

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

JUNE 3, 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 and Mr. Laurella. The Clerk indicated that Mr. Danna was absent this evening.

Todd Heck, Esquire appeared on behalf of Solicitor Testa

Bid Openings

The Clerk presented Opening Of Bids With Regard To The 1985 International Dump Truck And Plow.

Chairperson Laurella received the one bid from the Clerk and presented it to Mr. Heck to open and read aloud.

Mr. Heck stated that a bid had been submitted for the International Dump Truck by LTR in the amount of \$605. He further stated that there was a deposit submitted in the sum of \$105.00 dated May 26th. Mr. Heck indicated that the note on the check was a deposit for the truck if accepted.

Chairperson Laurella stated that he will abstain from anything regarding the bid as he is related to the bidder. The Clerk indicated that a Resolution will be prepared to accept the bid and Chairperson Laurella could abstain at that time should he wish to do so. Chairperson Laurella asked that the Township Committee make a motion to have the Solicitor prepare a Resolution to sell the truck.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to have the Solicitor prepare a Resolution to accept the bid and sell the 1985 International Dump Truck. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sparacio	Yes	Mr. Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Laurella	Abstain

Minutes

The Clerk presented the minutes of May 6 and May 20, 2015. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to approve the minutes as written. The Committee approved.

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #15-104 – Resolution Amending The 2015 Municipal Budget Of Township Of Deerfield To Insert A Special Item Of Revenue And Appropriation In The Amount Of \$6,227.00 From The Clean Communities Program

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to adopt Resolution #15-104. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #15-105 Refunding The Overpayment Of Taxes.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio to adopt Resolution #15-105. Roll Call Vote:

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

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Department Chairpersons.

Mr. Sparacio stated with regard to Streets & Roads, the Township is in the process of looking into street signs and to update any that are missing throughout the Township for emergency response, damaged or covered with graffiti. He further stated that he had nothing to report regarding animal control.

Mr. Stanzione indicated that the Township is still looking for funds to replace the truck. He further indicated the he and Mr. Spatola have another meeting coming up and come up with some type of idea that they hope to present by the next meeting.

Mr. Spatola stated that with regard to Recreation he met with the Chairperson, Roy Spoltore, and they talked about an alternate way to get the roof done on the stage. He further stated that there is some interest from a local general contracting company who is putting the Township in in touch with some people that he uses and some ways to do the spending.

Chairperson Laurella asked about putting a lean-to type roof on the stage. Mr. Spatola explained that that type of roof would be wide open and the amount of support needed would very difficult especially trying to keep the wind out from under it. Mr. Spatola also noted that the roof would need to be a consistent height (around 14 feet) and that would meet all the needs for sound and lighting.

Discussion was held between Mr. Spatola and Chairperson Laurella about the type of roof needed and the options available.

Mr. Spatola stated that there was nothing to report as to the Finance Department.

With regard to Buildings & Grounds, Mr. Spatola indicated that he met with Ron Shinn last week and the installation of the security doors should take place within the next week. He also indicated that the company to do the electronics for the doors are scheduled to come in right after the installation. Mr. Spatola stated that Mr. Shinn spoke with the gentlemen about the outside doors. The Clerk noted that the gentleman from the construction company was here the other day doing some last minute measuring and they are getting the supplies together and that work should be done soon.

Mr. Spatola noted that the drip irrigation installed looks very nice, but it needs to be covered with mulch and Mr. Shinn will be getting more mulch to do that also.

Mr. Spatola agreed with the information presented by Mr. Stanzione regarding the fire company.

Chairperson Laurella asked about a price on the basketball court on Vineland Avenue and that a price should also be obtained for the park in Carmel. Chairperson

Laurella felt that in addition to those projects a price should be obtained regarding the driveway outside the Senior Center front doors as that area is in poor shape.

Mr. Spatola agreed and also noted that an “entrance” sign was being made for the location on the driveway near the road.

Mr. Spatola stated that with regard to the basketball courts, Mr. Stanzione approached the Recreation Committee about that, but unfortunately the money is not there to go forward with that. He further stated that some contact has been made and a meeting scheduled on June 17th with a grant writer. Mr. Spatola indicated that the grant money is in the sum of \$400,000 and hopefully the grant writer will be successful. He further indicated that a lot of improvements can be made as long as they are connected to making the park more handicapped accessible. Mr. Spatola gave some examples of what the grant money could improve.

New Business

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Lawn Mowing Services To The Deerfield Township Elementary School.

The Clerk noted that everyone had received a copy of the email from the Business Administrator at the school regarding the Township possibly mowing the grass at the school. She further noted that she had indicated to the Business Administrator that the Township would be able to assist them once or twice until their mower is fixed, but anything more would need to be presented to the Committee.

Chairperson Laurella stated that the Township went through this a year ago when their mower broke and the Township Committee agreed to take care of the grass. He further stated that he was told that the school was supposed to be getting another mower. He noted that a year later they still don't have a new mower and are looking at the Township. Chairperson Laurella stated that our tractor is getting old and Mr. Spatola noted that the lawn at the school would be cut with the zero-turn mower. Mr. Spatola stated that in the last month or so public works was asked to borrow the tractor to cut the grass at the school and that was done and now the school wants us to cut the grass permanently. Mr. Spatola questioned if there was a plan or schedule to get a tractor, but we're not going to turn our back on our school.

Mr. Spatola stated that he would like to meet with the school, in a face to face meeting, and see what the problem is and see where we can help them out. He further stated that it might be possible to buy a mower and have them pay us back. Mr. Spatola indicated that we need to hear the story personally so we know exactly what they need from us as their request is a little vague.

Mr. Spatola stated that he is willing to have Mr. Shinn and himself meet with the representatives from the school and go over it. Mr. Stanzione noted that as it stands right now the Township does not have the manpower to do it. Mr. Stanzione agreed that the Township needs to talk with them. Chairperson Laurella reminded Mr. Spatola that another Committeeperson should also attend the meeting too so that no one is meeting alone.

Communications

The Clerk stated that there are no communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #15-106 For The Payment Of Bills.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione, to adopt Resolution #15-106.
Roll Call Vote:

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

Public Comment

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sparacio, 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.

There being no further business, Mr. Sparacio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adjourn the meeting. The Committee approved.

Cosmo J. Laurella, Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield