

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

October 17, 2012

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 7:04 p.m.

Chairperson Laurella led the flag salute.

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

The Deputy Clerk took roll call and members present included Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Stanzione, Mr. Spatola, Mr. Lauer mann and Mr. Laurella.

Proclamations

The Deputy Clerk presented Proclamation #2012-4 Honoring New Jerusalem Church And Its Founders On Its 65th Anniversary.

The Deputy Clerk presented Proclamation #2012-5 Posthumously Honoring Deacon Albert B. Boose And Lula Thompson Boose.

Departmental Reports

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

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

Old Business

Mr. Lauer mann stated that at the last meeting there was a discussion about the shutters. He stated that he forwarded the information to our Maintenance Man, Ron Shinn, and he is going to inquire about them, get some prices and let the Township Committee know exactly where he is with this issue. Mr. Lauer mann also stated that there are some repairs that need to be made around the building. He stated that the indoor and outdoor lighting would be taking care of.

Mr. Spatola stated that Recreation had their Harvest Festival along with some obstacles this year. He stated that he is proud of the level of involvement and the cooperation amongst everyone was admirable. Mr. Spatola stated that the rain hurt Sunday a little bit, Friday and Saturday were real good, but they did have a problem with a transformer that was blown out but was up and running by Sunday morning. He stated that there are some issues with some of the people that were present over the weekend and on Tuesday, October 23rd, 2012, the Recreation Committee will be having a meeting at the Municipal Building to discuss these issues. He stated that he will not be able to attend this meeting, so Mr. Montgomery and maybe Chairperson Laurella will attend this meeting and if there are any other suggestions that need to be discussed, to let them know and they will be able to bring them up that night.

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Mr. Spatola stated that the Cumberland Salem Joint Court met about a week ago to discuss moving forward and any changes, alterations or amendments that have to be made whether to progress or regress in our Contract Agreement were viewed. He stated that the Township Committee Members received a spreadsheet report from Roy Spoltore, the Host from Upper Deerfield, and they were gone over quite intensely and everyone knew exactly what was going on. Mr. Spatola stated that they had another Personnel Meeting on Tuesday but it was not a full Board attending, just the Personnel Committee to go over some issues that they had noticed had happened over the first year and would like to change depending on the volume. He also stated that the budget will be discussed again on Monday, October 22nd, 2012, so he will be attending this meeting but it will not be to ratify anything as far as making any final changes but to make sure everything is gone over one more time to make sure everyone is on the same page which he believes we all are after the last meeting they had.

Mr. Stanzione stated that he would like to have a Quarterly Report from the Court along with the Committee notifying the Township Committee whenever anything is going on because we are a part of it and when the resigning went on, the Township was not told about it until after the fact. He stated that no decision should be made without talking to us. Mr. Spatola stated that the issue in question was not decided on yet.

Mr. Stanzione stated that there were two (2) trucks out of service but they are back in service tonight. He stated that one was a Fire Truck and the other was an Ambulance.

Chairperson Laurella stated that Mr. Jilinski, the Chief of Rosenhayn Fire and Rescue was supposed to give the Township Committee a report at the last meeting of what it is costing the Township with the paid Fire and Rescue personnel. He stated that he would like to know what it is costing us along with what we have taken in on that.

Chairperson Laurella stated that everyone had received a copy of the list of streetlights that are going to be terminated, not taken down just turned off for at least six (6) to eight (8) months.

Mr. Lauermann stated that if the streetlights are over (5) years old, the policy of the Electric Company is to take them down.

Mr. Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann, to shut down the streetlights as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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

Chairperson Laurella also stated that he asked our Administrator about the streetlights that are off at intersections. He stated that he wanted her to call and have them turned back on and she stated that she would contact them.

Chairperson Laurella stated that the Engineer has approved Cherry Lane, the Bond has been given back to the builder and the Township needs to adopt Cherry Lane as a Township Road. He stated that our Township Clerk stated that it has to be adopted by an Ordinance.

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Chairperson Laurella stated that we needed to direct our Solicitor to prepare an Ordinance where the Township will take it over. He stated that it meets all the requirements of the Planning Board and Township Code.

Solicitor Testa stated that he would need a legal description from our Engineer if he has it. Chairperson Laurella stated that the Township's Engineer has it and we need to contact him to have him get it to our Solicitor.

New Business

There was no New Business discussed this evening.

Communications

There were no Communications discussed this evening.

The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution #12-158 for the Payment of Bills.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione, to adopt Resolution #12-158. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Montgomery	Yes	Mr. Laueremann	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Chairperson Laurella	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes		

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

John Barbagello, Emergency Management Director, came before the Committee to say that the Harvest Festival went very well and he wanted to thank the Recreation Members for all their cooperation during this time. He also stated that the Rosenhayn Fire Department and EMS did a fine job.

Mr. Laueremann asked Mr. Barbagello about the issues down in the basement concerning the computers and the odor. Mr. Barbagello stated that Ron Shinn, our Maintenance Man was supposed to find out about putting a fan down there. Mr. Laueremann stated that there is dampness down there and it needs to be taken care of. Mr. Barbagello stated that he pulled out all the pagers and radios and put them on the table and inventory was taken. The Committee asked if the old computers were downstairs and Mr. Barbagello stated that he believed they were.

Chairperson Laurella stated that we should find out what is old and needed to be removed and work on cleaning the basement up.

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

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

Cosmo J. Laurella, Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Cheryl Tramontana, Deputy Clerk
Township of Deerfield