

DOWNE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2015
7:00 P.M.

The Downe Township Committee met in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex on Monday, February 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Robert G. Campbell presided. Committee members present were Larry Jordan, Sr., Stephen Byrne, Dennis Cook (Deputy Mayor) and Edward Bart. Municipal Solicitor, John Carr, was also present.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / STATEMENT REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order; led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present – Jordan, Byrne, Cook, Bart, Campbell
Absent - 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Bart to approve the following meeting minutes: January 7, 2015 Reorganization Meeting and January 7, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Roll Call: Aye – Jordan, Cook, Bart, Campbell
Nay – 0

MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Carr presented his report which consisted of information and updates on the State Tax Appeal case, Joint Municipal Court, information from a concerned resident and as promised a chronology of the beachfront issues. Various correspondences coming/going for the month were received by the Township Committee. The Solicitor clarified that the Draft Ordinance for the Court was not for action, but for contemplation.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Jordan to open the meeting for public comment on the following resolutions.
Vote: All in favor

R-26-2015 *Authorizing The Payment Of Bills*

- R-27-2015 *Authorizing The Cancellation Of Property Taxes For Property Acquired By Downe Township*
- R-28-2015 *Authorizing Transfers Between 2014 Budget Appropriation Reserves*
- R-29-2015 *Appointing Class IV Alternate No. 1 Member To The Combined Planning Board*
- R-30-2015 *Appointing Animal Control Officer*
- R-31-2015 *Appointing Animal Shelter Services Provider*
- R-32-2015 *Authorizing The Entry Into An Agreement With The Cumberland Salem Regional Municipal Court*
- R-33-2015 *Approving Change Order No. 1 To Asphalt Paving Corporation For The Reconstruction Of Garrison Avenue*

Sheldon Pepper, Dividing Creek, asked who was being appointed to the Combined Planning Board. Mayor Campbell responded Walter Kieba.

There being no further comments from the public, a motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Cook to close the segment.

Vote: All in favor

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Byrne to adopt Resolution No. R-26-2015 *Authorizing The Payment Of Bills* in the total amount of \$637,479.52.

Roll Call: Aye – Jordan, Byrne, Cook, Bart, Campbell
Nay – 0

A motion was made by Bart and seconded by Cook to adopt the aforementioned Resolution Nos. R-27-2015, R-28-2015, R-29-2015, R-30-2015, R-31-2015, R-32-2015 and R-33-2015 via consent agenda.

Roll Call: Aye – Jordan, Byrne, Cook, Bart, Campbell
Nay – 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committeeman Cook reported that many items are being addressed like the bulkheads and roadways, but other smaller things continue to be done to help the residents. He thanked Mayor Campbell because in the midst of mega business he is always accessible to residents. Mayor Campbell thanked Deputy Mayor Cook for his kind words, but acknowledged that there are many people who help others in the community as well.

Committeeman Bart – No report.

Committeeman Jordan mentioned one thing for the Township Committee to digest regarding the next Small Cities Grant. He stated that this is a much needed program and he is proud of what's been done to help people over the years. We need to

be sure, however, that mortgages are current before we approve the applications to ensure that we are going to get our money back to reinvest once the property sells.

Committeeman Byrne stated that he was going to concentrate his time on the Board of Education and Historical Society.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Campbell reported that correspondence was received from Cape Bank regarding branch closure; Comcast transmitted franchise fees; Atlantic City Electric has been requested to move the poles at North Cove Road; DEP Blue Acres/Green Acres, a meeting is being held on February 19, 2015 to explain how Blue Acres works; the CFO is working on the Essential Services Grant and applications are in to the DEP for permits from the Littoral Society for the beach restoration at Fortescue.

PUBLIC COMMENT

On a motion by Cook and seconded by Jordan, the meeting was opened to the public for comment.

Vote: All in favor

Bill Miller, Fortescue, asked what was being done about the sand at Delaware Avenue. Mayor Campbell referred the question to Harry Levenknight, Public Works Manager, who was working down there all day. Mr. Miller then asked if John Pettit's driveway and walkway were being taken care of too. Mayor Campbell responded that we have to be careful about private property, but that volunteers cleaned it before and he will see if that can happen again. Committeeman Jordan asked if that would qualify for a grant given the circumstances. Committeeman Bart suggested snow fence. Mayor Campbell suggested that he and Committeeman Jordan go down there to see about the situation.

Annette Perry, Money Island, stated that according to the paper Senator Van Drew is going to have a meeting about the bayshore and she wondered if anyone had heard about the details. Mayor Campbell responded that he has not heard anything about a meeting with Senator Van Drew but he will check on it.

There being no further comments, the public segment was closed on a motion by Cook and seconded by Jordan.

Vote: All in favor

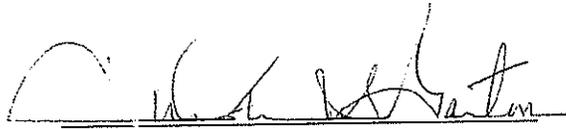
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Downe Township Committee will be held on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Byrne and seconded by Cook.

Vote: All in favor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Constance S. Garton", written over a horizontal line.

Constance S. Garton
Municipal Clerk