

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MAY 20, 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. Danna, Mr. Spatola, Mr. Stanzione and Mr. Laurella. Mr. Sparacio was absent this evening.

Departmental Reports

The Clerk presented the departmental reports of the Construction Office, Housing/Zoning Officer, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Emergency Management Coordinator and Animal Control.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna, to accept and file the departmental reports. The Committee approved.

Ordinances

The Clerk presented second reading and public hearing of An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #2011-10 Authorizing Participation In The Joint Municipal Court Known As The Cumberland-Salem Regional Municipal Court And Authorizing An Amendment To The Agreement For The Operation Of A Joint Municipal Court Between The Township Of Deerfield, Township Of Greenwich, Township Of Hopewell, Township Of Lawrence, Township Of Pittsgrove, Borough Of Shiloh, Township Of Stow Creek And Township of Upper Deerfield.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2015-2. The Committee approved.

There being no questions from the public, Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2015-2. The Committee approved.

Mr. Stanzone made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to adopt Ordinance #2015-2. Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #15-101 – Resolution Accepting Bid From 525 Irving Acquisition LLC Of Millville New Jersey For Purchase Of Block 85, Lot 1.01

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna to adopt Resolution #15-101. Roll Call Vote:

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

The presented Resolution 15-102 – Resolution Approving Change Order For The Reconstruction Of Cedar Street From \$173,143.00 to \$163,797.93

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to adopt Resolution 15-102. Roll Call Vote:

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

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports from Department Chairpersons.

Mr. Stanzione stated that the Ice Cream Social was held the other day. He noted that Mr. Laurella, Mr. Danna, Freeholder Musso and himself served the seniors ice cream and cake.

Mr. Stanzione indicated that as far as the fire company the Township is still looking into financing for the fire truck.

Mr. Danna stated that he had nothing to report. Chairperson Laurella questioned Mr. Danna as to Shiloh Avenue. Mr. Danna indicated that the County was contacted and was to have taken care of the issue at that location.

Chairperson Laurella stated that the Township needs to make sure that there are appropriate streets. He further stated that former Solicitor, Joseph Testa, told the Committee that if the Township did not have proper streets signs and something happens, the Township will be liable and can be sued.

Mr. Spatola began with Buildings and Grounds. Mr. Spatola stated that Chairperson Laurella initiated a lot of this last year and in 2015 money has been appropriated for projects. He further stated that he and Mr. Danna had a meeting with the Public Works Supervisor and a JIF representative to discuss risk factors of heavy equipment in public works. Mr. Spatola indicated that the JIF representative would be willing to work the Township and assist on regulations, policies and OSHA standards.

Mr. Spatola stated that he and Mr. Danna went over with the Public Works Supervisor the projects for this year. He further stated that they went over security doors for the east and west hallways and that 3 prices had been obtained. Mr. Spatola noted that the project was going to Millville Glass for \$5,165.00 and obtained 3 prices for the electrical issues with the doors. He further noted that the electrical issues need to be tied into the alarm and fire system as the doors need to open up uninhibited should something happen. Mr. Spatola stated that 1000 key fobs will be supplied by DNS Solutions who will also be doing the electrical and alarm issues for the doors. He further stated they are recommending DNS as they have worked for the Township before and have a good relationship with DNS.

As to the millwork around the outside east and west doors, Mr. Spatola indicated that the Township was only able to receive one bid for the work. He further indicated that the vendor will use a recycled green material and is very similar to the material the cupola was repaired with. Mr. Spatola stated that this same company, Sikking Construction, bid \$8,400 to take the woodwork off and replace it with an Azec material and paint anything that is not done in the plastic material.

Mr. Spatola noted that Chairperson Laurella had asked public works to get a price to expand the sprinkler system to include the new bushes that were planted out front and that price came in at \$450.

Mr. Spatola noted that there was another ad for bids for the old dump truck. He further noted that the ad went in on May 18th and are returnable for the June 3rd meeting.

As to Recreation, Mr. Spatola stated that Youth Night is June 3rd and there is a meeting tonight in the Senior Center and they are judging the posters. He further stated that with regard to the Harvest Festival, Chairman Spoltore spoke with Mr. Spatola and there is no time to redo the roof of the stage and it cannot be done with the money received from the CCIA and Recreation is going to move forward with repairs. Mr. Spatola noted that public works will make a list to make the repairs.

With regard to Personnel, Mr. Spatola indicated that there is an ad in the newspaper for the Senior Coordinator and those responses are returnable May 29th.

Mr. Spatola noted that the auditors will be back in June to finish the 2014 audit.

