Terrigno	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Abstain	Mrs. O'Brien	Yes
Mr. Danna	No		

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

Abigail P. O'Brien , Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield