

REGULAR MEETING  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

JULY 2, 2014

Chairperson Stanzione 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 Stanzione led the flag salute.

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

Minutes

The Clerk presented Minutes from June 4 And June 18, 2014.

Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to approve the Minutes as written. The Committee approved.

Ordinances

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2014-8- First Reading Of An Ordinance Amending Rental Registration Fees And Fees For Certified Copies.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to adopt Ordinance #2014-8 on first reading and to set Wednesday, July 16, 2014 for second reading, public hearing and final adoption. Roll Call Vote:

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| Mr. Lauermann | Yes     | Mr. Danna     | Yes |
| Mr. Laurella  | Yes     | Mr. Stanzione | Yes |
| Mr. Spatola   | Abstain |               |     |

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2014-9 First Reading Of An Ordinance Granting Renewed Consent And Permission To South Jersey Gas Company To Use The Public Streets to Furnish Gas For Light, Heat And Power In Deerfield Township.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna, to adopt Ordinance #2014-9 on first reading and to set Wednesday, July 16, 2014 for second reading, public hearing and final adoption. Roll Call Vote:

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| Mr. Lauermann | Yes | Mr. Danna     | Yes |
| Mr. Laurella  | Yes | Mr. Stanzione | Yes |
| Mr. Spatola   | Yes |               |     |

The Clerk presented Paul Miola, Exeuctive Director, Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management, for the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund on Deerfield Township's Renewal in the Joint Insurance Fund.

Mr. Miola greeted the Committee and handed out a brief power point on Renewing Membership in the JIF.

Mr. Miola noted that the JIF remains the most successful example of interlocal cooperation in the history of New Jersey. He stated that the Atlantic County JIF has been stable over the last 27 years, has \$43,682,877 total cash on hand, over \$25,900,000 in surplus returned and \$20,166,291 in current surplus. Mr. Miola indicated that member involvement is key along with the professionals, risk management, specialized programs, claims management and other aspects that help keep the ACMJIF successful. He further

indicated that as long as everyone is committed to safety and risk management that is the cornerstone of the JIF.

Mr. Miola showed the Township its 6 year average and noted that the Township has had modest increases and has received \$84,324 in dividends since joining the JIF.

Mr. Miola stated that the JIF is cost effective because there is no drive for profits, no tax loadings, no residual market costs, lower overhead, litigation management, medical inflation control and consistent membership. He further stated that there other JIFs in the State, but there is little in common with the ACMJIF, no member oversight, questionable financial stability, etc. Mr. Miola stated that their operating expenses are higher than the ACMJIF and that they charge added assessments to their members.

Mr. Miola asked the Committee consider the “bottom line” when considering renewal. He further asked the Committee to consider who you share risk with, who will defend the claims, will the JIF still be around in 10 years (financial status).

Mr. Miola noted that the Clerk and other Clerks and Administrators are minding the store and watching every penny that is spent with the JIF. He further noted that nobody asks about the costs of insurance after a claim has been filed and doesn't matter who insures you until it does. He asked that the Committee consider “is the JIF a good idea”, “is the JIF still a good idea”.

Mr. Miola noted that in the power point is a breakdown of the JIF's financials and Deerfield's membership update for 2014.

There were no questions from the Committee. Mr. Laurella noted that the Township has been with the JIF for approximately 22 years. The Committee thanked Mr. Miola for the information and his attendance this evening.

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #14-108-Authorizing the Execution Of A Contract Renewing Membership In The Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to adopt Resolution #14-108. Roll Call Vote:

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| Mr. Lauermann | Yes | Mr. Danna     | Yes |
| Mr. Laurella  | Yes | Mr. Stanzione | Yes |
| Mr. Spatola   | Yes |               |     |

The Clerk presented Resolution #14-109 Resolution Approving Bids For Food Vending Spaces At The Deerfield Township Harvest Festival.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adopt Resolution #14-109. Roll Call Vote:

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| Mr. Lauermann | Yes | Mr. Danna     | Yes |
| Mr. Laurella  | Yes | Mr. Stanzione | Yes |
| Mr. Spatola   | Yes |               |     |

The Clerk presented Resolution #14-110 Resolution Approving The Annual Audit For the Year 2013.

Before adoption of the Resolution Mr. Laurella noted that for a third year there is a discussion item for the initiation of foreclosure on properties in the Township with municipal liens. He further noted that it will take at least 2 Committee people and assistance from the Township Solicitor and Clerk to start and get some of these properties back on the books for the collection of taxes. Mr. Laurella stated that we can get the list again from the Clerk and start working this in order for it not be a discussion item every year in the audit. He further stated that it won't be easy, but it's something that needs to be done.

Solicitor Testa noted that the Township had started to look into it last year. Mr. Laurella asked the Mayor to appoint 2 persons from the Committee to get started on this project. Mr. Spatola, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, stated that the Finance Committee will be in charge of this project.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to adopt Resolution #14-110. Roll Call Vote:

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| Mr. Lauermann | Yes | Mr. Danna     | Yes |
| Mr. Laurella  | Yes | Mr. Stanzione | Yes |
| Mr. Spatola   | Yes |               |     |

Mr. Spatola noted that he was not sure if everyone had the opportunity to read the audit information, but the audit went very well. He further noted that at the Exit Conference, the auditor indicated how long the audit took, how much it would cost and noted the "discussion only" items and 2 findings to be remedied.

#### Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Department Chairpersons.

Mr. Laurella noted that the drain at Maxon Avenue has been completed. He further noted that a hard rain has washed away some of the new grass seed and a farmer has run over the area which has recently been reseeded. Mr. Laurella stated that he told the foreman for the farmer and they somewhat corrected the situation. Fralinger Engineering was contacted and indicated that the contractor, Slade Construction, was going out to fix the area and did a very nice job.

Mr. Laurella stated that he met with resident, Mr. Orsci, regarding the poles that were put up to keep the farmer away from the construction area. He further stated that he had directed the maintenance man to move the posts 6 feet back from the inlet to give the grass a chance to grow. Mr. Laurella noted that further down on the agenda is a discussion for a concrete headwall.

Mr. Spatola noted that the bids for the stage roof are to be opened on July 11, 2014.

Chairperson Stanzione stated that he and Mr. Spatola met with the auditor and have some final numbers with regard to the money that is brought in by the fire company. He further stated that the Committee needs to decide whether the surplus will be split 60/40 for fire apparatus/equipment, respectively, or a 65/35 split, respectively.

Mr. Spatola noted that it is the intention to split this in to 2 different categories and this recommendation is based on consultation with the auditor. He further noted that the funds would be marked only for the purchase of vehicles, which the average vehicle will cost half a million dollars, and gear, which would be costly through the regular budget.

Mr. Spatola stated that this process would help reduce “bonding” and would allow the Township to pull from a fund. He further stated that this shows where the money is going. Mr. Spatola indicated how the money goes into one fund, but 2 different lines will be set aside, from the surplus revenue, to fund future vehicles and equipment/gear. He further indicated that between money being received through billing and money being received through collections, money can be allocated to these 2 line items and the taxpayers would not have to fund a new vehicle.

Mr. Spatola reiterated the split that Chairperson Stanzione mentioned earlier. He mentioned that they did not speak about it at the last meeting but wanted to let everyone know.

Mr. Laurella questioned whether or not the Township would still have to allocate money to the fire company. Mr. Spatola clarified that “yes” there would still be an every day operating expense to run the building. Chairperson Stanzione noted that there is coverage to the residents every day, all day long with no expense to the taxpayers. He further noted that if the billing does generate enough to knock some money off the budget than maybe in the future. Chairperson Stanzione offered Chief Jilinski a chance to speak on the matter.

Chief Pete Jilinski of Rosenhayn Fire & Rescue approached the Committee. Mr. Jilinski agreed with Mr. Laurella that he had come before the Committee several years ago and did make the statement that at some point in time it might be feasible for the fire company to ween themselves off the Township’s budget. He also noted that he did not think that it would happen in the next couple of years. Mr. Jilinski agreed with the statements made by Chairperson Stanzione and Mr. Spatola and that the billing is operating at a profit. Mr. Jilinski reiterated that the surplus income at the end of year would be returned to emergency services and that there had been some issues on how to do that and those issues have now been settled.

Mr. Jilinski noted that with regard to the overall budget it is feasible that the fire company could ease some of the burden of its municipal budget. Mr. Laurella thanked Mr. Jilinski and just wanted clarification from the initial comments made a couple of years ago. Mr. Jilinski stated that 40% of the surplus revenue will going towards capital items and in the past that money came out of the capital account of the Township. He further stated that the Township and the fire company are trying to be proactive and put money aside just for those purchases and vehicles. Mr. Jilinski indicated that there is a truck that needs to be replaced as soon as possible and will try and generate as much funds as possible to alleviate the burden, but discussions need to be held now.

