

DOWNE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
December 5, 2016

The Downe Township Committee met in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 7:00p.m. Mayor Robert G. Campbell presided. Committee members present were Larry Jordan, Sr. (Deputy Mayor), Stephen Byrne, Dennis Cook 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, Bart, Byrne, Campbell, Cook

Absent – 0

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mayor Campbell read the Tax Collector, CFO and Zoning Office reports. The Township Committee acknowledged the receipt of the following reports:

Tax Collector	September & October 2016
Chief Finance Officer	September & October 2016
Zoning Office	October & November 2016

MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Carr presented his report which consisted of information and updates on the following matters: Code Enforcement, Property Demolition Hearing, Another Township Demolition Issue, Reorganization Meeting, and the potential Public Land Auction in January and copies of correspondence received.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Bart to open the meeting for public comment on the following resolutions.

Vote: All in favor

R-121-2016	<i>Authorizing the Payment of Bills</i>
R-122-2016	<i>Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Items of Revenue in the Budget for New Jersey Clean Communities Grant</i>
R-123-2016	<i>Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Items of Revenue in the Budget for NJDOT Grant for New Jersey Avenue</i>
R-124-2016	<i>Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Items of Revenue in the Budget for USDA Pre-Development Planning Grant for Fortescue Wastewater Treatment Plan</i>

R-125-2016 *Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Property Taxes*

R-126-2016 *Resolution Authorizing Transfers Between Budget Appropriations*

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

Vote: All in favor

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Bart and seconded by Jordan to adopt Resolution No. R-121-2016 – Authorizing the Payment of Bills in the amount of \$170,081.57.

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

Vote: The resolution was approved.

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Byrne to adopt Resolution No. R-122-2016.

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

Vote: The resolution was approved

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Byrne to adopt Resolution No. R-123-2016.

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

Vote: The resolution was approved.

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Byrne to adopt Resolution Nos. R-124-2016.

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

Vote: The resolution was approved.

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Byrne to adopt Resolution Nos. R-125-2016.

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

Vote: The resolution was approved.

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Byrne to adopt Resolution Nos. R-126-2016.

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

Vote: The resolution was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Campbell stated we are working with Comcast on a plan for more access in the beach areas. A cell tower company is interested in placing a cell tower in Downe Township. This is only in the talking stages. There are still a number of projects in the works with FEMA. We received an email from Dan Kennedy from the NJDEP indicating they are still working on the Memorandum of Agreement between the Township, the County and the NJDEP for the Fortescue Sewer Project. They are two weeks away from having a draft document. This document is for the \$2M in grant money from the NJDEP for the project.

Committeeman Cook stated he wished to thank the people of Downe Township for their trust, support and friendship over the past 21 years. He and his family have had the blessing and honor to forge lifelong friendships with many members of the community. Many of us have endured over 7 major weather events. He talked about a permit he received during the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy the Township issued to its residents. He went on to mention a journal document written by Erma and Emma Allen about our community. He has served Downe Township for 21 years. He will continue to try and contribute in some way in to positive change. He thanked all of the staff of the Township for their service. He thanked the committee for their willingness to serve and for their participation and continuing commitment. He welcomed our newest member Michael Rothman to the committee. He also thanked his wife for her support and wished the committee much success in the future. Mayor Campbell thanked Mr. Cook for his 6 years of service on the committee.

Committeeman Bart wished everyone happy holidays. He wished Mr. Cook good luck in his future endeavors.

Committeeman Jordan stated December 10th is the night with Santa at 6pm. He also stated the Township Committee will be changing the date of our monthly meetings from the first Monday to the second Monday of the month for 2017.

Committeeman Byrne wished Season Greeting to all and he is looking forward to working with Mr. Rothman. He also wished Mr. Cook good luck.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Vote: All in favor

Bernie Sayers of Newport stated he has not seen any documents having to do with the wastewater treatment plant for the residents to review and understand. Are there any documents that show where the plant will be located or the costs associated with the project? Mayor Campbell stated as soon as the NJDEP wraps up this Memorandum of Agreement and everything is done and in writing, our engineers and staff will have a town hall meeting to distribute and discuss the information. Mr. Sayers asked if it will cost all township residents. Mayor Campbell stated no, only the end users. Mr. Sayers asked what the estimated cost of the facility is. Mayor Campbell answered between \$12M-\$15M. The amount of grant funding received will determine the cost to the end user. Mr. Sayers asked on a scale of 1 to 10 what is the belief this project will

actually happen. Mayor Campbell answered the concept and commitment to do the project is a nine. Mr. Sayers stated this seems unrealistic.

Al Pignetelli of Fortescue asked if there will be a hookup fee for the sewer system. Mayor Campbell answered yes. Mr. Jordan stated he will not support or sign off on anything that cost the residents to hook up. He would like it included in the grant funding. Mr. Pignetelli asked if the residents of Fortescue have the option of not hooking up to the sewer system. Mayor Campbell answered everyone will have to hook up to the new system.

Mr. Sayers asked if this is one facility for Gandy Beach and Fortescue or two. Mayor Campbell stated at this time it is one facility for both areas. Mr. Sayers asked how long is this process. Mayor Campbell answered about two years.

Kary Wilson of Newport stated on December 30th the Red Cross Blood Drive will be held here at the Senior Center from 2pm – 7pm. There are flyers around.

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

Vote: All in favor

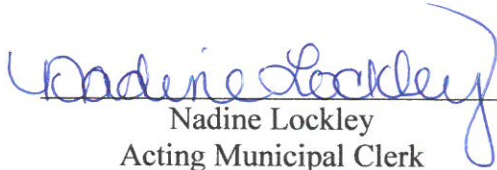
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Downe Township Committee will be the Township Reorganization Meeting which will be held on Monday, January 2, 2017 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 Jordan and seconded by Byrne.

Vote: All in favor


Nadine Lockley
Acting Municipal Clerk