

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 20, 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.

Departmental Reports

The Clerk presented the departmental reports of the Zoning/Housing Officer, Tax Collector, Treasurer and Fire Marshal, Emergency Management and the Construction Office. Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to accept and file the departmental reports. The Committee approved.

Ordinances

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2017-10 – Second Reading And Public Hearing of An Ordinance Providing For The Purchase Of Chief's Vehicle In the Sum Of \$50,179.00 By The Township Of Deerfield, In the County Of Cumberland, New Jersey.

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2017-10. 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 Ordinance #2017-10. The Committee approved.

Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to adopt Ordinance #2017-10. Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. O'Brien	No	Mr. Murphy	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes
Mr. Danna	Yes		

Resolutions:

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-133- Resolution Authorizing Temporary help to Serve As Drivers For the Deerfield Township harvest Festival. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #17-121. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-134 – Resolution Approving New Firefighters/EMTs. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to adopt Resolution #17-134. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution Expressing Opposition to Legislative Proposals Regarding The Open Public meetings Act And Open Public Records Act. The Committee expressed that they had not seen this information before tonight and asked that the Resolution be tabled until the next meeting. The Committee agreed.

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-135 Authorizing Exclusion Of The Public From A Meeting Of The Township Committee To Be Held On September 20, 2017-Relating To Contract Negotiations-Harvest Lane. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #17-135. 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 Chairs. Mr. Stanzione stated that he spoke with Ron Shinn and they are going to try and do something with the water issue over by the fire house. He further stated that they are going to dig a hole and put stone in and hope that the water will drain through the sand.

Mr. Stanzione noted that he spoke with Freeholder Carol Musso and the County will be giving us inmates to work the clean up each morning during the Festival.

With regard to the accident that occurred at Morton Avenue and Lebanon Road, Mr. Stanzione indicated that Freeholder Musso communicated with the other liaison for streets and roads for the County and the County has ordered 2 new signs for the corners. He further indicated that they are to be lit stop signs with flashers.

Also with regard to streets and roads, Mr. Stanzione noted that the County has dropped the concrete drains off at Big Oak and Morton. He further noted that once the County gets those drains in and the new gas lines they will pave the road.

Discussion was held regarding the intersection of Morton and Lebanon Road

With regard to issue on Morton Avenue near the 4-H, Mr. Murphy stated that the County came in with a mini excavator and opened up the land to keep the beavers from building dams there and causing flooding. He also stated that Sprouse Tree Service came in and took the rotting trees down in Lincoln Park.

With regard to the repairs to the Fire House, Chairperson Spatola stated that he hasn't spoken to the builder this week but he is of the assumption that once the block work was up they would get the stucco up. Mr. Danna noted that the builder was there today. Mr. Stanzione indicated that he had Ron Shinn reach out to the builder today to make sure that it will be finished by the Harvest Festival. Chairperson Spatola agreed that is the goal, but it probably won't be finished in 2 weeks. Mrs. O'Brien noted that as long as the building is secured the finish work doesn't need to be complete but we should push to make sure it is secure prior to the Harvest Festival.

Chairperson Spatola began to speak about the constant need for additional paid staff and lack of commitment at the fire hall. Mrs. O'Brien reminded Chairperson Spatola that discussion was held in Executive Session and shouldn't be discussed at this time. Chairperson Spatola agreed.

Chairperson Spatola also wanted to bring to the Committee's attention that 2 individuals who went to Inspira Occupational Health for their fit tests, the hospital only performed a percentage of the tests required and those individuals are going back at no additional costs to the Township.

With regard to the extra hours worked by the paid staff, Mr. Stanzione asked what the Township was doing about that. Chairperson Spatola stated that the overtime has been coming out the fire company's municipal budget. He further stated that he has been approached with the fact that in order to fund 12 hour shifts in 2018 that it would be approximately a \$24,000 increase to their budget. He felt that the Committee would need to discuss that and consider that for next year.

New Business

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Trick Or Treat In Deerfield Township – Proposed Date: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 4-7 pm. The Clerk indicated that at the last Cumberland Development Corporation meeting the members voted to hold trick or treat in their towns on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 4-7 pm. The Committee agreed to the trick or treat hours as proposed by the CDC members.

Communications

The Clerk stated that there were no communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #17-136 For The Payment Of Bills. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna, to adopt Resolution #17-136. Roll Call Vote:

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

Public Comment

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

John Barbagello of Morton Avenue came before the Committee. Mr. Barbagello stated that the building is being worked on and the stucco has been started. He noted that they should be done by next week and should be done by the Harvest Festival.

With regard to stop signs, Mr. Barbagello stated that there places that have a sign indicating that there is a "stop ahead" and Lebanon Road doesn't have that. He recommended that perhaps someone could speak with the County and have those signs put up prior to that intersection. Mrs. O'Brien noted that in Upper Deerfield there a location that has rumble strips, a "stop ahead" sign and a stop sign.

Mr. Stanzione reminded everyone that after Rainbow Lake was washed out Kenyon Avenue and Lebanon Road became the new "short cut" and everybody still cuts across there and don't go down Landis Avenue. He noted that the Township could reach out to the State Police and have them patrol it a little more.

Mr. Barbagello noted that a lot of house are installing or maintaining their 9-1-1 posts out in front of their houses. He felt that whoever is charge of that should be notifying those individuals. It was noted that the Zoning Officer is in charge of that matter.

Mr. Barbagello stated he was glad to hear that the Township was purchasing a new Chief's vehicle and it was replacing the Expedition. He also stated that he will be glad that the EOM vehicle will come back to the municipal building for use by the fire marshal. Mr. Barbagello indicated that whoever is using the OEM vehicle now is not keeping track of the mileage. Discussion was held that there should be mileage logs in

all the vehicles and that it's up to the chiefs to enforce the recording of mileage for the vehicles, but especially the OEM vehicle and the new chief's vehicle.

There being nothing further from the public, Mrs. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to close the public portion. The Committee approved.

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

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

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

As a result of Executive Session, Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to readvertise the Harvest Lane properties in Daily Journal, Philadelphia Inquirer and on the Township website at a minimum bid of \$150,000.00 with the understanding of moving forward to investigate how to advertise on a real estate website. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Murphy stated that he was contacted about a food truck. He was advised that the individual would need to speak with the Zoning Officer. Mr. Stanzione noted that if the individual is a veteran they can do whatever they whenever they want.

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

Frank R. Spatola, Jr., Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield