

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

December 4, 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. Laueremann, Mr. Laurella, Mr. Stanzione, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Spatola.

Minutes

The Clerk presented the minutes from November 4th, and November 13th, 2013.

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

Departmental Reports

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

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laueremann to accept and file the Departmental Reports.

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #13-145 Resolution For The Transfer Of Funds.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #13-145. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #13-146 Resolution Authorizing The Exclusion Of The Public For A Meeting Of The Township Committee On December 4th, 2014.

Mr. Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to go into Executive Session. Roll Call Vote:

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

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Departmental Chairpersons.

Mr. Laurella stated he wanted to report that there was a lot of work done on Buildings and Grounds this year and the building has shown a big improvement. Mr. Laurella stated that this year they worked on the building starting at the top, with the cupola and worked their way down and painted the building, planted grass in the bare spots, fixed and painted windows and window sills, and there are some other items that are still being worked on. Mr. Laurella indicated that the lights in the building had been replaced through South Jersey industries. Mr. Laurella stated that maybe during the winter months the inside of the building could be worked on. Mr. Laurella indicated that the maintenance workers deserve credit for the job that they did on the building besides their other duties.

Mr. Spatola stated that the Maintenance Supervisor informed him that there has been a little bit of water coming from the ceiling, he has the gentleman who fixed the cupola come out and he checked it out and stated that to the best of his knowledge, from looking on it, he thinks that depending on the direction of the hard rain the water is actually coming in from the louvers. Mr. Spatola stated that he thought that since it is just a small amount of water and it is so sporadic when we do get hard rains, maybe putting some type of tray to catch the water may help.

A discussion regarding the cupola and the rain that is coming in was held among the Committee.

Mr. Montgomery stated that Saturday, December 7th is Breakfast with Santa, with seatings at 9 am and 10 am, all the presents are wrapped and they are going to pick up a few extra toys just in case.

Mr. Montgomery stated the Recreation Committee is going to get every thing together and put out to bid for the roofing project by the beginning of the year.

Mr. Stanzione stated that Fire and Rescue has been going pretty smooth. Mr. Stanzione stated the Fire Company applied for a grant through FEMA for a new rescue truck, and FEMA has about three hundred twenty eight million dollars (\$328,000,000.00) is going to be available for Municipalities, so the Fire station applied for that, it is a slow process so they will see what happens.

New Business

The Clerk presented Date For Special Meeting for End Of The Year Payment Of Bills.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to set Monday, December 30th, 2013 at 3 pm for end of the year payment of bills. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented 2014 Budget Workshop Dates.

The Clerk stated in the Committee's packets there were calendars for January and February. The clerk stated the first Budget Work shop was just to go through the line items and discuss items such as to the appropriations for the 2014 year, and once that is completed it goes to the auditors for a budget draft.

A discussion about the date for the first budget workshop was held among the Committee.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to set Wednesday January 22, 2014 at 6:30 for Budget Workshop. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Speed Limits On Secondary Roadways In Deerfield Township.

Mr. Laurella stated that there is nothing in the Township Code Book that gives speed limits on the secondary roads, on the County roads they are spelled out. Mr. Laurella indicated that he is not in charge of Streets and Roads but he was requested by someone to put a speed limit on a secondary road, but the request has to go through the Liaisons of Streets and Roads. Mr. Laurella stated it is nice to come to a meeting to plead their case to the Township Committee, which is what he recommended the resident to do.

Mr. Laurella stated he wasn't sure if the Township controlled the secondary roads or if there was something in the State statute.

Solicitor Testa stated the Township would have to go through the Department of Transportation, and indicated if the Committee wanted him to check into it he would, and if there were going to be any changes made, the Township would have to go through DOT, and whatever process there was.

Communications

The Clerk stated there were no Communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #13-147 for The Payment Of Bills.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to pay the bills, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adopt Resolution #13-147. Roll Call Vote:

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

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

Mr. John Paff, 1605 Amwell Road, Somerset New Jersey approached the Committee and stated he was at the meeting in his capacity as the Chairman of The Open Government Advocacy Project New Jersey Libertarian Party, they are all about open Government. Mr. Paff indicated he thought he would come to the meeting. Mr. Paff stated he saw the sign outside which is good because it tells people that there is going to be a meeting, also he looked on line for an agenda of the meeting but couldn't find one, so he came to the building this afternoon and picked up a copy of the agenda. Mr. Paff stated he feels that the agenda should be on line prior to the meeting because some people want to see if a particular item is on the agenda before they decide if they want to go to the meeting, and also have time to think about their comments and what they are going to say. Mr. Paff stated that he also saw there were Resolutions on the agenda but didn't see those on there either, and he feels they should also be online so the people know what Resolutions are going to be passed.

Mr. Paff stated there is requirement in the law that you give the general nature to give the topics to be discussed, and it does set that forth in the Resolution, and if you pass the Resolution without telling the people what the topics are they don't know.

A discussion regarding what should be on line regarding the meeting was held between Mr. Paff and the Committee.

Mr. Paff stated he would like to go to the other towns in Cumberland County and say look Deerfield Township is putting there Executive Session Meeting Minutes on line because they have nothing to hide. Mr. Paff asked the Committee if they would make that step to put their Executive Session Meeting Minutes on line and periodically review them to make sure the maximum amount of information is being given to the public.

Mr. Paff thanks the Committee for their time.

Sergeant Leach, New Jersey State Police, Assistant Station Manager for the Bridgeton Station, approached the Committee and stated he was on his way back to the barracks from a call and decided to stop in because he had not been to a meeting in a while. Sergeant Leach asked the Committee if they had any questions or anything to be discussed.

Mr. Laurella asked Sergeant Leach if he knew off hand what the speed limits for secondary roads were. Sergeant Leach stated most roadways are 25mph unless other wise documented. Sergeant Leach stated that there is a formula the Department of Transportation uses to decide what the speed limit should be, but he did not know what the formula was off the top of his head.

Mr. Spatola stated he would like to express that since it was brought to the attention of the State Police about the speeding on Bridgeton Avenue back and forth from the Vocational School, he has seen a great presence of State Police and thanked Sergeant Leach for that.

Sergeant Leach stated there are some new Troopers that are out learning the ropes so you will see them finding their way around and will be at those locations.

Sergeant Leach stated there are six now that are out now and are getting a couple more Troopers that will be out and about soon.

Mr. Stanzione stated since they are 99% sure that residential roads are 25 mph they should put something in the News Letter stating that all residential Township roads are 25mph. Solicitor Testa stated that was a fine.

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

The Clerk asked for a motion to go into Executive Session and stated that the Executive Session was pertaining to Personnel and no decisions would be made in closed sessions.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to go into Executive Session.

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

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauerlla to reconvene the regular Meeting. The Committee Approved.

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

Frank Spatola, Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield