

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

APRIL 1, 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 March 4 and March 18, 2015. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to approve the minutes as written. The Committee approved.

Ordinances

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2015-1 Second Reading And Public Hearing Of An Ordinance To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2015-1. The Committee approved.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2015-1. The Committee approved.

Mr. Sparacio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to adopt Ordinance #2015-1. Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #15-88 – Resolution For Tonnage Grant Application.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to adopt Resolution #15-88. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #15-89 Awarding A Contract To Sweetwater Environmental Management, LLC As A Licensed Operator For Water Treatment Systems.

Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to adopt Resolution #15-89.
Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Stanzone	Yes	Mr. Laurella	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Department Chairpersons.

Mr. Danna stated that there was incident at Morton and Irving Avenues as an individual left a lot of cow manure across Irving Avenue. He further stated that the County was called out and they took charge as it is a County Road. Mr. Danna stated that the County called DEP and the Board of Health. He further noted that this has been going on a long time and something needs to be done as it's not fair to the taxpayers of the Township. Mr. Danna indicated that the County has it under control and as soon as they get their packet together they will let him know and he will let the Committee know.

As to Willow and Cedar Streets, Mr. Danna noted that he was not aware that a drain was being put in as it was "okayed" by the Mayor. He further noted that were some extra DOT grant funds left over from the paving of the street and the drain was put in.

Mr. Danna stated the County is working on the potholes, there are a lot of them but they are working on them.

Mr. Spatola stated that this past Saturday was the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and about 80 children came out and the event went very well.

Mr. Spatola noted that he was advised by the Public Works Supervisor that there were some ATV's, 4 Wheelers or dirt bikes tearing up one of the parks. He stated that he suggested that Public Works get some signs specific to those vehicles. Mr. Spatola indicated that Public Works received a quote for 12"x18" signs (10 signs) at \$20 each.

Chairperson Laurella noted that the Township Ordinance number for the prohibition of vehicles in the park may need to be added to the signs. Solicitor Testa agreed with Chairperson Laurella. Mr. Spatola asked that the Clerk get with Public Works to make sure that the Ordinance number is placed on the signs.

Mr. Spatola indicated that Mr. Lee came to the Recreation meeting the other night. He further indicated that they advised Mr. Lee that in lieu of the fact that the Township has had 3 different entities approach the Township to use the parks, the Township would be implementing an application and fee schedule for the use of the parks. Mr. Spatola indicated that once the application is implemented use of the parks will be for specific needs and an individual will have an approval from the Township.

As to the fire department, Mr. Spatola stated the Liaisons are still trying to "beat down" the numbers for the new rescue truck. He further stated the Township has had this truck for a very long time and the Township is trying to get the number down to somewhere around \$450,000.00. Mr. Spatola indicated that obtaining this truck has become an obstacle as we're not getting the grants or aid we used to get. He further indicated that the Township cannot keep borrowing money to get a truck and referred back to when the Chief was asked to provide a 5 Year Plan. Mr. Spatola stated that 5 Year Plans allows the Township to put any percentage of money towards future vehicles.

He further stated there is going to be another meeting on April 8th to meet with Spartan and go over the figures and separate the “needs from the wants” and bring back to the Freeholders and CCIA a hard number.

Mr. Sparacio stated that March 21st the Township held a clinic for rabies shots and the Township offered residents the ability to obtain their dog licenses at that time. He further stated that everything went well and there was a good turnout.

Chairperson Laurella stated that a resident came before the Committee approximately 2 weeks ago to complain about vegetative waste on the roads. He further stated that this same individual complained to Mr. Stanzione last Thursday that there was vegetative waste and manure on the road. Chairperson Laurella indicated that the manure went from the offending individual’s driveway all the way down Morton Avenue to Carmel. He further indicated that he spoke with the offending individual and that individual went and scraped the road. Chairperson Laurella stated that the next night Mr. Danna called Mr. Laurella. He further stated that the road was a mess and the County came out as well as the Board of Health. Chairperson Laurella reiterated what Mr. Danna indicated earlier that the County is dealing with it and will hopefully press charges with the State Police. Chairperson Laurella stated that he spent quite a bit of time calling DEP and finally ended up with Doug Fisher at the Dept. of Agriculture and the Board of Health.

Mr. Danna added that the State Police had asked if the Township had seen who did it, but even when they went to the house no one answered the door.

Mr. Spatola noted that he had an addition to his building and grounds report and stated that with regard to the Carmel property, things are moving along. Mr. Spatola stated that the advertising will hit the paper on April 23 and April 30 and the bids will be opened May 6th at the meeting. Solicitor Testa noted that the Statute provides that the second advertisement needs to be within 7 days of the opening.

New Business

The Clerk presented Raffle Application – Big Brothers Big Sisters Of Cumberland And Salem Counties- Off Premises Raffle- October 11, 2015.

Mr. Sparacio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to approve the Raffle Application of Big Brothers Big Sisters. 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 #15-90 For The Payment Of Bills.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna, to adopt Resolution #15-90. 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. Stanzione, to open the meeting to the public. The Committee approved.

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

Mr. Spatola stated that he and Mr. Stanzione met with a large contingent of the farming community of Deerfield at a very lengthy meeting last year. He further stated that he would like to see a committee formed to deal with the storm water run off. Mr. Spatola stated that he would like to be on the committee and would like to see Mr. Stanzione join him as the two of them have been working on this matter. He further stated that he would like to get this initiated and reach out to the farmers. Chairperson Laurella agreed and felt that Mr. Spatola and Mr. Stanzione started it and should continue on with it. Mr. Spatola indicated that he would get with the Clerk and develop a letter to go out to the farmers for Committee approval and hopefully get some appointees.

There being no further business, Mr. Stanzione 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