Mr. Spatola stated that he attended a meeting with the fire company on Monday at 7:00 p.m. He further stated that there were 15 members at the meeting and saw a lot of enthusiastic young men and women who are well trained and know what they are doing. Mr. Spatola indicated that the fire department has an exemplary fire mentoring and monitoring system and our chief is well known for his guidance and skills on a fire or rescue scene. He further indicated that these young members are very receptive to his instruction.

Mr. Spatola noted that there were a couple of issues brought up, one of which was the fire truck, and stressed to the members that Mr. Stanzione and the rest of the Committee are working hard on that as it is large expense for the community and will not spend the Township's money frivolously. He further noted that it might be worthwhile to look into a grant writing company who will work on a commission basis. Mr. Spatola stated that the Township can't go out and write a check for a fire truck it has to be bonded. He further stated that it would be good to be able to save and when the trucks are needed to replaced they can be replaced. Mr. Spatola indicated that the fire company has presented a 5 year plan, but that is only good if you have businesses and industry, but Deerfield is rural and we can afford only what we can afford.

Mr. Spatola noted that the fire company was concerned about LOSAP. He further noted that LOSAP is like a volunteer firefighters pension plan. Mr. Spatola stated that the maximum a municipality can contribute is \$1450 to the fund. In the year 2000 the Township initiated this plan with our firefighters at which time the Township started it at a \$500 maximum if all the criteria was met. He further stated that the funds are then deposited into each firefighters account and are accumulated over the years. Mr. Spatola indicated that since 2000 the maximum amount has never been raised. He further indicated that he has spoken with the Clerk and try and come up with a draft of graduation of the maximum amount. Mr. Spatola stated that the volunteers that Deerfield has are extremely well trained and are going to protect Deerfield for the next 30 years. He further stated that Deerfield has a lot invested in these individuals and the Township should look into an incentive to keep and by possibly increasing the maximum of the LOSAP benefit that may be a good start. Mr. Spatola indicated that he did not promise anything, but felt that it might be a good idea and see where that can go.

Mr. Spatola also noted that the stop sign in front of the fire hall had been hit a few times and approximately a year ago Mayor Laurella asked the County to see about putting something around it to prevent people from hitting it. He further noted that the County did come out and put an abutment around all four sides of the sign as well as river

rock in the center. Mr. Spatola stated that it is the fire department's opinion that someone is going to come by the fire hall and pick up one of these large rocks and put it through the big windows in the front. He further stated that they would like to see the rocks removed and possibly fill the center with sand instead of the rocks. Mr. Spatola indicated that it was only a suggestion and said he would bring it back to the Committee.

Chairperson Laurella stated he would call the County and see what could be done about that.

Chairperson Laurella also questioned the maximum of LOSAP. He noted that the Township has contributed more than \$1400 towards LOSAP. Mr. Spatola clarified that the individual amount per volunteer could not be more than \$1,450 a year.

Chairperson Laurella stated that money has been set aside in the budget for the items spoken about by Mr. Spatola and that no motion is required to move forward. Mr. Spatola agreed and noted that there was one more project for discussion. Mr. Spatola indicated that a few meetings ago a discussion was held to repave the basketball court on Vineland Avenue. He further indicated that the Township is looking into three prices and those prices will be brought back to the Committee.

Mr. Stanzone inquired of Mr. Spatola the total amount of the 3 projects mentioned this evening. Mr. Spatola stated that the total comes to \$5165.00 for the inside security doors and \$8400 for the outside doors and \$450 for the sprinklers and \$1500 for garage door openers for the public works garage which he forgot to mention earlier. Mr. Stanzone stated that he is not necessarily in favor of garage door openers. Chairperson Laurella indicated that the garage doors are fairly light and have been there since the garage was built. He further indicated that he did not feel a garage door opener was necessary as a few years ago for the Emergency Management Durango. Chairperson Laurella stated that money is being spent on unnecessary items instead of improvements that are necessary. He further stated that the front step should be repaired. Mr. Spatola indicated that when the doors are up they could fall and when the doors are open things get taken. Mr. Spatola felt for safety and security the door openers would be a benefit. Mr. Spatola stated that if the Committee does not want the openers then so be it, but in his opinion for safety sake it would be beneficial.

Discussion was held between Mr. Spatola and Chairperson Laurella regarding the garage door openers, the basketball court, repaving the driveway and sticking to the budget.

Additional discussion was held between Mr. Spatola and Chairperson Laurella on additional projects that need to be addressed.

New Business

The Clerk stated that there was nothing under New Business.

Communications

The Clerk stated that there were no communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #15-103 For The Payment Of Bills.

Mr. Danna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adopt Resolution #15-103. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Danna	Yes	Mr. Stanzione	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes	Mr. Laurella	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 further 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. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Danna, to adjourn the meeting. The Committee approved.

Cosmo J. Laurella, Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield