

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

April 3, 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 Laurella led the flag salute.

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

Minutes

The Clerk presented the minutes from March 6th, and March 20th, 2013.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to accept the minutes as written. The Committee agreed.

Ordinances

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2013-2 Second Reading And Public Hearing Of An Ordinance to Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14).

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2013-2. The Committee Approved

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laueremann to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2013-2. The Committee Approved

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to adopt Ordinance #2013-2 – CAP Bank. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2013-3 Second Reading And Public Hearing Of An Ordinance Amending Hours Of Operation For Township's Parks And Recreation Areas And Establishing Penalties For Violations.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laueremann to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2013-3. The Committee Approved.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2013-3. Park Hours The Committee Approved

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laueremann to adopt Ordinance #2013-3. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk stated this evening the 2013 Municipal Budget was being introduced.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to adopt the 2013 Municipal Budget on 1st Reading and to set Wednesday, May 1st, 2013 for 2nd Reading Public Hearing and Final Adoption.

Mr. Lauermann	Yes	Mr. Montgomery	No
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	No		

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #13-80 Resolution Canceling Taxes Due to Subdivision.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to adopt Resolution #13-80 Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #13-81 Resolution For The Cancellation Of Taxes Due To Payment In Lieu Of Taxes Agreement Between The Township Of Deerfield And Lartland, LLC.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #13-81. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #13-82 Resolution Authorizing An Amendment To The Host Community Benefit Agreement Between The Cumberland County Improvement Authority And Deerfield Township.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to adopt Resolution #13-82. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #13-83 Resolution Canceling The Contract For Animal Control Services.

Mr. Lauermann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to adopt Resolution #13-83. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #13-84 Resolution For Tonnage Grant Application.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to adopt Resolution #13-84. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented #13-85 Resolution Awarding A Contract To Sweetwater Environmental Management, LLC As A Licensed Operator For Water Treatment Systems.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to adopt Resolution #13-85. Roll Call Vote:

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

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Departmental Chairpersons.

Mr. Montgomery stated the Township has entered into an agreement with Comcast for the new phone system. Mr. Montgomery indicated he met with Comcast last week, finalized everything and Comcast lowered the price again for the Township, so the Township is looking at a five thousand (\$5,000.00) a year savings. Mr. Montgomery stated the inside wiring would be started this week sometime and once that was completed, it will take thirty to forty five days (30-45) completion time.

Mr. Stanzione stated Recreation had the Easter egg hunt and about sixty (60) children showed up, it only lasted about ten minutes but the kids enjoyed themselves.

Mr. Stanzione stated he hasn't heard anything from Fire and Rescue so everything is fine with Fire and Rescue.

Mr. Stanzione stated the Township is getting the increase of thirty three cents (.33) over three years, which is better than zero, also negotiations are in affect for something else. Mr. Stanzione indicated in the last few years the landfill has been working great with the Township.

Mr. Laurella stated he and Mr. Lauermann met at the park a few weeks ago over the light situation at the park. Mr. Laurella asked Mr. Lauermann to state to the Committee what they came up with.

Mr. Lauermann stated he is hearing a lot of things from the residents about not being able to be out at the park later than past dusk. Mr. Lauermann indicated he and Mr. Laurella went out to look at the damage at the control system that controls the lights, the cost of operating the lights, and lights could always be replaced to something a little more efficient. Mr. Lauermann stated what has happened in the past, is that the residents have

access to the control system of the lights, and when they wanted to have the lights on a little longer, they got in through the fence and damage the control box quite a few times. Mr. Lauermaun stated he and Mr. Laurella were looking at having some type of remote control system, where there is a vandal proof button system, which doesn't cost that much money, to operate the lights.

Mr. Lauermaun also stated they were looking at the fence situation, the fence system that is there now allows people to have access to the control box, if the fence was extended four feet away from the control box, people wouldn't be able to get to it once the lights went off. Mr. Lauermaun stated that a lot of the equipment was old and rusted away and needs to be replaced anyway, along with some of the panels that are utilized for the Harvest Festival, at a different location.

Mr. Laurella stated the panel has to be close to thirty years old or older, and it may be time to upgrade. Mr. Stanzone stated he would run it by the Recreation Committee.

A discussion regarding the lighting at the park was held among the Committee.

Mr. Spatola stated that some of the electrical work was updated last year for the Harvest Festival and the electrician doing the work stated a lot of the electrical system was antiquated and needed to be updated, and wondered himself why it had never been updated. Mr. Spatola indicated he thinks it's a great idea to get some numbers and ideas and do some engineering aspects to see what needs to do. Mr. Spatola stated he was approached by some residents regarding the light situation at the park and he explained to them it was a sad thing, and they don't want to do it, but as a Township Committee they are responsible for the safety of people, and upon seeing what was seen, it was their duty to do what needed to be done to ensure the safety of the people who go to the park.

A discussion continued regarding the park, updating of the light system, and grants that may be available was held among the Committee.

The Clerk presented Update Discussion On Repairs To Municipal Building Cupola.

