

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

April 4, 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 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson Laurella led the flag salute.

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

Minutes

The Clerk presented the minutes from March 7th, and March 21st, 2012.

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

2012 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-100 Resolution Authorizing The Municipal Clerk To Read The 2012 Budget By Title Only.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to adopt Resolution #12-100. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to open the Public Hearing on the 2012 Municipal Budget. The Committee Approved.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to close the Public Hearing on the 2012 Municipal Budget. The Committee Approved.

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-101 Resolution To Adopt The 2012 Municipal Budget.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #12-101. Roll Call Vote:

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

Ordinances

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2012-3 Second Reading And Public Hearing On An Ordinance Amending Chapter 120, Subsection 142 (A)(1) Entitled Schedule Of Fees Of The Code Of the Township Of Deerfield.

The Clerk stated this Ordinance was with regard to the Residential Variance Escrow Fee.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2012-3. The Committee Approved.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2012-3. The Committee Approved.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to adopt Ordinance #2012-3. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Laurella stated now that the budget was approved, he would like to notify all department heads and advise them what their budget will be.

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-102 Certifying The Salaries of Certain Municipal Employees.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to adopt Resolution #12-102. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-103 In Opposition To Senate Bill 1451 Regarding Proposed Changes to The Open Public Meetings Act.

The Clerk stated the State thought it best to make some changes to the Open Public Meetings Act, however those changes would cause some unfunded mandates, and a lot of extra work on the part of the Municipal Clerk.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to adopt Resolution #12-103. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-104 In Opposition To Senate Bill 1452 Regarding Proposed Changes To The Open Publics Records Act.

The Clerk stated this was another change to the Open Public Records Act, also putting more work on the Municipal Clerk.

Mr. Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #12-104. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-105 Tonnage Grant Application.

Mr. Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to adopt Resolution #12-105. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-106 Awarding A Contract To Sweetwater Environmental Management, LLC As A Licensed Operator For Water Treatment Systems.

The Clerk stated this is the company that monitors the water system in the basement.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to adopt Resolution #12-106. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-107 Appointing Michael Laurella Part-Time Laborer For The Township Of Deerfield.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to adopt Resolution #12-107. Roll Call Vote:

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

Old Business

Mr. Stanzione stated that he and Mr. Spatola attended the CCIA meeting and there was a letter from the CDC regarding the Recycling Coordinator. Mr. Stanzione indicated there are four or five Municipalities that are in need of filling that position, and are talking to the CCIA because they may be interested in doing a shared service with all the Municipalities that are in need of a Recycling Coordinator. Mr. Stanzione stated that he and Mr. Spatola will also be meeting with the CCIA on Wednesday.

The Clerk stated she had the opportunity to speak with Art Amador, at Western Winchester Railroad. The Clerk stated they are applying for a grant to redo the railroad tracks at Nixon and Greenman Avenues, there is no set date as of yet, but when they do have a date, they would like some assistance from the Township to close the roads.

A discussion regarding the redoing of the railroad tracks on Greenman and Nixon Avenues was held among the Committee.

The Clerk stated there was a pre construction meeting for the sidewalks on Irving Avenue, the tentative start date is May 1st, and will take about forty five days from start to finish, barring weather conditions. The Clerk stated she had a request from Fralinger Engineering, per Bob Mulford, asking if the contractor can use Carmel Fire Hall parking

lot to park their equipment, and if there is any damage they will be responsible for it, Fralinger's will hold them responsible for any repairs. Mr. Stanzione stated he received a call from a resident, and he gave them Mr. Laurella's number, he wanted to know if there were any changes in the plans for the sidewalks because they want him to take down the fence and his flower beds in front of his house, to put the sidewalks.

Mr. Laurella stated there is a change of plans due to the fact that the County has decided that sometime in the near future they are going to widen Irving Avenue. Mr. Laurella indicated they want to widen Irving Avenue two feet on each side, but the fence the County would replace if need be. Mr. Laurella indicated he spoke with Mr. Tom Kalfut, and he met with Bob Mulford, and they are going to meet at the site with the contractor to go over things. Mr. Laurella stated he would meet them at the site and maybe Mr. Lauer mann could meet them as well.

The Clerk stated with regards to the meeting, there were some revisions to the plans, regarding the sidewalks they may have to shift the sidewalks to accommodate some trees, and they are cutting down some trees, but trying to save some, that is why the shift in the sidewalks. The Clerk also stated that when they get to the residential driveways, those residents will not be able to use their driveways for about three days, letters will be going out to the residents from the construction company indicating that. The Clerk does not know where the residents will park.

A discussion regarding the parking situation for the residents on Irving Avenue was held among the Committee.

Mr. Laurella stated that he and Mr. Stanzione share the Finance Subcommittee, and have stated that before there is any roll over of money for anything, it should be presented to the Finance Chair and Vice Chair. Mr. Laurella stated that something happened that was shocking to him, there is a note out for one hundred seventy thousand dollars, he thought by now there would be one year payment, to help reduce the payment. Mr. Laurella indicated that our local bank put a quote in for 1.45% interest, another bank out of the Township puts a quote in and gets it for 1.40% interest, which is good because they are trying to save the tax payers money, but it amounts to forty six and twenty five cents (\$46.25) savings. Mr. Laurella stated there is a bank in the Township which pays taxes to the Township, a cooperation in the Township, and they go out of town and give the forty six dollars and give the business to another bank. Mr. Laurella indicated that the law states the Township has to go out and get different prices, but the law states the Township does not have to go with the lowest bidder.

A discussion regarding finances was held among the Committee.

Mr. Montgomery stated that he and Mr. Lauer mann have been working with the phone company, and are currently reviewing the bills. Mr. Montgomery indicated there are multiple listings that the Township pays for, for each location, which are going to be reduced to one listing, and also they are going to work on redoing the long distance bills.

Mr. Stanzione stated there was a letter from Comcast in the Committee's bins, and it stated that Municipalities received free service, and Deerfield Township has never received free service. Mr. Stanzione indicated maybe the Municipality is supposed to receive free service and isn't, so he doesn't know where the Township stands on that.

Mr. Montgomery stated that the Municipal building and the Rosenhayn Fire Company are going to be receiving free services from Verizon. Mr. Laurella stated if

Comcast can't give the Municipality the services it asks for then the Municipality can switch to Verizon.

Mr. Lauermann asked if the guy ever got back to the Township regarding the house on Cedar Street. The Clerk stated no, Mr. Lauermann indicated to move to the next person and see when they could board the house, and what the cost would be, because it has to get done, it's been almost a year, and the residents are calling him asking him when the house is going to be boarded up.

New Business

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Ice Cream Social For Senior Center In Recognition Of Older American Month.

The Clerk stated in the past the Township has provided a luncheon for the Seniors, and last year the seniors graciously agreed to forgo the luncheon in favor of the ice cream social. The Clerk stated that the theme for this year's social is "Never To Old To Play" and in speaking with the coordinator Lorene Thompson, she recommended May 16th for the social if the Committee is willing to provide for it again this year. The Committee agreed to the ice cream social and the date of May 16th.

The Clerk presented Application For Raffle License – Off Premises Raffle – Big Brothers Big Sisters Of Cumberland And Salem For Sunday October 7, 2012.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to approve the Raffle Application for Off Premises Raffle - Big Brothers Big Sisters Of Cumberland And Salem For Sunday October 7, 2012. Roll Call Vote:

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

Communications

The Clerk stated there was a letter from Environmental Control Officer John Myers. The Clerk indicated it was a letter of retirement, and read the letter to the Committee.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to accept the letter of retirement from John Myers. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-108 for The Payment Of Bills.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to adopt Resolution #12-108. Roll Call Vote:

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

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

Mr. John Barbagello, Deerfield Township Emergency Management Coordinator approached the Committee and stated he wanted to remind the Committee about the scenario, which is to take place Saturday April 14th, 2012 at 7:30 a.m. Mr. Laurella stated he would try and make it.

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

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

Cosmo Laurella, Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield