

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

The Downe Township Committee met in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex on Monday, March 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 MEETING

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Bart to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2015 Regular Meeting.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Township Committee acknowledged the receipt of the following reports.

- Tax Collector January 2015
- Finance Officer December 2014 / January 2015

MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Carr presented his report which consisted of information and updates on a proposed Dune Preservation Ordinance, Litigation letter to Registered Municipal Accountant as pertains to the 2014 Audit, Draft Resolution regarding enforcement (extension) of Dog Licensing late fee, Joint Court, Chronological timeline for beach issues. Various correspondences coming/going for the month were received by the Township Committee. The Mayor commented on the Draft Ordinance for Dune Preservation.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1-2015 entitled "*Bond Ordinance Providing For Capital Improvements By The Township Of Downe, In The County Of Cumberland, New Jersey, Appropriating One Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$185,000) Therefore And Authorizing The Issuance Of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$175,750) Bonds Or Notes Of The Township For Financing The Cost Thereof*" was introduced on first reading on a motion by Bart and seconded by Cook. The public hearing and second reading of the Ordinance will be held at the next Regular Meeting on April 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Complex.

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

Ordinance No. 2-2015 entitled "*Ordinance To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A Cap Bank*" was introduced on first reading on a motion by Cook and seconded by Byrne. The public hearing and second reading of the Ordinance will be held at the next Regular Meeting on April 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Complex.

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

RESOLUTIONS

The below listed resolutions were presented for approval.

- R-34-2015 *Authorizing The Payment Of Bills*
- R-35-2015 *Designating 2015 Holiday Observances*
- R-36-2015 *Authorizing Agreement Between The County Of Cumberland And The Township Of Downe Regarding The Alliance For Substance Abuse Prevention*
- R-37-2015 *Authorizing A Shared Service Agreement Between The Township Of Maurice River And The Township Of Downe For Services Of A Certified Recycling Coordinator*
- R-38-2015 *Endorsing The Submission Of A Recycling Tonnage Grant Application And Designating Individual To Ensure Proper Completion And Filing*
- R-39-2015 *Enforcement Of Ordinance 07-06 Regarding Licensing Of Fees For Dogs*
- R-40-2015 *Municipal Budget Notice – 2015 Introduction*

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Bart to open the meeting for public

comment on the remaining resolutions set forth above.

Vote: All in favor

Doug Cook, Fortescue, asked about Resolution No. R-37-2015; what is the shared services agreement for recycling. Committeeman Bart responded that the township doesn't have a Certified Recycling Coordinator and that it would cost money to send the Public Works Manager to school. Mayor Campbell added that it only cost Downe Township \$250.00 to share such service with the Township of Maurice River. Mr. Cook asked if this was a new requirement and Mr. Bart responded that it has been required for a number of years.

Sheldon Pepper, Dividing Creek, asked about Resolution No. R-34-2015, specifically the amount of \$1,828.00 being paid to Dino's Pizzeria. Committeeman Bart responded that it was for the Clean Communities clean-up by prisoners; the Township has to feed them as a requirement of Program participation.

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 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

Committeeman Cook commented that the adoption of the aforementioned Resolution R-40-2015 introducing the 2015 Municipal Budget will allow Chief Financial Officer, Jennafer Hernandez, to attend a meeting in Trenton tomorrow regarding the Essential Services Grant. Not all municipalities will be able to do so. He thanked Mrs. Hernandez and others for their work on the budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Cook reported that three students received recognition for literally having their artwork sent around the world as part of the Ecological Research and Development Group Young Voices Program. The Township coordinated with them at the Horseshoe Crab Festival and also at events through the school. He said it was nice to see the students recognized. Congratulations to all who were a part of that.

Committeeman Bart reported that quotes were received by Public Works for waste disposal from the current vendor Giordano's in the amount of \$11,094 and Waste Management in the amount of \$8,640 so a savings will be realized. He also reported the following increases taking into account single stream recycling this past year: 2012 - 160,000 lbs.; 2013 – 163,000 lbs. and 2014 – 190,000 lbs. He congratulated the residents

of Downe Township for their recycling efforts and went on to say that tires cost \$3,873.57 primarily due to the Tire Amnesty Program and money collected on metal was \$534. Deputy Mayor Cook added that recycling efforts according to the Public Works Manager are 50% - 60%; residents can do better.

Committeeman Jordan reported that it's been snowing and the Road Department has been busy. He told Mr. Miller that the walkway mentioned previously would be addressed once the weather breaks.

Committeeman Byrne stated that the Road Department has done a great job cleaning things up. The Board of Education meets on the third Thursday each month and he is planning to attend. A meeting of the Historical Commission is being planned.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Campbell reported that the most interesting item he has to report on is that he received copies of the Bike & Pedestrian Plan.

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, conveyed a thank you to the Road Department for clearing the snow and doing such a good job. He said that people won't recycle and throw recyclables in with regular trash.

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

Vote: All in favor

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Downe Township Committee will be held on Monday, April 6, 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 Cook and seconded by Byrne.

Vote: All in favor



Constance S. Garton
Municipal Clerk