Mr. Lauermann questioned what would be considered a “large purchase” in the next 10 years. Specifically, what things need to happen. Mr. Jilinski said that a 5 year plan needs to come out to forecast what needs to be replaced. In the next 10 years the rescue truck is at the top of the list and then the ambulances. Fire trucks are in good shape and shouldn’t have to buy a fire truck in the next 10 years. Mr. Lauermann questioned the percentage to be allocated towards vehicles. Mr. Jilinski noted that regardless of how the numbers are moved the current level of income is not going to absorb the cost 100% - it will offset it.

Discussion was held the Committee and Mr. Jilinski regarding money be allocated and costs for vehicles and less money being derived from taxpayer dollars.

Chairperson Stanzione noted that he and Mr. Spatola made a recommendation of 65/35 and asked Mr. Jilinski where he would like to see the bulk of the surplus go to. Mr.

Jilinski said that he would like to see the larger percent go to vehicles, but in the long run it's all coming back to the fire company.

Mr. Spatola noted that money from either line item could be moved one to the other to accommodate the need for a vehicle or a major purchase for gear or equipment.

Mr. Laurella questioned the Solicitor if the Committee was tying down a future Committee to these percentages. Solicitor Testa said "no" and that the percentages could be changed every year. Mr. Spatola noted that any income is going into the same fund and it shows the people out there earning it where it is and can watch it grow.

Discussion was held concerning options on how to replace the rescue truck.

Mr. Lauermann questioned whether there is a threshold the accounts would not go below so that the accounts are not zeroed. Mr. Spatola noted that regulations dictate when equipment needs to be replaced and if zeroing out the account and bonding some of the expense is what needs to be done then the Township is going into the budget for it.

Mr. Lauermann noted that he did not see the Township not providing some type of municipal budget to the fire company. Mr. Spatola reiterated the income of revenue and the ability of that revenue to offset the cost of a vehicle purchase and ease the burden on the taxpayer.

Discussion was held between the Committee and Mr. Jilinski regarding the need for municipal budget and revenue received through billing. Mr. Jilinski reiterated his initial proposal for paid EMT's during the day and how it has paid off for the Township.

Chairperson Stanzione noted that emergency services is the only thing the Township gives its residents and now with coverage during the day with no expense. He further noted that regardless of what the Committee votes on as far as percentages, nothing is set in stone.

Mr. Spatola agreed with Chairperson Stanzione and noted that the percentages agreed to are based on fact and future Committees, should they wish to, will have to make changes based on fact.

The Committee thanked Mr. Jilinski for his input.

Chairperson Stanzione noted that a vote will need to take place at the next meeting and the recommendation is at a 65/35 split.

Mr. Laurella noted that he and Mr. Danna met with a representative from the DOT regarding a closing of Garton Road, approximately 3-8 days, whereby the railroad will be putting new concrete pads down for the tracks. He further noted that the fire company had 2 representatives here and they are aware of what is being done and will check on house number locations so they know which route to take in case there is a call.

Mr. Spatola stated that he and Mr. Stanzione had a meeting with the Board of Agriculture and the County Board of Agriculture. He further stated that the meeting went well and these departments are well aware of what the problems are here in the Township. Mr. Spatola indicated that the Township is offering the opportunity to move forward and to "clean up their house". He further indicated that a suggestion was made to have another meeting soon with the farmers and have a map prepared to illustrate, geographically, where the water problems are in the Township. Mr. Spatola stated that the farmers know where the farms are and everyone knows who owns what, and we are going to bring forth what the problems are and ask them for their help and cooperation to

solve this problem. He further stated that the farmers that attend the meeting a few weeks ago are excellent farmers and their practices are neat and clean. Mr. Spatola noted that letters will be sent out to the farmers to meet again, review the topographical map, identify the problems and make suggestions for remedies.

The Clerk presented Update-Discussion Regarding Thursday Night Opening For The Deerfield Township Harvest Festival.

The Clerk stated that the subject was brought up at the last meeting and tabled for discussion/vote for the meeting this evening.

Mr. Spatola stated that his vote will represent how he feels about it, but he wanted everyone to know why this has come to be. He further stated that because of a 3 day venue there have been some loses and the Recreation Committee is aggressively pursuing saving money this year. Mr. Spatola stated that there will be no fireworks this year and that's a savings of about \$7500. He further stated that there was not going to be parking attended to by Recreation, but that thought has changed and Recreation will offer parking. Mr. Spatola noted that the vendors have changed and that there are a lot of changes this year with Festival. He further noted that the elimination of the fireworks is due to location and safety reasons and there is just no way to safely hold them. Mr. Spatola stated that the request for a Thursday night opening is for the rides only and there would be a percentage to the Recreation Committee from Skelly's, who runs the rides. He further stated that Skelly's is ready on Tuesday the week of the Festival and has asked many times over the years and Recreation Committee members are in attendance that week for assistance. Mr. Spatola indicated that this request would add to the revenue and is strictly a financial reason.

Chairperson Stanzione stated that this request will need to be approved by Resolution at the next meeting.

Mr. Laurella questioned the lack of parking and Mr. Spatola clarified that there will be parking attended by the Recreation Committee.

The Clerk presented Update-Discussion Regarding Street Lights To Be Turned Off In The Area Of Garton Road, Big Oak Road And Parvins Mill Road And The Deerfield Municipal Building.

Mr. Danna indicated that if the Township is going to do one area then they have to do them all. He further indicated that he felt that is was fair to turn them off except where they are needed and noted that there are a couple that need to be moved to accommodate intersections. Mr. Danna noted that there should be a light on the south side of the curve on Rosenhayn Avenue to help illuminate that area.

Mr. Laurella stated that the Committee has been working on this for the last 3 years and needs to continue to finish the Township. He further stated that it is a time consuming process and there isn't much more to do until the Township is completed. Mr. Laurella indicated that there have been some complaints from residents about the light being turned off in front of their home, but a resident can certainly contact the electric company and have a light installed on their property.

Mr. Spatola questioned how much money has been saved and have there been any accidents or occurrences based on safety. Mr. Laurella noted that yes money has been save and that there have been no accidents/occurrences to the best of his knowledge.

Mr. Lauer mann indicated that he has concerns for a couple of areas in the Township that are prone to heavy duty flooding. He further indicated that when those lights

were removed from those areas, he did not feel confident, from a public safety standpoint, that it was the right thing for the Township to do. Mr. Lauermann noted that some of the areas are 18-20 inches deep and it only takes 5 inches of flowing water to move a vehicle. He stated that he did not want to see the Township remove lights in flood prone areas and replaced with signage that these areas may be flooded. Mr. Lauermann indicated that the Township should illuminate the curves, but did not want to see the flood prone areas removed of streetlights. He further indicated that public safety should be a priority. Mr. Lauermann stated that the area near the school and Maxon Avenue those lights should not have been removed. He stated that there should be discussion about re-illuminating those areas in the Township that flood the most.

Mr. Spatola agreed with Mr. Lauermann that there should be lights were there is water, mud, etc. and what is going to aid in that is the map that's going to show bad spots and flood spots. Mr. Spatola noted that if the public comes with the farmer then every spot on the map that has a water/mud problem in which case there is a document that identifies all these spots. He further noted that this map will show heavy water and a "fact" to show why you are illuminating that area and if anyone complains then there is proof of the need. Mr. Spatola stated that he felt that the Township will be able to work on these 2 problems at the same time. He further stated that he appreciates the information he received from Mr. Laurella and Mr. Danna and why this needs to be a Township wide gesture and if the Township does one area the whole Township needs to be done.

Mr. Laurella noted that hard rain and flood should cause individuals to slow down and not drive erratically. He further noted that he has pictures of flooding throughout the Township, but there are places throughout the Country that show true flooding.

Chairperson Stanzone noted that the matter could not be voted on this evening as it not scheduled for vote. Chairperson Stanzone polled the Committee as to whether or not they wished to hold off on the vote until the Township received the map. Mr. Laurella did not want hold off and wait for the map. Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to put the streetlight on the next Agenda for a vote. The Committee approved.

Mr. Lauermann inquired whether we received any information on the building in Carmel and what it would take to subdivide the property. The Clerk indicated that the Township had not received anything. Solicitor Testa stated that he received a call from Mr. Duffy recently and that he is working on the matter.

#### New Business

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Approval To Use PayPal To Accept Harvest Festival payments.

The Clerk stated that in the packets there was a memo from Roy Spoltore and Tony Stanzone regarding the process of using PayPal and that Mr. Spoltore has checked with the State Department of Community Affairs/Finance and this is a "do-able" process for municipalities. She further stated the Mr. Spoltore has outlined how the costs of PayPal would be at the cost of the applicant/vendor and there would be no cost to the Township.

Discussion was held among the Committee regarding how PayPal works and the handling fees.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to allow the use of PayPal to accept Harvest Festival Payments. Roll Call Vote:

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| Mr. Lauermann | Yes | Mr. Danna     | Yes |
| Mr. Laurella  | Yes | Mr. Stanzione | Yes |
| Mr. Spatola   | Yes |               |     |

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Request For Concrete Headwall At Drain At Maxon Avenue.

Mr. Laurella stated that this was something that was in the original proposal. He further stated that it was omitted, but after speaking with property owner, who is going to maintain the area, Mr. Laurella agreed that it should be added and recommended to the Township Committee that the contractor, Ricky Slade Construction, put in the headwall. Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to approve the installation of a headwall at the drain at Maxon Avenue. Roll Call Vote:

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| Mr. Lauermann | Yes | Mr. Danna     | Yes |
| Mr. Laurella  | Yes | Mr. Stanzione | Yes |
| Mr. Spatola   | Yes |               |     |

The Clerk presented Discussion For Meeting For The Month Of August. The Clerk stated that over the last couple of years there has only been one meeting in August and it was positioned in the middle of month so that there are not too many weeks until the meeting in September. She noted that in the packets this evening there was a calendar for the month of August in order to allow for suggestions of a meeting date.

Chairperson Stanzione stated that the first meeting in August is one that he cannot make due to a fundraiser and suggested that the meeting moved. Discussion was held as to some possible dates. Mr. Laurella recommended that the Committee hold the August meeting at its regularly scheduled date of the third Wednesday of the month, August 20<sup>th</sup>, and if necessary hold a special meeting if something needs approval. Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to cancel the first meeting in August and hold August 20, 2014 as the only meeting for the month of August. Roll Call Vote:

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| Mr. Lauermann | Yes | Mr. Danna     | Yes |
| Mr. Laurella  | Yes | Mr. Stanzione | Yes |
| Mr. Spatola   | Yes |               |     |

Mr. Laurella indicated that he spoke with EMT's the other day and brought it up to the Department of Transportation representative that something needs to be done about the water that accumulates at the intersection of Morton and Landis Avenues. He further indicated that some kind of drain needs to be installed instead of being splashed all over. Mr. Laurella recommended that a letter be sent to the Department of Transportation. Chairperson Stanzione stated that he did reach out to the bank on the corner and told them that they needed to have their landscaper come in and turn the sprinklers so that it actually shoots on the grass instead of the road.

### Communications

The Clerk stated that there was a communication this evening from Ronald Biauce tendering his resignation. She further stated that the letter should have been read at a previous meeting. Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to accept and file the communication. The Committee approved.

The Clerk presented Resolution #14-111 For The Payment Of Bills.

Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adopt Resolution #14-111  
Roll Call Vote:

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| Mr. Lauermann | Yes | Mr. Danna     | Yes |
| Mr. Laurella  | Yes | Mr. Stanzione | Yes |
| Mr. Spatola   | Yes |               |     |

#### Public Comment

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

John Orsci of Maxon Avenue came before the Committee. Mr. Orsci stated that he had a few items to address. He further stated that he has put in some drains and no longer has a water problem. Mr. Orsci stated that there is still an issue with the farmer and questioned whether the Township Committee has asked the farmer to put the irrigation pipes over Bridgeton Avenue where there are no grates.

Mr. Orsci said he submitted pictures of flooding and debris on the road a few meetings back and there was a discussion about how important the buffer zone was. Mr. Orsci stated that the poles that were there during construction of the drain are now right up to the grate and there is no buffer zone. He further stated that when the farmer plows there is nothing to catch the debris and it will eventually clog the drain or end up on his property. Mr. Orsci stated that the buffer zone is critical to catch the debris and keep it where it should be.

Mr. Laurella stated that originally he directed public works to put up the stakes and paint them yellow and set them back approximately 40 feet from the center of the road. He further stated that this was done so that the farmer would not come out and plant where the excavating was to take place. Mr. Laurella indicated that once the excavating was done he told the public works to take the stakes up and place them approximately 6 feet from the drain. He further indicated that once the grass is grown the stakes will come down permanently. Mr. Laurella noted that the Township does not have an Ordinance to keep parking off the Township right-of-way.

Mr. Orsci stated that the buffer zone is important and the farmer plows right up to the grate and the eventually the grate will fail and all the work the Township did will be for nothing. He further stated that if the debris gets into the drain it will eventually get on Mr. Orsci's property. Mr. Laurella stated that the farmer will have to be charged to clean the drain and the Township will need to do an Ordinance for that any other thing that occurs.

Chairperson Stanzione stated that everyone needs to slow down and let him and Mr. Spatola meet with the Agriculture Department and Farm Bureau before anything is done with buffers and try to iron the situation out. He further stated everyone should stop where they are at and let the Township meet with the Agriculture Department and the Township will move on from there. Chairperson Stanzione agreed that the buffer zone is important but that the field and the Right To Farm come into effect there. Mr. Orsci noted that the right-of-way comes into effect there and Township could enforce it due to safety concerns. Chairperson Stanzione agreed, but noted that the Township is trying to work with the farmer, not hurt the farmer. Mr. Orsci did not feel that would work with the farmer and the Township needs the buffer zone. Chairperson Stanzione stated the Committee is not engineers and the Township does not know if the buffer zone is needed.

He further stated that Mr. Orsci is not an engineer and does not know either. Mr. Orsci indicated that he agreed to take the water **PART OF DISCUSSION WAS LOST DUE TO CHANGING OF TAPE AND SOME RECORDING ISSUES OF NEW TAPE.**

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Discussion continued among Mr. Orsci and Committee on the buffer zone.

Mr. Orsci brought up the concrete and noted that it was on the plan. He stated that he was concerned about maintaining the area and the swale covers up with leaves in the Fall and he needs to take his backhoe in there and push the leaves into the woods. Mr. Orsci indicated that the stone that was put in is not efficient for his purposes and the area will collapse. He further indicated that in its current state it is preventing him from maintaining the property. Mr. Laurella stated that when the construction company comes out he will recommend that he is notified and that Mr. Orsci can show them the tractor and how Mr. Orsci needs to get into the property. Mr. Orsci noted that was his main concern. Mr. Laurella noted that nothing would happen until late next week as the Township needs to contact the Engineer and the Contractor.

Mr. Orsci questioned the irrigation headers on the Township right-of-way and will they be removed or even if the farmer has been asked to remove them. Solicitor Testa indicated that it is being dealt with. Mr. Orsci stated that there used to be a swale there and the farmer has plowed in the swale and has irrigation headers there and no new swale can be constructed with the headers at that location. He further stated that Township should say that the headers cannot be there. Mr. Orsci noted that the road is 99 feet wide and the Township has a right-of-way.

Chairperson Stanzione stated that every question asked by Mr. Orsci is being addressed. Mr. Orsci noted that the area from the Parseo property to Kenyon Avenue is prone to flooding and that in 2007 the Township closed off the pipe. Chairperson Stanzione stated that there used to be a swale in that location that ran by Mr. Orsci's house and into the drain and there used to be another pipe that ran along side the Parseo property, but that swale is no longer there. He further stated that to put a pipe there, but the Township would have to ask the engineer, would do nothing as there is nowhere for it to go except under road and would end up washing out the road.

Discussion was held with Mr. Orsci and the Committee regarding the pipe and the swale that used to be in that location. Mr. Orsci noted that Maxon Avenue runs east/west and the flow of water runs north/south. He further noted that the water runs across the road and someone needs to be responsible for that. Mr. Orsci felt that something needed to be done and when the road was redone in 2007 it prevented the water to go from the north side to the south side.

Chairperson Stanzione reiterated that there is nowhere for the water to go and back in 2007 there used to be a swale in that area that used to go in front of Mr. Orsci's yard, but there is no swale there and to put a pipe in it would probably flood his mother out more than when the pipe was there. Mr. Orsci stated that there was not a swale there. Chairperson Stanzione disagreed. Mr. Orsci indicated that his father put the swale there and there was never a swale in front of his mother's property. Disagreement continued about whether there was a swale or not in this location.

Mr. Orsci questioned if there was going to be a pipe put in and Mr. Laurella said "no" not this year as there is not enough money left for the construction. Discussion continued about the movement of water and the construction of a swale.

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There being no further comments, Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauer mann to close the public portion of the meeting. The Committee approved.

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

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John Stanzione, Chairperson  
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

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Karen Seifrit, Clerk  
Township of Deerfield