

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

February 5, 2014

Chairperson Stanzione 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 Stanzione led the flag salute.

The Clerk took roll call and members present included Mr. Lauermann, Mr. Laurella, Mr. Spatola, Mr. Danna, Mr. Stanzione.

Minutes

The Clerk presented Minutes from January 7th and January 15th, 2014.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella, to approve the Minutes as written. The Committee approved.

The Clerk stated in the Committee's packets was an email from the Auditor Carol McCallister, indicating that when the fire hose was purchased last year, even though there was a temporary Capital Budget for the hose, there was still supposed to be a Capital Ordinance to spend the money. The Clerk stated to rectify the properness of the spending, in the packet was an Ordinance for a Capital Expenditure for ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for fire hose. The Clerk stated this was the Ordinance that should have been done last year but wasn't, so the money isn't actually being spent it is just a formality and a matter of paperwork.

The Clerk indicated that also on the same email was a note that stated in order to accept the money from the CCIA for the stage there needs to be a Bond Ordinance. The Clerk stated she forwarded the email to Mr. Heck, and hopefully that can be worked out in the near future to get it in the budget and available for spending.

Ordinance

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2014-1 – An Ordinance Appropriating the Sum Of \$10,000 From The Capital Improvement Fund Of Deerfield Township For The Purchase Of Fire Hose.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to adopt Ordinance #2014-1 on First Reading and to set Wednesday February 19th, 2014 for Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Adoption. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Lauermann	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Mr. Stanzione	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #14-67 Resolution For The Transfer Of Funds.

The Clerk stated when the new phones were put in, in the Fire Hall there were some technological items that needed to be done, this Resolution is to pay that bill.

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Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauer mann to adopt Resolution #14-67. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Lauer mann	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Mr. Stanzione	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #14-68 Resolution Appointing Karen Seifrit Temporary Acting Chief Financial Officer For The Township Of Deerfield.

The Clerk stated a discussion regarding the interviews for CFO was going to be held during the Executive Session, but in the mean time there are some financial things that need to be taken care of, such as the Annual Financial Statement that needs to be signed off on by the Finance Officer, and since the Township doesn't have one, the auditors indicated that someone can temporarily be assigned that position.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna, to adopt Resolution #14-68. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Lauer mann	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Mr. Stanzione	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

The Clerk Presented Resolution #14-69 Authorizing The Exclusion Of The Public From A Meeting Of The Township Committee To Be Held On February 5th, 2014.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella, to adopt Resolution #14-69. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Lauer mann	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Mr. Stanzione	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

Old Business

Mr. Laurella stated that snow removal went pretty well, and Ron Shinn, Public Works Manager was in touch with himself and Mr. Danna on what was happening. Mr. Laurella stated he didn't hear any complaints from any one.

Mr. Spatola stated at the Recreation Meeting there was discussion of new positions that were going to be shuffled about, and they will come in form of a Resolution at the next meeting. Mr. Spatola indicated that a discussion regarding the fifty thousand dollar (\$50,000.00) low interest loan is being appropriated to the Recreation Committee by the CCIA in order to build a roof over the stage and reconstruct the stage.

Mr. Spatola indicated the Recreation Committee is going out and getting some bids for that project. Mr. Spatola stated he contacted an architect and he would be interested in doing the work pro bono, and the Recreation Committee was going to trade the plans for some advertisement when it comes time for the Harvest Festival. Mr. Spatola stated he was going to meet with him on Friday.

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A discussion regarding the stage, the roof and the bid threshold was held among the Committee.

Mr. Spatola stated they went through the schedule of events for the year for the Recreation Committee, and Melody Montgomery was going to produce a list for the Clerk.

Mr. Stanzione stated that the Fire Company is trying to replace some gear and are still waiting to hear about a grant to replace the rescue truck. Mr. Stanzione stated there was an emergency repair done to the rescue truck, which was taken care of over night, but they really need to replace it, so hopefully the grant will come through.

Mr. Laurella stated he took a ride around the Township with Ron Shinn, Public Works Manager, there was flooding because some of the drains are clogged, but when you get the amount of rain we've been having and the ground is frozen, the water has no where to go.

Mr. Spatola stated at the previous meeting the Committee was approached by Mrs. Vit concerning some water run off on her property, on Morton Avenue. Mr. Spatola stated they saw some pictures and video and spoke to them about it, and it is a precarious situation, and it's quite obvious why it's happening, and the only way to stop it is to turn the field upside down and that won't work, it just happens to be in an extremely low spot.

Mr. Spatola stated he spoke to the Cumberland Salem Soil Conservation and they were willing to make a meeting and try to avert any aggressive action on any ones behalf whether it be owner or farmer, and they are more than willing to do that. Mr. Spatola stated he forwarded the Clerk some information as far as contacting the people involved.

A discussion regarding the situation was held among Mr. Spatola and the Committee.

Mr. Lauermann stated he looked at the entire area the other day, and what is there is an impervious surface issue, same mentality when you pave a large area and you direct the water into a retention pond, the area covered with asphalt doesn't allow the percolation process to take place, so the pond is designed to take the water that can't go down into the ground.

Mr. Lauermann indicated that 35 to 40% of the field is covered in plastic, and the water can't percolate down, and the plastic is just laying out there. Mr. Lauermann stated if the plastic is not needed for any type of farming situation that is going on during the off season, like right now, that is a big cause why the water is rushing down to the low point and not being collected by the property it self before it gets to the Vits house.

Mr. Lauermann stated when Mr. Spatola speaks to the individuals regarding the property, speak to them about the plastic, because the water can't go down into the ground because the plastic.

A discussion regarding the property was held among the Committee.

New Business

There was no new business this evening.

Communications

The Clerk stated that there were no communications this evening.

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The Clerk presented Resolution #14-70 For The Payment Of Bills.

Mr. Lauermann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna, to adopt Resolution #14-70 Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Lauermann	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Mr. Stanzione	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to open the meeting to the public. The Committee approved.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to close the meeting to the public. The Committee Approved

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to go into Executive Session per Resolution. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Lauermann	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Mr. Stanzione	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to reconvene the Regular Meeting. The Committee Approved.

The Clerk stated in light of the discussion held during the Executive Session is there a motion to hire Lorraine Boyer as the CFO for Deerfield Township at a salary of sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000.00).

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to hire Lorraine Boyer as the new CFO for Deerfield Township at a salary of \$16,000.00 per year pro-rated. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Lauermann	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Mr. Stanzione	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

There being no other business to come before the Committee, Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann, to adjourn the meeting. The Committee approved.

John Stanzione, Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield