

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

JULY 1, 2015

Chairperson Laurella 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 Laurella led the flag salute.

The Clerk took roll call and members present included Mr. Sparacio, Mr. Stanzione, Mr. Spatola, Mr. Danna and Mr. Laurella.

Minutes

The Clerk presented the minutes of June 3 and June 17, 2015. Mr. Sparacio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to approve the minutes as written. The Committee approved.

Ordinances

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2015-4 – Second Reading And Public Hearing Of An Ordinance To Vacate A Portion Of Maxon Avenue Within The Township And Amend the Official Map of The Township.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2015-4. The Committee approved.

There being no public in attendance, Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio, to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2015-4. The Committee approved.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to adopt Ordinance #2015-4. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Chairperson Laurella	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2015-5 First Reading Of An Ordinance Rezoning Block 85, Lot 1.01 For Inclusion In The Township's Center Mixed Use Zoning District.

Mr. Sparacio made a motion seconded by Mr. Spatola to adopt Ordinance #2015-5 on first reading and to set Wednesday, July 15, 2015 for second reading, public hearing and final adoption. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Chairperson Laurella	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #15-110 – Resolution Approving Bids For Food Vending Spaces At The Deerfield Township Harvest Festival. Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to adopt Resolution #15-110. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Chairperson Laurella	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

Before the next Resolution Mr. Spatola stated that the Township received a contract proposal from Mark Blauer of Blauer Associates with regard to the previously mentioned application for a Small Cities Grant for the parks in the amount of \$400,000.00. He further stated that the contract indicates the fee schedule and administration of the grant proposal. Mr. Spatola indicated that if a grant is received Mr. Blauer would be paid up to 5% of the grant and that would come off the top of the grant money. He further indicated that he reviewed the contract and everything is as previously stated at the last meeting.

The Clerk presented Resolution #15-111 – Resolution Awarding A Contract To Mark Blauer Of Blauer Associates As Service Provider For An Application For A 2016 New Jersey Small Cities Community Development Block Grant

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #15-111. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Chairperson Laurella	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

The Clerk noted that as a follow up to the Resolution, she indicated that Mr. Blauer will be in attendance at the meeting on the 15th as part of the public hearing for this grant application and is part of the DCA requirements. The Clerk further noted that Mr. Blauer will make a short presentation and if there is public, there will be an opportunity for the public comment or make suggestions. The Clerk stated that Mr. Blauer will be forwarding to her 4 Resolutions that will need to be adopted at that meeting in connection with the grant application.

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Department Chairpersons.

Mr. Danna indicated that public works informed him that there was a sinkhole on Greenman Avenue near Vineland Avenue. He further indicated that the hole was in the middle of the road and advised that cones should be placed around it. Mr. Danna stated that he called the County and they came out and took care of it. He further stated that it was a good size hole and you could look underneath to both sides of the road and the County just filled it up with blacktop. Chairperson Laurella inquired as to the location and Mr. Danna noted it is at the location where there is all the flooding and there is a crack across the road.

Chairperson Laurella suggested that we make a note of the day and location. Mr. Danna stated that any large vehicle can punch the fill and create the hole again. Chairperson Laurella further suggested that perhaps the Liaison from the Freeholders for Streets and Roads be notified.

With regard to Recreation Mr. Spatola noted the receipt of the Food Vendor Bids and things are moving forward with preparation for the Harvest Festival.

Mr. Spatola noted that with regard to Buildings & Grounds the east and west doors on the building have been redone. He further noted that not all of the materials were able to be duplicated like the old custom-made materials, but the corrections turned out well. Mr. Spatola stated that the new material and anything touching the ground is all the Azec material.

Mr. Stanzione stated that fire and rescue is doing well and the Township is still looking into financing for purchasing a truck. He further stated that there is no new information to report.

Chairperson Laurella questioned the status of the collection of outstanding bills. The Clerk stated that she's been talking with the Chief about it, but has no thoughts on what to do. Chairperson Laurella indicated that we should have some type of answer by the next meeting. Discussion was held among the Committee members regarding the collection agency. It was agreed that some kind letter should be sent to get an update on the bills.

Mr. Sparacio stated that he had nothing to report.

Mr. Spatola wanted to put on the record that a few meetings ago there was an issue brought before the Committee against a farmer in the Township for littering manure and other materials on the roads and smell coming from his farm. Mr. Spatola stated that the Clerk had reached out to the State Mediation Board and requested mediation on behalf of the parties. He further stated that the State responded that the Township could not apply for mediation on behalf of the parties and the parties must apply themselves. Mr. Spatola indicated that the Township asked that the State notify the persons involved and that was done. He further indicated that he wanted it on record that the Township did move forward aggressively to try and solve this problem and he didn't want anyone to come in and say that the Township didn't do anything. He noted that the Township did do what we said we would and now the ball is in the Plaintiff/Defendant's court and they must deal with the State of New Jersey and have it mediated.

New Business

The Clerk presented Discussion For Meeting Date(s) For The Month Of August. The Clerk stated that there was a calendar for the month of August in the packet for this evening. Chairperson Laurella noted that in the past couple of years there have only been one meeting for the month of August. Chairperson Laurella suggested scheduling one meeting somewhere in the middle of the month of August and suggested August 19th. The Clerk noted that due to the 5 Wednesdays in the month of July there may a large gap for the payment of bills. Mr. Spatola recommending moving the meeting from the 5th to the 4th and keep the meeting on the 19th. Mr. Spatola stated that he felt it was necessary to have the 2 meetings just in case something needs to be approved for the grant application.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to move the August 5, 2015 Township Committee to August 4, 2015. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Chairperson Laurella	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

Chairperson Laurella noted that the Township has a defibrillator and he would like to see that placed in a little cabinet in the meeting room to be readily available for anyone to use. The Committee agreed.

Communications

The Clerk stated that there are no communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #15-112 For The Payment Of Bills.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio, to adopt Resolution #15-112.
Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Chairperson Laurella	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

Public Comment

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

There being no comment from the public, Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to close the public portion of the meeting. The Committee approved.

Chairperson Laurella questioned the approval of the sale of the building in Carmel. The Clerk stated that the sale was already approved, but that the Township is waiting on the Agreement of Sale, finalizing the Ordinance to rezone the property and one or two other items.

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

Cosmo J. Laurella, Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield