

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

February 19, 2014

Chairperson Stanzone 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 Stanzone led the flag salute.

The Clerk was at a Joint Insurance Fund Meeting in Mays Landing, and the Deputy Clerk, Cheryl Tramontana, filled in for her.

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

Departmental Reports

The Deputy Clerk presented reports from the Construction Office, Zoning/Housing Officer, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Coordinator.

Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to accept and file the Departmental Reports. The Committee approved.

Ordinances

The Deputy Clerk presented Ordinance #2014-1 A Second Reading And Public Hearing Of An Ordinance Appropriating The Sum Of \$10,000.00 From The Capital Improvement Fund Of Deerfield Township For The Purchase Of Fire Hose.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2014-1. The Committee approved.

There being no public present, Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna, to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2014-1. The Committee approved.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna, to adopt Ordinance #2014-1 On Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Adoption. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Lauermann	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes	Chairperson Stanzone	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes		

Resolutions

The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution #14-71 Appointing Lorraine Boyer As Chief Financial Officer For Deerfield Township.

Mr. Laurella stated that this would be at the salary of Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000.00) prorated. Chairperson Stanzone stated yes.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adopt Resolution #14-71. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Lauermann	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes	Chairperson Stanzone	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes		

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The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution #14-72 Authorizing The Execution Of A Shared Service Agreement With Lawrence Township For Zoning/Housing Officer Services.

Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adopt Resolution #14-72.
Roll Call Vote:

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

The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution #14-73 To Affirm The Township Of Deerfield's Civil Rights Policy With Respect To All Officials, Appointees, Employees, Prospective Employees, Volunteers, Independent Contractors, And Members Of The Public That Come Into Contact With Municipal Employees Officials And Volunteers.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna, to adopt Resolution #14-73.
Roll Call Vote:

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

The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution #14-74 Supporting Winchester And Western Railroad Company's Application To NJDOT To Fund Improvement To The Railroad Located Near South Shiloh Avenue And Kenyon Avenue In Deerfield Township.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna, to adopt Resolution #14-74.
Roll Call Vote:

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

Old Business

Mr. Laurella stated that after our third snowstorm everything went well except for one mailbox coming down on Spruce Street. He stated that he was in the office when the phone call came in and realized that it was his neighbor's mailbox. Mr. Laurella stated that he went home and checked it out, called our Maintenance Man, Ron Shinn, and after he went over to the resident's and Mr. Shinn stated that the blade did not hit it, it was knocked off by the force of the wet snow and afterwards Mr. Shinn and himself, put it back together for the resident.

Mr. Laurella stated that everyone is running low on salt but that this Township is trying to get more.

Mr. Spatola stated that the Recreation Committee met last night and there was a great deal of talk about moving along with the construction of the roof. He stated that the Architect has been contacted and he is willing to do a pro-bono design and sealed drawing to put out for bids and the Recreation Committee's goal is to be done with all of this within sixty days.

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Mr. Spatola stated that the Recreation is aware of the financial structure of the Harvest Festival this year and they know and are quite willing to accept the responsibility of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) due to the Township for the CCIA on the first payment of the loan towards the stage by November 1st, 2014. He stated that there was a great deal of talk how to cut corners on the festival. Mr. Spatola stated that the vendor list is being looked into along with more fencing around the perimeter of the festival to keep the people from just walking in without paying. He also stated that the Rosenhayn Fire and Rescue are interested in having parts from the stage when construction begins and they are willing to help in anyway they can to get the stage started for construction.

Chairperson Stanzione stated that the Rosenhayn Fire and Rescue is the same and that they have not heard anything about the grant.

Chairperson Stanzione stated that Mr. Laurella and himself met with the Cumberland County Improvement Authority and during the budget meeting the Township Committee is going to have to talk about a number where the Township is happy so we do not have to ask them for anything and maybe increase the Host Benefit so the Township will have enough to purchase whatever we need as we go forward.

Mr. Spatola stated that about a week ago he was in need of assistance for an emergency situation at his home and called 911. He stated that Rescue #29 was dispatched and were at the house in approximately three (3) minutes after the call which was amazing. He stated that Mr. Jilinski, Mr. Chance and Dominick Pizzo were there and showed exemplary skills, courtesy, a level of professionalism that is amazing and he believes that our Township is blessed to have people like this running our show. Mr. Spatola stated that he knows this is a very expensive and hard thing to fund in our Township but believes that we have some of the best firefighters and rescue people in this entire County. He stated that he had received a phone call the next day to see if there was anything they could do, or if anything was needed to please call the Fire Station and let them know.

Mr. Laurella stated that he could say the same because the same thing took place when his grandson was hit in the head with a paddle fan right above his head.

Mr. Laurella stated that the Township Committee spoke about the property next door once before about purchasing and he was given some information from Mr. Matt Pisarski, who is from the County, who sent him a sample letter that the Township can send in regards to a Green Acres Grant explaining our interest in this property. The Committee agreed.

Mr. Spatola stated that there was going to be an inspection at the LoBiondo Park by Green Acres. Mr. Laurella stated that it was already done and the Township passed with flying colors. Mr. Spatola stated that he had asked to be contacted because he wanted to speak to them to see what the Township could get for the park whether it be lighting or fencing and since they were coming to inspect, this would be a great opportunity to discuss this at that time. Mr. Laurella stated Karen Seifrit, our Township Clerk, told him this, and she was not too happy about it either because they were supposed to have come on September 24th, 2014.

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The Deputy Clerk presented An Application For Instant Raffle Tickets From The Deerfield Township Elks Lodge #733 For The Year 2014.

Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to approve An Application For Instant Raffle Tickets From The Deerfield Township Elks Lodge #733 For The Year 2014. Roll Call Vote:

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

Communications

The Deputy Clerk stated that there was a letter from Tina Manno Truitt resigning as Recreation Secretary.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella, to accept and file the Communications. The Committee agreed.

The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution #14-75 For The Payment Of Bills.

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

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

There being no public present, Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to close the meeting to the public. The Committee approved.

Before adjourning, Mr. Laurella stated that the Township had a taxpayer here asking about fees being raised and the Committee stated that the Zoning/Housing Officer was working on it. He stated that the Zoning/Housing Officer submitted a copy of amounts to be revised and everyone on the Committee should have a copy and they will be discussed and revised by the next meeting.

Mr. Danna stated that on Monday Night, February 17th, 2014, there was class over at Big Daddy's and there were a lot of cars and if anyone asks why there was so many that was why. Mr. Danna stated that the meeting was originally scheduled in Millville but the place was closed up so he was approached and asked if they could have it at Big Daddy's. He stated that the class was for the County and Bridgeton, Vineland, Rosenhayn along with others from the County were present that needed to be.

Mr. Danna stated that Karen Seifrit, our Municipal Clerk, called Mr. Danna about the money missing and he talked to her about it and wanted to know where the money goes when it is received. He stated that he told her he has a roll top safe where there is a tube on top, about two by two and two and half high and all you do is take the tube on top turn it and the deposit drops right into the box. Mr. Danna stated that there are only two (2) keys that open it so instead of them having to go to the vault; they can drop it right in this box. The Committee stated that they would look into it.

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Mr. Spatola stated in the year 2014, there should be a camera on the safe at all times and there should be cameras in the hallways and inside this building should be monitored. He stated that no one should be coming in and out without being on the camera.

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

John Stanzione, Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Cheryl Tramontana, Deputy Clerk
Township of Deerfield