Mr. Laurella stated they have been delaying long enough on this project, the Township has some good numbers and if possible he would like to see a contract awarded to have the cupola repaired and made to look presentable. Mr. Laurella indicated they have gotten a couple of prices, also a price for total reconstruction, which wasn't cheap. Mr. Laurella stated there are two prices which are within the Township's budget, using the same framing but replace the material on the outside and they would repair the louvers on the cupola.

A discussion regarding the cupola was held among the Committee.

Mr. Spatola stated that he feels the Township is where they need to be and he agrees with Mr. Laurella that the cupola needs to be done and put to sleep. Mr. Spatola stated these are relatively comparable bids. Mr. Spatola indicated there are two prices about two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) apart.

Mr. Spatola stated that since someone will be up in the cupola maybe they can work on the clock as well, so it's all done at the same time, since the staging will be up already. Mr. Laurella stated that Mr. Lauermaun could get the prices on the clock, and get the cupola started first and take it from there.

Mr. Lauermann stated there was a proposal to redo the doors of the building because the look of the building was going to be changed with standard code that is out now. Mr. Lauermann indicated that everything in this building is custom made, and the issue with the clock is that the mechanism that operates the clock is in the cupola, and no one made the decision to find out why it stopped working.

Mr. Lauermann explained why the clock stopped working and what it would take to fix the clock to the Committee.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to award a contract to Stanker & Galetto of Vineland for \$14,400. Roll Call Vote:

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

New Business

The Clerk presented Discussion regarding Ice Cream Social For the Senior Center In Recognition Of Older Americans Month.

The Clerk stated that in the Committee's packet was a letter from The Office On Aging establishing the month of May as Older Americans Month, and the theme of this year is Unleash The Power of Age. The Clerk stated in the past the Seniors had a luncheon and most recently they have stated they would like an ice cream social, and the Township has accommodated that request in the past. The Clerk stated the Seniors are asking that it either be May 1st or May 22nd.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to set Wednesday, May 22nd, 2013 at 12 pm for the Older Americans Month Ice Cream Social. The Committee Approved.

Mr. Laurella stated he did not believe they received a copy regarding the water testing from the Improvement Authority. The Clerk stated she spoke to James Rocco, the engineer from the CCIA and they are doing the residential testing on Friday, once the testings are completed he will send the reports over along with the testing from the Landfill it self.

Mr. Montgomery stated he has the Clerk print out the employee's vacation status's, what was used and what is left. Mr. Montgomery stated the past couple of days one of the Public Works employee's has been off. Mr. Montgomery indicated that it is impossible for one guy to run this department by himself, so he thinks they should think about hiring summer help, starting some time in May and keep them until the Harvest Festival, because when one guy is off it is impossible for one guy to get any thing done. Mr. Montgomery indicated that it is getting into grass cutting season, and the time of year that there will be a lot of work and they will be busy all the time.

Mr. Montgomery stated that little blue dump truck would be out of service on Thursday, all day getting worked on, so on that date, Mr. Shinn would have to use his own vehicle to get around, so Mr. Montgomery asked Mr. Shinn to provide him with the mileage and he would be reimbursed.

Communications

Mr. Spatola stated there was a resident from Alabama, whose grandparents owned property dating back to 1867 on the Corner of Greenman Avenue and Bridgeton Avenue. Mr. Spatola indicated that the mother had been spending the past several years comprising notes, pictures, and has an old map dating back to 1867, and asked if the Township would like the information she had, and maybe put them on display somewhere in the Municipal Building. Mr. Spatola stated he spoke to her on the phone and she was going to send everything to the Municipal Building, The Clerk stated it was received today in the mail and was on the conference table in her office.

Mr. Laurella stated he had information from years back regarding the Township and the Rosenhayn Fire Department. Mr. Laurella stated the Historical Committee is supposed to be setting up a meeting to go through all the information they have.

A discussion regarding the historical information that the Committee has was held among the Committee.

The Clerk stated there were no Communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #13-86 for The Payment Of Bills.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laueremann to pay the bills, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adopt Resolution #13-86. Roll Call Vote:

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

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

Mr. Bill Miller, 470 Morton Avenue, approached the Committee and stated he is part of the School Board and they just past their budget, and during the budget hearing it was mentioned that the Township lost two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) in revenue and wanted to know if this information was true. Mr. Stanzione stated it had to do with assessments in the Township and what happens when the taxes are appealed. Mr. Stanzione indicated the Township is in jeopardy of losing about forty seven thousand dollars a year (\$47,000.00). Mr. Stanzione stated what happened was if a business was valued at two million dollars, the owners appealed it and it went down to five hundred thousand dollars, the assessment is lower so the Township loses that value.

Mr. Miller asked about the Resolution regarding the Taxes due to Subdivision. The Committee and the Clerk explained to Mr. Miller what that resolution was for.

A discussion regarding farm land assessment, churches in the Township, taxes and subdivisions was held among the Committee and Mr. Miller.

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

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to adjourn the meeting. The Committee Approved.

Frank Spatola, Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield