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Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Jordan to adopt the aforementioned Ordinance No. 5-2015 on second reading.

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

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Jordan to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 6-2015 entitled *ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CUMBERLAND SALEM REGIONAL MUNICIPAL COURT*.

Vote: All in favor

There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed on a motion by Cook and seconded by Jordan.

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Jordan to adopt the aforementioned Ordinance No. 6-2015 on second reading.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Jordan to open the meeting for comments on the following resolutions.

Vote: All in favor

- R-62-2015 *Authorizing The Payment Of Bills*
- R-63-2015 *Approving An Amendment To Shared Services Agreement Between The Township OF Downe And The Cumberland County Improvement Authority*
- R-64-2015 *Approving Change Order No. 2 To Asphalt Paving Corporation For The Reconstruction Of Garrison Avenue*
- R-65-2015 *Approving Change Order No. 1 To Arawak Paving Co., Inc. For The Reconstruction Of Dyer's Cove And New Jersey Avenue*
- R-66-2015 *Approving Change Order No. 1 To Loftus Construction, Inc. For The Gandy's Beach Bulkhead*
- R-67-2015 *Approving Change Order No. 2 To Loftus Construction, Inc. For The Gandy's Beach Bulkhead*
- R-68-2015 *Approving Township Engineer David Battistini's Use Of Sub-Contractor For Purposes Of Pending JJP Meeting In Trenton, New Jersey*
- R-69-2015 *Approving Change Order No. 2 To Arawak Paving Co., Inc. For The Reconstruction Of Dyer's Cove And New Jersey Avenue*

Joseph Cerone, Dividing Creek, asked how many homes are there along Dyer's Cove Road and was a grant received for the project? Mayor Campbell responded four homes.

Bernie Sayers, Newport, questioned the Mayor's mileage reimbursement as contained on the Bill List. He's never seen anything like this in the last 25 years and asked what the purpose is of all this riding around. His point is that the Mayor is taking this upon himself. Mayor Campbell responded that's his job, he's the administrative guy who has the time. Mr. Sayers said that the Mayor is doing things on his own; he should have the concurrence of the other committee members first not after the fact. Mayor Campbell said that the other members are always welcome to join him.

Joseph Cerone, Dividing Creek, asked if the Mayor billed the Township for 1600 miles travelled in the last four weeks. Mayor Campbell responded yes. Mr. Cerone stated that his father was a Mayor and never put in for mileage or charged the Township for anything. An exchange ensued and the segment was closed on a motion by Cook and seconded by Jordan.

Vote: All in favor

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Campbell to adopt Resolution No. R-62-2015 *Authorizing The Payment Of Bills*. Deputy Mayor Cook requested a discussion relative to the non-payment of some bills. The Arawak bill was questioned for the paving of Dyer's Cove Road and New Jersey Avenue. There are problems with job. David Battistini, Township Engineer, was in attendance and was asked to come forward by the Mayor concerning the paving project of Dyer's Cove Road and New Jersey Avenue. Deputy Mayor Cook asked where the inspector was. Engineer Battistini confirmed that the Inspector was there and explained that you cannot see or feel the wash boarding until after. Engineer Battistini is not happy that the road came out like it did and explained that there is a way to assess penalties. An IRI Test can be performed for \$2,500 - \$3,000. The road was put down the right way; the surface is not what we would like. Committeeman Bart questioned the distance to the job and the temperature of the material. Deputy Mayor Cook wants a work session about this and other projects. Committeeman Jordan asked what the best way was to handle the project concerns, payment to the contractor, etc. Engineer Battistini stated that the core test remains to be done and the transition from old road to new road will be checked. Also, a retainage is being held back. A motion to adopt the Resolution is on the floor and the Mayor asked for a vote.

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

A motion was then made to by Cook and seconded by Campbell to adopt Resolution No. 62-2015 *Authorizing The Payment Of Bills* with the exception of three bills: Arawak Paving Co., Inc. \$185,359.82, Green Lifestyle \$2,670.00 and Robert Campbell (Mileage Reimbursement/Expenses) \$1,287.78.

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

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Campbell to adopt Resolution No. R-63-2015 *Approving An Amendment To Shared Services Agreement Between The Township Of Downe And The Cumberland County Improvement Authority.*

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

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Cook to adopt Resolution No. R-64-2015 *Approving Change Order No. 2 To Asphalt Paving Corporation For The Reconstruction Of Garrison Avenue.*

Vote: All in favor

Resolution No. R-65-2015 *Approving Change Order No. 1 To Arawak Paving Co., Inc. For The Reconstruction Of Dyer’s Cove And New Jersey Avenue* was held.

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Campbell to adopt Resolution No. R-66-2015 *Approving Change Order No. 1 To Loftus Construction, Inc. For The Gandy’s Beach Bulkhead.*

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Campbell to adopt Resolution No. R-67-2015 *Approving Change Order No. 2 To Loftus Construction, Inc. For The Gandy’s Beach Bulkhead.*

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Campbell to adopt Resolution No. R-68-2015 *Approving Township Engineer David Battistini’s Use Of Sub-Consultant For Purposes Of Pending JPP Meeting In Trenton, New Jersey.*

Vote: All in favor

Resolution No. R-69-2015 *Approving Change Order No. 2 To Arawak Paving Co., Inc. For The Reconstruction Of Dyer’s Cove And New Jersey Avenue* was held.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Campbell reported on the *State of the Township*. Deputy Mayor Cook objected. Mayor Campbell introduced Jennafer Hernandez, Chief Financial Officer and asked her if there were any financial issues at hand to which she responded no. He said that a Note had been paid off ahead of schedule to which she concurred. He said that in spite of all the doom and gloom and Greenwich rumors, things continue to get done in Downe Township. We have an opportunity to fix things; it’s all available to us right now. He is being falsely accused of many things.

Deputy Mayor Cook reported that the term of the Municipal Clerk is expiring October 1, 2016 and he initiated the following actions.

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Jordan to initiate the hiring process for a Municipal Clerk; job ad, description, start to look at resources and develop a plan of action.

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Jordan to schedule a Special Meeting of the Township Committee on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of a Work Session.

Vote: All in favor

Committeeman Bart thanked the volunteers involved in the Horseshoe Crab Festival and gave a Recycling Report.

Committeeman Jordan had no report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Vote: All in favor

Mark Upham, Sr., Dividing Creek, commented that the Mayor should be more professional when other members are speaking. He suggested that the Mayor take the Township Suburban to his meetings and that reimbursement should not be expected as he is paid to be an elected official.

William Bowen, Money Island, received another alarming letter from the Department of Environmental Protection about filling in areas of his property. He read Page 2 of the letter and referred to an arial photo. He was informed that a coastal permit is required. He admitted filling in an area to protect his property. They are harassing him and his neighbors. He needs the Township Committee's legal help. We need the Township's lawyers to fight the DEP. Mayor Campbell responded that the Township Committee wants to help; a partnership is being created to try and get them off our back.

David Pflueger, Money Island, asked the Mayor to go on record to say that Commissioner Martin said that Money Island will be regulated out. The Mayor confirmed that was what Commissioner Martin said.

Mary Pflueger, Money Island, asked about the water purification test and when it would be done. Mayor Campbell responded June 23, 2015. She asked when a meeting would be held for the West End of Money Island.

Natalie Fisch, Money Island, thanked the Township Committee for the bulkhead that she has been waiting eight (8) years for, however it is bittersweet because she feels that non-taxpayers are going to benefit. She asked if a bond could be floated for community sewer. Other places have water and sewer; she knows we can do it. The

Mayor said that he is not going to give one square inch of Downe Township to the DEP to become tax exempt.

Bernie Sayers, Newport, asked at what meeting the Dyer's Cove and New Jersey Avenue Project was discussed. Mayor Campbell confirmed that it was not discussed at a meeting because it is a FEMA Project. Mr. Sayers stated that it is not being done in accordance with FEMA requirements. Mayor Campbell stated that he has put in the time to learn and be educated about the process. Mr. Sayers questioned "Off" as contained in the Mileage Log Reimbursement for the Mayor. The Mayor clarified that the form is something he created and "Off" means Office. Mr. Sayers reiterated that it's not his responsibility as an elected official. Mayor Campbell said he did it for the people who elected him to be responsible. Mr. Sayers reiterated that he shouldn't be doing it on his own.

Jim Giles, Fortescue, commented that there have been issues for the last couple of years with mean dogs in his neighborhood. He contacted Animal Control who said the only thing that could be done is to send a letter about not licensing the dogs. His eighty (80) year old neighbor called the State Police three (3) times in the last two (2) weeks. The County Department of Health suggested that a Dog Census be performed. He would like to see something done about these dog concerns before someone gets hurt.

Bernie Sayers, Newport, asked what necessitated a Special Meeting here last week. Deputy Mayor Cook responded that the purpose is set forth in the Meeting Notice.

Joseph Cerone, Dividing Creek, congratulated Committee members for operating as they should. An elected official has no right charting mileage. Staples Advantage should be used instead of making senseless trips to Staples for no reason. Matters should go through the Township Committee, not just one person. As far as Mr. Cerone is concerned Mayor Campbell should resign from public office, he is a disgrace for elected office.

Mary Pflueger, Money Island, told Mayor Campbell that she appreciates seeing him on the road. It's okay if she pays for it. She feels like he has his finger on the pulse of her area. He is familiar with the issues. She thinks he does belong out and about like he is.

Carol Mendell, Fortescue, stated that she moved here in 1991 and this is the best that Fortescue has ever looked. She said that Mayor Campbell has done a very good job to the best of his knowledge and she thanked him.

Mayor Campbell reiterated that opportunities are here because of the hurricanes and we need to keep the momentum going.

Bernie Sayers, Newport, asked at what meeting the Mayor was given all this authority. Mayor Campbell responded after Hurricane Irene.

Patricia Pew, Money Island, commented that the Township Committee prior to Hurricane Sandy was much more transparent. She asked why public hearings are held after the vote and why can't the public say anything about the Resolutions? She was told there is a Public Comment segment on the Resolutions before they are acted upon. She said people get cut off all the time, that's a problem. You guys don't talk, that's a problem. Deputy Mayor Cook said that the Township Committee could do better. Ms. Pew said kudos for making money off of the flood, she hasn't been able to do it. She told the Mayor that she was surprised that he was not negative in the meeting about blue acres, but smiling and comfortable now tonight you said no. How is someone supposed to take the difference in your opinion. Mayor Campbell said they all agreed to be cordial at the blue acres meeting. Ms. Pew questioned the Mayor about something else he said.

Mary Pflueger, Money Island, interjected that he said "you're going be hard pressed to find a comparable sale in Downe Township".

Patricia Pew, Money Island, told the Mayor that he should support everyone equally.

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, July 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Jordan to adopt Resolution No. R-70-2015 *AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT – N.J.S.A. 10:4-12*, Re: Federal funding reimbursements, buyout options, foreclosures and employment policies.

Vote: All in favor

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Jordan to reopen the meeting to the public.

Vote: All in favor

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: All in favor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Constance S. Garton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and "S".

Constance S. Garton
Municipal Clerk