

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

October 2nd, 2013

Chairperson Spatola 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 Spatola led the flag salute.

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

The Clerk stated that the next meeting of the Township Committee would be on Thursday, October 17th, 2013, due to the fact that the Special General Election will be held on our regular meeting date.

Minutes

The Clerk presented Minutes from September 4th and September 18th, 2013.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to approve Minutes As Written. The Committee approved.

Ordinances

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2013-6 A Second Reading And Adoption Of An Ordinance Amending The Salary Ordinance To Reflect The Salary Range For Supervisory Firefighter/EMT.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to Adopt Ordinance #2013-6 On Second Reading And Final Adoption. Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #13-135 Amending The 2013 Salary Resolution.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to adopt Resolution #13-135. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #13-136 Authorizing The Exclusion Of The Public From A Meeting Of The Township Committee Of The Township Of Deerfield To Be Held On October 2nd, 2013.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to adopt Resolution #13-136. Roll Call Vote:

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

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Old Business

Mr. Stanzione stated that the Fire Company had a major breakdown with their ambulance. He stated that they took it in to get fixed and it took about Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) out of their budget so he is not sure how short they will be at the end of the year. Mr. Stanzione stated that other than this repair, everything is running smooth over there.

Mr. Montgomery stated that everything is moving along with the Harvest Festival and the event will be held on October 11th, 12th and 13th, 2013.

Chairperson Spatola stated that Mr. Jilinski approached him yesterday and stated that they were working on a project with piping. He stated that Mr. Jilinski wanted to know if he knew anyone that had a ½ inch pipe threader to thread and tap black iron pipe. Chairperson Spatola stated that he has been asking around but has not found anyone yet, but if any Committee person knew of anyone to please let Mr. Jilinski know.

Mr. Lauermann stated that he had one but did not know if it was the right size.

Mr. Stanzione stated that they are repiping the whole building because they have plastic piping going to the compressor to the trucks and OSHA stated that it has to be steel pipe.

Mr. Montgomery stated that there is tree on Spruce Street where it is starting to uproot and it is going to fall over the road. He stated that a couple of different tree services were contacted to come and take it down. Mr. Montgomery stated that one bid came in from a company at Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$650.00) but they keep telling us that they are going to show up and they have not. He stated that we contacted them by phone numerous times and they still do not show up so the Township is going to go back to our original tree company with an amount of Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) and they will be at the site tomorrow to take the tree down. Mr. Montgomery stated that the Township does not want to be stuck in a jam in case it falls down.

Mr. Lauermann stated that whenever we have had a problem with trees in this Township, Sprouse Tree Service is right there to do the job and they are local.

Mr. Montgomery stated that he spoke to the Acting Administrator, Emily Sapp, at Green Acres and explained to her what the Township wants to do with the property next door. He stated that they thought it was a great opportunity to get involved with it but the issue right now is that there is no funding available. He stated that the next funding bid would be some time in February or March of 2014. Mr. Montgomery stated however that the Acting Administrator did put him in touch with a Mr. Kurt Greenman who is in charge of acquisitions of land for the Green Acres and after talking to him the opinion that was given was that they can give a letter of intent to go to the property owner. He stated that what this letter will do is let them know that the Township will be paying for the property ourselves and that if the Township is able to acquire the grant then we will be able to get paid back but there is no guarantee. Mr. Montgomery stated that he told Mr. Greenman that the Township was not really in a position to do this but there was another way where there is a family trust where people go to them who want to buy parcels of lands similar to this where they want to preserve the ground and make a park out of it and keep it as open space. He stated that they have over the last three (3) years purchased ten (10) large pieces of ground to perform this all throughout the State of New Jersey but they have not done a lot in South Jersey so they were looking to find places where this could take place. Mr. Montgomery stated that Mr. Greenman was going to contact their lawyer and he will be getting in touch with him by Thursday and see how he made out.

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Chairperson Spatola stated that he would like to have our Solicitor write up a letter of intent to the property owner to express the Township's interest.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella, to send a letter of intent to the property owner to express the Township's interest on the property next to the Municipal Building up for sale. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Laurella stated that he would like to know why the Mayor of a Governing Body couldn't make a motion. He stated that he is an elected official just like all five of us and is appointed as the Mayor by the Committee.

Solicitor Testa stated that he could not remember the citation but he will certainly find out for them.

New Business

The Clerk stated that the Township Committee had in their packets the breakdowns of percentages as to the appropriate number of questions answered to receive a hundred percent (100%), eighty percent (80%), and so on. She stated that the next page indicates the number of yeses the Township has answered along with the no and not applicable and a combination of the yes answers and not applicable answers. The Clerk stated that the Township had 0% prospective answers that qualify us for One Hundred percent (100%) of CMPTRA in the coming year.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione, to approve submission of the 2013 Best Practices Checklist. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Montgomery stated that a representative approached him from an Ambulance Squad that is a Transport Company. He stated that this Company is looking to expand his current location and he is looking for a location closer to the Hospital that is more central with Vineland, Bridgeton and Millville. Mr. Montgomery stated that Mr. Stanzione and himself met with him to show him the Carmel building and in his words it is a little bit bigger than what he needs but he would be interested in finding out what the Township would want to rent the building. He stated that he explained to the gentleman from the Company that it would have to be discussed with the Township Committee and then they would get back to him.

Chairperson Spatola stated that he had stopped at the Carmel Building the other day when the Public Works men were mowing the lawn and he stated that the Township is utilizing all of the space. He stated that there is office space that is not being used and our Emergency Management Department are downstairs in the basement of the Senior Center where there are many problems so he feels that they could move over to the Carmel Building and resolve the problems they are having in the basement. Chairperson Spatola stated that they could have a more organized and clean area along with a sign out front showing the building being used and the Office of Emergency Management would be centrally located.

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Mr. Montgomery stated that there is going to be a huge expense to do this because the tower would have to be moved and all the wire would have to run again. He stated that he believes it is a good idea to consider moving them over to the Carmel Building but the one advantage of renting it out was that the person taking over would also be responsible for fixing and cleaning up the inside and this would save the Township a lot of money. Mr. Montgomery stated that the Committee needs to decide what the building is worth versus what somebody else thinks it is worth and take it from there.

After further discussion, Chairperson Spatola decided to meet with Mr. Pizzo, Emergency Management Director, along with the Chairperson Of Buildings and Grounds, Cosmo Laurella, to get his input on moving to the Carmel Building.

The Clerk presented an Application For Raffle License On Premises 50/50 Raffle for the Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce At Campani's Legacy Lanes on December 4th, 2013.

Mr. Stanzone made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella, to approve the Application For Raffle License On Premises 50/50 Raffle for the Bridgeton Are Chamber of Commerce At Campani's Legacy Lanes on December 4th, 2013. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Lauer mann	Yes	Mr. Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzone	Yes		

The Clerk presented an Application For Raffle License Off Premises 50/50 Raffle for the Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce At Campani's Legacy Lanes on December 4th, 2013.

Mr. Stanzone made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to approve the Application For Raffle License Off Premises 50/50 Raffle for the Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce At Campani's Legacy Lanes on December 4th, 2013. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Lauer mann	Yes	Mr. Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzone	Yes		

Mr. Montgomery stated that they met with Comcast to discuss the phone system in the Rosenhayn Fire and Rescue Department. He stated that the system at the Fire Department right now is borderline embarrassment. Mr. Montgomery stated that he went out and tried to get a couple different bids from several companies and the lowest bid and only bid that came back was Comcast. He stated that currently the Township is looking at a Thirty Two Hundred Dollar (\$3,200.00) budget for the phone system at the Rosenhayn Fire and Rescue Department and if the Township upgrades the system we can get a five (5) phone system with voicemail, etc. which is exactly like the one the Township Building has here. Mr. Montgomery stated that it would cost One Hundred Eighty One Dollars (\$181.00) a month and spoke to the Rosenhayn Fire Chief to let him know what the Township was doing. He stated that the other issue is that the Rosenhayn Fire and Rescue is responsible for the video and internet side at their building and if the Township were to take over ownership of that part of the bill and put everything together then it would be cheaper even more and all the Township would have to do is take out of their yearly budget more money out of their budget and apply it to their phone account.

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Therefore, Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella, to have the phones changed over to Comcast along with the internet and video being charged to the whole bill. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Lauer mann	Yes	Mr. Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

Communications

The Clerk stated that there was a letter of retirement from Donald Seifrit, Tax Assessor, stating that after serving Deerfield Township for more than twenty-one (21) years he has chosen to leave public service and will be retiring at the end of December 2013. He stated that he has enjoyed serving Deerfield and the people and if there is any way he can help with the transition he would be more than happy to meet with the Township.

With regret, Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauer mann, to accept and file the Communications. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Lauer mann	Yes	Mr. Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #13-137 For The Payment Of Bills.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione, to adopt Resolution #13-137. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Lauer mann	Yes	Mr. Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

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

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

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauer mann, to go into Executive Session per the Resolution. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Lauer mann	Yes	Mr. Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

Mr. Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione, to reconvene the Regular Meeting. The Committee approved.

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

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Frank Spatola, Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Township Clerk
Township of Deerfield