

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 2, 2015

Chairperson Laurella 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 Laurella led the flag salute.

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

Minutes

The Clerk presented the minutes of November 4, 2015. Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to approve the minutes as written. The Committee approved.

Departmental Reports

The Clerk presented the departmental reports of the Zoning/Housing Officer, Tax Collector, Treasurer and Animal Control. Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to accept and file the Departmental Reports. The Committee approved.

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #15-145 For Refund Of An Overpayment Of Taxes For Property Located At 765 Garton Road In The Township Of Deerfield. Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to adopt Resolution #15-145. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Laurella	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #15-146 Refunding Overpayment Of Taxes to USDA Rural Development For Block 84, Lot 4.01 (Duplicate Payment).

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to adopt Resolution #15-146. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Laurella	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Department Chairpersons.

Mr. Danna stated that he is still working on streetlights. He further stated that some that are supposed to be out are on. Mr. Danna indicated that he needs to review his list and go out again. He further indicated that there are couple that should be on and are not, specifically on the hill by the 4-H.

As to the work being done on Landis Avenue, Mr. Danna stated that the road crew is to begin grinding the roadway around 7 a.m. tomorrow.

Mr. Danna stated that he has not heard back from the County regarding the potholes on Morton Avenue that were created when SJ Gas came in and did work on that road. Chairperson Laurella noted that when dirt is removed and replaced it should be constantly compacted until it is covered with asphalt.

Mr. Spatola indicated that when he and Mr. Stanzione met with SJ Gas a year or so ago about bringing gas into the Township, he noted that several high ranking officials from SJ Gas stated that there is a specification that if any of the holes sink they guarantee that the contractor will come out and fix the holes. He further indicated that the Township should reach out to SJ Gas and remind them that they did insure the Township that they would do this. Discussion was held regarding reaching out to SJ Gas or whether the County should be contacting SJ Gas.

Mr. Spatola wanted to note that the County has not completed the work on Vineland Avenue. He further noted that the County had indicated that they were going to fix the drainage issues before resurfacing the road. Mr. Spatola stated that the County was supposed to do this work in 2015 and still nothing has been done.

Chairperson Laurella stated that about 2 months ago he and Mr. Stanzione were at a meeting with County officials and received a list stating that Vineland Avenue would be completed in 2016 and Bridgeton Avenue in 2017. Mr. Spatola indicated that the Township has been on 2 lists and been bumped off the list because of the heavy water issues that needs to be completed and because of that the money for that road could be better used elsewhere and then Vineland Avenue would be addressed when more was available to fully address the water issue and resurfacing. Mr. Spatola felt that it was time to get a definitive answer.

As to Building and Grounds, Mr. Spatola stated that it is imperative for public works, who are working all over the Township and out on the streets and roads, to be wearing high-visible green or yellow. Chairperson Laurella noted that he and Mr. Danna met a vendor at the League Conference. Chairperson Laurella stated that public works should be asked to order the high visibility green or yellow shirts/vests. Mr. Spatola stated that he would speak with the public works manager.

Mr. Spatola stated that Recreation is preparing for Breakfast with Santa. The Breakfast will begin at 8:30, 9:15 and 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 5th.

As to fire and rescue, Mr. Spatola stated that he and Mr. Stanzione met with the CFO, Clerk, secretary for fire and a member of the fire department. He further stated that there was some confusion as to end of year expenditures, but everything was straightened out.

Mr. Spatola indicated that the Township had applied for a Small Cities Grant with the State of New Jersey, but we did not receive the Grant. He further indicated that the application went well, but was not sure why the project was not approved whether the State ran out of money or they gave partial grants. Mr. Spatola noted that he was proud of the way the Township pursued the grant and that the Township will try again next year.

Chairperson Laurella mentioned that Laury Heating was at the building today. Mr. Spatola stated that a pulse heater in the basement that heated part of the senior center had broken down and the parts were no longer available. He further stated that unit was quite old and outdated and it did not have any automatic shut offs. Mr. Spatola indicated that the new unit is quite efficient and the other two are currently working and are going to be left alone.

Mr. Stanzione had no report for this evening.

Mr. Sparacio noted that the tires on the John Deere tractor are quite low and as it's not being used some new tires should be put on the tractor. Discussion was held regarding the new tires versus a new tractor. Mr. Spatola stated that he would speak with public works about having tires put on the tractor.

The Clerk presented Follow Up Discussion Regarding New Well In Carmel. The Clerk stated that everyone had received a copy of an email from Bob Mulford who indicated that the test well went fine and received a copy of the results. She further stated that Mr. Mulford wanted to go and get bids for a 10" well and prices for a 400 GPM and 600 GPM pump and wanted Committee approval.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to approve the receipt of bids for a 10" well and prices for 400 GPM and 600 GPM pump for a new well in Carmel.
Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Laurella	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

New Business

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Request From Cumberland County Positive Youth Development Coalition For The Preparation Of A Resolution By The Township Of Deerfield Designating the Month Of June As Gun Safety And Violence Awareness Month. The Clerk noted that everyone had received the letter and a copy of the proposed Resolution.

Mr. Spatola stated that he spoke with one of the people involved in the program and condones that this is an exemplary program. He further stated that it doesn't preach to get rid of guns and not have guns, but teaches children who do not have role models who have guns and teaches them gun safety. Mr. Spatola indicated that individuals would come to the Township and make a presentation.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to approve the preparation of the requested Resolution by the Cumberland County Positive Youth Development Coalition Designating the Month Of June As Gun Safety And Violence Awareness Month. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Laurella	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

The Clerk presented Discussion To Apply 2015 Dividend From ACMJIF (Apply to 2016 Assessment Or Receive Dividend Back to Township). The Clerk noted that the Township received \$6,318.00 back in dividend.

Mr. Spatola made a motion seconded by Mr. Sparacio to apply the dividend to the Township's 2016 ACMJIF Assessment. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Laurella	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

Chairperson Laurella indicated that there had been a consensus at the Executive Session held that the Annual Reorganization Meeting would be Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7 p.m. Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to set Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for the Annual Reorganization Meeting. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Laurella	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

The Clerk presented 2016 Budget Workshop Date. The Clerk stated that there was a calendar for January, 2016 in the packets and indicated that the budget workshop is usually held near the end of January. Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to set Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. for the budget workshop. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Laurella	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

Communications

The Clerk stated that there were no communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #15-147 For The Payment Of Bills.

Mr. Sparacio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to adopt Resolution #15-147. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Laurella	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

Public Comment

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

Mr. Ronald Miller came before the Committee. Mr. Miller commented that the landfill is only open til 3:30 p.m. and maybe they could have a day that's open a littler later as it is difficult for him to get there at that time. He also commented that the Assessor is only available 2 hours a week. Chairperson Laurella indicated that they would mention it to the landfill about a possible later hour even if it's only once a month. Mr. Spatola noted that as to the Tax Assessor's availability that if he can't get here when she is here then he can call when it is convenient for him and leave information with the office staff and they could mediate with the Assessor.

There being no further comment from the public, Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to close the public portion of the meeting. The Committee approved.

Chairperson Laurella wanted to remind everyone about the luncheon in the senior center next Thursday and to please let Teresa know about attendance.

Chairperson Laurella inquired as to whether or not the Committee needed another special meeting regarding the rest of the appointments. The Clerk noted that the Committee had gone over everything. Chairperson Laurella felt that there were questions left open as to Recreation. The Clerk stated that there was a request for clarification on residency of members. Chairperson Laurella agreed and stated that had been received and that the Committee has to decide if they are going to be reappointed or not. Mr. Spatola indicated that based on the clarification received he would move to reappoint the people in question due to the fact that we did due diligence.

Solicitor Testa felt that the matter should be added to the next agenda in case anyone has any questions or comments.

There being nothing further to come before the Committee, Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to adjourn the meeting. The Committee approved.

Cosmo J. Laurella, Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield