

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

February 1, 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 January 4th, January 18th, and January 25th, 2012.

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

Sergeant Greg Leach new Assistant Station Commander in the Bridgeton Barracks introduced him self to the Committee as well as Sergeant Dave Gilcrest, Administrative Sergeant in Bridgeton. Sergeant Leach stated that Lieutenant Abel stated he had a meeting with County Emergency Management and they spoke about the Knox Box program, and Lieutenant Abel feels the State Police having access to the Knox Boxes may benefit the Township. Sergeant Leach indicated that the key itself would remain in the office with the shift commander, which is the Sergeant at all times. Sergeant Leach asked approximately how many business's had Knox boxes.

Pete Jilinski, Deputy Fire Chief, Rosenhayn Fire and Rescue approached the Committee and stated that most of the business's have Knox Boxes because they are a requirement, business's like National Refrigerants, Deerfield Township Elementary School, Vocational Technical Center, and the smaller business's as well. Mr. Jilinski stated that the keys for the Knox Boxes in the Township are located in the Rosenhayn Fire Trucks, and they can only be released through the 911 Center, in a case of an emergency, Deputy Chief Jilinski and the Chief Mark Cifaloglio have the pass code and can retrieve the keys. Mr. Jilinski stated that neither himself nor Chief Cifaloglio would have a problem with the State Police having access to the keys, and expressed that the key for each Township is different, so they would have several keys for the different Townships.

The Clerk stated she was unsure where to retrieve a Knox Box key, Deputy Chief Jilinski stated the key came from the Fire Marshall, Chris Williams. The Clerk stated it would be up to the Township Committee to decide whether or not they wish to provide a key to the State Police. Solicitor Testa stated the Township Committee could make a motion now and a Resolution.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to provide Knox Box key to the New Jersey State Police, Bridgeton Barracks. Roll Call Vote.

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

Sergeant Leach stated on behalf of Lieutenant Abel, they had new recruits that started this week, so the station man power has increased and they hope to see more Troopers on the road.

Mr. Lauermann stated to Sergeant Leach that there have been some thefts in the center of town on Poplar, Maple, Pine Streets, and he knows the State Troopers are stretched thin but the thefts have happened at night, so he asked if the Troopers could just stop on by through the neighborhood if they were driving through Deerfield, it would be appreciated. Sergeant Leach stated he would put a request in for that.

Mr. Spatola stated that he also had someone approach him regarding Garton Road and Richards Road, there are concerned residents in that area, the residents believe there is someone trying to get into their barns at night.

A discussion regarding break ins, in the County was held among the Committee and the State Troopers.

Resolutions

The Clerk stated that first four Resolutions were regarding the Land Use Board, moving members up and adding new alternate members.

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-85 Appointing Joan Pierce As Class IV Member To The Land Use Board.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to adopt Resolution #12-85. Roll Call Vote.

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-86 Appointing Joseph Klaus As Class IV Member To The Land Use Board.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to adopt Resolution #12-86. Roll Call Vote.

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

Mr. Spatola stated that the interviews for the Land Use Board went very well, the Chairperson of the Land Use Board was present as well as himself and Mr. Laurella. Mr. Spatola stated they went through the interviews and made their recommendations, because they felt the two gentlemen chosen can greatly benefit the Township. Mr. Spatola indicated that at this point Chairperson Campagna's entertaining the idea of meeting with the Solicitor of the Land Use Board Mr. Duffy and speaking to him about choosing the remainder of the interested residents who were not chosen at this time, to be alternates for the Land Use Board, since there can be up to four alternates.

Mr. Laurella stated for those who were not chosen at this time, if they are interested in the Land Use Board, they are welcome to come to the Land Use Board meetings and get a learning experience, see how things are done, and the Board can see that they are out there and are interested.

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-87 Appointing Mark Mosley As Alternate Member I To The Land Use Board.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #12-87. Roll Call Vote.

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-88 Appointing Ron Durham As Alternate Member II To The Land Use Board.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to adopt Resolution #12-88. Roll Call Vote.

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-89 Authorizing The Disposal Of Surplus Property No Longer Needed For Public Use On An Online Auction Website.

Mr. Laurella stated that the Clerk is asking for a Resolution for surplus of property but before the Township Committee can do much with it, they need the list of what would go online to sell, rather than just sell it.

The Clerk stated this was specifically to put the old ambulance 29-26 online for auction.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to adopt Resolution #12-89. Roll Call Vote.

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

Departmental Reports

Mr. Lauermann stated he was working on the phone system, he has been made aware that there is a Fios line running out there now, and there are many Municipality options for free service through Verizon, so they are looking into that now for the Municipal Building and Fire Company. Mr. Lauermann indicated that they are looking at what the Township has, so they can know where they want to be, and what to do.

Mr. Lauermann stated that there were some complaints about speeding and he is still waiting for the speeding apparatus to be repaired and when it repaired Sergeant Gilcrest will contact the Township. Mr. Lauermann stated he is going to contact Sherriff Austino about the SLAP program, because there are some roads that need some attention as far as trash are concerned. Mr. Lauermann indicated that he and Mr. Montgomery had a discussion regarding all the trash that is on the side of the roads on Saturday going toward the landfill, through the main streets of the Township. Mr. Lauermann stated that on three different instances he saw trash fly out of residents trucks and he waited until

they arrived at the landfill before he approached the resident. Mr. Lauermann stated that the Landfill has to enforce the tarp rule because the amount of litter on Saturdays in the Township is ridiculous.

Mr. Stanzione stated that at the CCIA meeting they discussed renewing the agreement with the landfill, and try to join things together and add to the agreement. Mr. Stanzione indicated the CCIA didn't seem to have a problem with that, but it needs to be presented to the Board, and the Township needs to move as fast as possible because there is still talk about leasing the landfill out.

Mr. Lauermann asked if there was any way of finding out what the average is per tonnage. Mr. Laurella stated that the Administrator could call the different districts and see what their tipping fees are. Mr. Stanzione stated that was done a couple of years ago, and Deerfield Township is way behind.

A discussion regarding the CCIA and the Township of Deerfield regarding tipping fees, and the sale or lease of the Landfill was held among the Committee.

Mr. Spatola spoke of a scenario in Upstate New York where a Township entered into a lease operation agreement, where a waste management company took over the right to operate their landfill that was in this host Town. Mr. Spatola indicated that the contract needs to be updated, because as of now the Township would be liable should anything happen with the landfill.

Mr. Spatola stated that the Freeholder Bill Whalen had an idea to solicit a study to see the advantages and disadvantages, assets and liabilities of having someone come in and take over the landfill, but a large part of the study is to see how Cumberland County can utilize the landfill better.

A discussion regarding this situation was held among the Committee.

Mr. Stanzione stated since Deputy Chief Jilinski was present he wanted to speak about the paid services. Mr. Stanzione asked Mr. Jilinski to come up and explain the paid services to the Committee.

Deputy Chief Jilinski, Rosenhayn Fire and Rescue approached the Committee and stated that it has been in discussion for over a year the desire to have two paid personnel at the Rosenhayn Fire House eight hours a day. Mr. Jilinski stated that it is becoming increasingly more difficult to make sure someone is around at all times to handle the calls made. Mr. Jilinski indicated on average the Rosenhayn Fire Company runs 1.3 calls a day, and most people work during the day, there are a few guys who work different shifts, so they have been very good at having two qualified people around at all times. Mr. Jilinski stated that it is seldom that the Rosenhayn Fire Company does not go out on a call, but it is becoming a challenge every day, and in turn the same five to six people go out on calls constantly.

Mr. Jilinski stated in April, the Rosenhayn Fire Company was successful in starting to bill for the ambulance services. Mr. Jilinski explained how the billing process for the ambulances would work for residents and non residents. Mr. Jilinski indicated that last year thirty percent (30%) of the people the Rosenhayn squad treated last year were not residents, so one in three (1 in 3) people do not live in Deerfield Township, and that is quite a bit of money. Mr. Jilinski stated they have been billing since April of last year, and the average income per month is roughly between seventy five hundred (\$7,500.00) and eight thousand (\$8,000.000) per month. Mr. Jilinski indicated he did the

numbers, if two people are being paid for eight (8) hour days five (5) days a week, two men at eighty (80) man hours a week, it comes out to forty eight hundred dollars (\$4,800.00) per month, so there definitely will be more coming in then they will be spending. Mr. Jilinski stated they started collecting in June or July, and there is already fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) in the bank.

Mr. Lauermann asked about the Medicaid, Medicare programs. Mr. Jilinski stated he believes for Medicaid participants, they are to take whatever Medicaid pays as payment in full, and that is less than a hundred dollars (\$100.00). Mr. Jilinski indicated that he needs to talk to the billing company, because he does not see where the Township is going after the remaining balance for out of town residents, and it is in the Township's best interest to look into that. Mr. Jilinski stated that they routinely respond to other cities and they qualify as non residents, with the exception of Upper Deerfield because Deerfield has an agreement with Upper Deerfield, they are Rosenhayn's primary back up in the case that one ambulance is out or indisposed, they will come help out and Rosenhayn has offered them the same, so Upper Deerfield and Deerfield residents will not get billed for each other.

Mr. Laurella asked if they went on a call to a rental property and the tenant did not have medical insurance would they bill the home owner. Mr. Jilinski stated that it is irrelevant to the Fire Company if you are a home owner or a tenant, if you reside in the Township you do not get billed and the Fire Company gets nothing.

Mr. Lauermann stated to Mr. Patitucci that since he is the point man for his neighborhood he should hear what Mr. Jilinski is saying, because there has been talk among his neighbors and what they are saying is not the truth. Mr. Jilinski stated he went to the Senior Center and talked to the seniors and explained to them, if someone who lives in the Township receives a bill, it is a mistake and they need to bring it to our attention and it will be resolved away.

Mr. Jilinski stated to the Committee, that because he is coming to the Committee and asking to be able to put two people to work five (5) eight (8) hour days, does not mean they are going to have two people working five (5) eight (8) hour days, he wants to be able to have the option to put two people to work five (5) eight (8) hour days. Mr. Jilinski indicated that if he knows he's going to be around and Mr. Cifaloglio is going to be around and they agree to cover the day, then that is money that is being saved, but there maybe times that people are not going to be around all week and they want to be able to cover those times.

Mr. Lauermann wanted to know if they were going to be able to put qualified personnel in the fire hall, and still have enough money to put aside to purchase equipment. Mr. Lauermann stated he did not want to see the money coming in just being used up paying multiple salaries. Mr. Jilinski stated that the primary intent from starting to bill from the beginning was to make sure they could provide service during the day, and not increase taxes by doing so. Mr. Jilinski indicated that when they started going down the billing road they weren't sure what was going to be brought in every month, that is why they gave it a while to see what the average was going to be. Mr. Jilinski stated the two people they put in the station have to be ambulance and fire truck qualified, the salaries come out to about forty eight hundred (\$4,800.00) dollars per month, so if they are bringing in eight (\$8,000.00), they are bringing in thirty two hundred (\$3,200.00) dollars on average.

Mr. Spatola stated he is happy to see that a year ago this idea was being discussed and he is proud in the fact that Mr. Jilinski, Mr. Cifaloglio and the team have taken leadership, and it seems to be unfolding. Mr. Spatola stated that he could see that from day one Mr. Jilinski's plan was to alleviate expense on the tax payers, and it seems that

they stuck with it and steered in the right direction and he could see that it is turning out great. Mr. Spatola asked if the payroll that would be paying the men at the station, was in or out of the budget Cap. The Clerk stated that the money would be inside the Cap, but because we Cap every year, the cushion is allowable for two years, as of this year we have a two hundred nine thousand (\$209,000.00) dollar cushion, so the amount that would be paying in payroll is well within the cushion. Mr. Spatola indicated that if sixty (\$60,000.00) to seventy (\$70,000.00) thousand dollars a year for payroll for this Cap, is it going to hinder the Township from something else because rate of seventy thousand a year (\$70,000.00) a two hundred fifty thousand (\$250,000.00) dollar cushion isn't a lot of money, and as the State keeps cutting back our financial support it makes it harder, a great idea is to try and find expenses to take out of the Cap.

Mr. Laurella stated this was not tax payers money, and the Township may have to let the State know this money is not raised by taxes.

A discussion regarding the payroll for the paid firemen and the Cap was held among the Committee.

Mr. Jilinski stated to the Committee that the men who are in the fire hall during the day will not be sitting there waiting for a call 8 hours a day, they will have check lists of what they need to do to make sure the equipment is kept at the top of line and ready to respond, it takes a lot of the burden off of a few of the guys that are there right now.

Mr. Jilinski stated to the Committee he wanted to explain that if Life Support 7 comes in, Underwood Memorial Hospital, they do bill the residence, they bill for the balance. Mr. Jilinski stated if he goes to a resident's home with Underwood, then Underwood pays Rosenhayn Fire & Rescue a set amount, and bills the resident separately.

Mr. Laurella stated there is an abandoned house on Cedar Street that needs to be boarded up, because there are people going into these houses and hanging out. Mr. Laurella asked for the Public Works Manager to get quotes, The Clerk stated quotes were already had. Mr. Laueremann indicated the Public Works Manager can reach out to make sure the quote was still valid and move forward.

A discussion regarding the quotes was held among the Committee.

Mr. Laueremann stated they had spoke in the past about Carmel Fire Hall, about being an asset, and about different entities that have approached the Township in the past, they all have been tax exempt. Mr. Laueremann indicated there has been interest from a local businessman, and he feels it would be a good start in getting the property evaluated to see how much it's worth, so if they chose to sell the property how much they could ask for it.

Mr. Stanzione stated he feels that property is an asset and you have to hold onto your assets, and right now the building is being used as storage, and if they had to build something to store the equipment that is in there it would probably cost twice the amount. Also there is a hydrant on the property that is used for that side of town and if they had to replace it, it would cost anywhere from thirty (\$30,000.00) to forty (\$40,000.00) thousand dollars to replace it.

A discussion regarding the Carmel Fire Hall and the pros and cons of keeping or selling was held among the Committee.

Mr. Spatola stated that you can't have numbers unless you have something to start with and the Township doesn't have a concrete appraised value of the property. Solicitor Testa stated it would have to be sold in accordance with the statute, and it also has to be sold in a public auction, one person can not come forward and make an offer.

Mr. Lauermann stated that his intent was to get the property appraised so they could know how much it is worth because eventually it will become a very expensive property when it needs a new roof or windows and doors.

Mr. Laurella asked Mr. Montgomery his opinion. Mr. Montgomery stated that initially the Township should look into it, but get it appraised to see what the value of it is, but there are a lot of other options, like how much is it going to cost the Township in the long run, like is it going to be cheaper to put a new roof on it when the time comes.

Mr. Stanzone made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to get an appraisal for Carmel Fire Hall. Roll Call Vote.

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

New Business

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Law That Permits Moving School Elections From April to November To Coincide With The General Election.

The Clerk stated this has become somewhat of a moot point as the law allows either the School Board or the Township Committee to have that Election moved. The Clerk indicated that the School Board has gone ahead and done that, the Regional and surrounding districts have been passing such Resolutions as of a memo from Tony Stanzone. Mr. Laurella stated it would save tax payers money.

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Possible Elimination Of The Payment In Lieu Of Taxes Program (PILOT).

Mr. Laurella stated he asked for this to be placed on the agenda because in November or December the Committee discussed in lieu of taxes. Mr. Laurella indicated a reduction is given when a new commercial building is built, they get a reduction in taxes, and then it goes up a percentage, and after five years they have to pay the full amount. Mr. Laurella indicated once a building is up it is hard to move it, so the Township has to get it's taxes, and on the first five years, the money collected comes straight to the Township. The Clerk stated that the tax assessor informed her that the money that is collected within the five years stays in the Township and it's after the five years that it starts getting doled out to the County and schools.

Mr. Laurella asked if the Committee wanted to vote to do away with it, or let it die. Mr. Stanzone indicated let it die.

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Request From State Police For Access to Knox Boxes. The Clerk stated this was discussed earlier in the evening and she was going to reach out to Fire Marshall Williams to get the necessary key.

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Request From Construction Office to Refund Permit Fees To Doug Reed For Denied Solar Expansion Project.

The Clerk stated that the Committee has the memo from the Construction Clerk Teresa Warburton, and she indicates that in 2010 Mr. Reed took out permits to expand his solar project, and at the time, Mr. Reed had to appeal to the BPU and they have denied his request, because the place where he was to expand his solar panels is saturated so they can't take it so Mr. Reed would like his permit fees back.

Solicitor Testa asked if it would be the \$320.00 and the Clerk stated yes.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to return construction monies to Doug Reed in the amount of \$320.00 Roll Call Vote.

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

Communications

The Clerk stated there was a Communication this evening, it is a thank you note from Judge John A Casarow, Jr. The Clerk read the thank you note to the Committee.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to accept and file the Communication. The Committee Approved.

Mr. Laurella asked Solicitor Testa if it would be in order to give Judge Casarow a plaque for his many years of service. Solicitor Testa stated it would be appropriate, so Mr. Laurella asked the Clerk to get a plaque made for Judge Casarow and present it to him at one of the meetings.

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-90 for The Payment Of Bills.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion to pay the bills with the exception of Rutgers, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adopt Resolution #12-90. Roll Call Vote:

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

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

Mr. John Patitucci Sr., 729 Garton Road approached the Committee and stated he has lived at this address for fifty (50) years and a lot of things have changed over the past fifty (50) years. Mr. Patitucci stated that this is his third time coming before the board, but the problem has not been resolved. Mr. Patitucci stated that the County came out to correct the problem, but all they did was make it worse, the County promised they would stay until the water problem was corrected, there hasn't been any floods, or any major disasters, but the water along Parvins Mill Road has not went down, and it is green and probably full of bacteria. Mr. Patitucci stated that the water is coming from Upper Deerfield, from an old landfill and heads east into Parvins and down towards Garton Road. Mr. Patitucci indicated that the water may have mercury in it, and it should be tested. Mr. Laurella stated the water would be tested if someone gives a complaint, and

Mr. Patitucci stated he was giving a complaint. Mr. Laurella stated he would have to give a complaint to the County Board of Health. Mr. Patitucci stated he rather not go to the DEP, and Mr. Laurella indicated that the Township was not authorized to test the water so that is why he recommended to call the County Board of Health. Mr. Stanzone stated that the County is reorganizing as well. Mr. Stanzone suggested that Mr. Patitucci reach out to Mosquito Control, stating he may get further with them. Mr. Patitucci stated that the EPA is also showing major concern, and when he went to sign up for FEMA the guy told him he should sue the Township and the State, but he really doesn't want to do that.

Mr. Lauer mann asked Mr. Patitucci if there were old test wells at the old landfill he was speaking of. Mr. Patitucci stated yes there were and there was mercury there.

A discussion regarding the streets in Upper Deerfield and Deerfield Township was held among the Committee.

Mr. Stanzone stated that the homes around the old landfill Mr. Patitucci is speaking of have a water system in the Township because they are not allowed to use the well water.

Mr. Laurella reiterated to Mr. Patitucci to call the County Board of Health, and if they did not respond, to let the Committee know and they would try and do something.

A discussion regarding the mercury in the water, the wells, and storm water run off was held among the Committee and Mr. Patitucci.

Mr. Patitucci asked what has been done about the two retention ponds that are between the areas of Landis Avenue and Garton Roads that are not working. Mr. Stanzone stated that the Zoning Officer Tony Lamanteer has been over there but does not know what he has come up with.

Mr. Laurella asked Mr. Patitucci which retention ponds he was speaking of and Mr. Patitucci stated the one on Doug Reed's property, Sam Regalbuto's property, and the third one is Cumberland County. Mr. Patitucci indicated that Cumberland County dug and the water does not drain towards their property, it drains toward his mother's property, and he has gone and blocked it off, and stated that when he was done, the low spot will be higher than Garton Road. Mr. Patitucci stated that the water run off from Doug Reed's property goes through the neighbors yard and to his mothers garage, four to five inches of water and then into his garage another four inches of water. Mr. Patitucci stated he has taken care of that problem too because he has dug a ditch four feet deep across his mother's property, he put a drainage along the property line, right along Doug Reed's retention pond.

Mr. Laurella stated he would call the County and Fralinger's Engineering.

A discussion regarding neighboring properties and the ditches that are there, and where the water drains because of the County was held among Mr. Patitucci and the Committee.

Mr. Patitucci brought up the issue with the reservoirs and having a meeting with the residents and the people who need to resolve the issue. Mr. Laurella stated it's a County road and is something the Township has no control, all they can do is contact the

County and ask them to check it out. Mr. Laurella stated that Mr. Stanzione has been in contact with them and has worked with them, and stated to Mr. Patitucci that he can stay in contact with any person on the Committee, because they are all there to represent the tax payers. Mr. Patitucci asked Mr. Laurella when he would have answers for him, Mr. Laurella stated he did not know when he would have an answer for Mr. Patitucci, he would try to have answers by the next Township meeting.

Mr. Lauermann asked Mr. Patitucci if he has stated that someone from the County had told him about reinstalling the ditch system that used to be on along Garton Road, down Parvins Mill Road to Lumis Mill Road? Mr. Patitucci stated they talked about opening the drain between Parvins Mill Road and Big Oak Road.

Another discussion regarding the ditches and the problems on Garton Road and what the County was supposed to do was held among Mr. Patitucci and the Committee.

Mr. Spatola stated that he has been patient and what he sees is that there are a list of problems that Mr. Patitucci has brought to the Township's attention many times, and they Committee is aware of these problems. Mr. Spatola indicated that he feels Mr. Patitucci's frustration is that the problems have been handled to a certain level and then stopped. Mr. Spatola stated that it is the Committee's obligation to find out what the issues are and why they have not been resolved. Mr. Spatola stated that they are trying to help him and that him yelling at everyone is not going to solve any problems.

Mr. Laurella reiterated again that he would call the County and the Board of Health. Solicitor Testa stated it could also be addressed at the County Freeholders Meeting.

Mr. Patitucci now addressed Clover Hill Estates retention pond. Mr. Patitucci stated that the building was done down the frontages of Clover Hill and Parvins Mill Road, with the fact that before they finished the project they put sewage and roads, and street lights, and then there was no more room to build any more houses. Mr. Patitucci stated that someone came bought the property, continued to build houses, and there is still no retention pond. Mr. Patitucci stated that the water from the property is going through the ground and to the properties on Garton Road. Mr. Patitucci asked the Committee if something was going to be done about putting a retention pond, again Mr. Laurella stated that is a County issue, there is nothing that can be done by the Township.

Solicitor Testa stated that the Township does not have the authority to go back and check on projects that were done twenty years ago.

Mr. Patitucci stated that he would go to the County meetings and ask the same questions, also would type up his notes so the Committee can have a copy of them.

Mr. John Barbagello, Emergency Management Coordinator approached the Committee and stated that at the LEPC meeting, the State Police asked about a Knox Box Key. Chris Williams explained to them about the Knox Boxes and recommended they come to the meeting and speak to the Committee. Mr. Laurella stated it was no problem, they came to the meeting, asked and were granted permission.

Mr. Barbagello stated that he received a phone call from FEMA in Texas, and Mr. Barbagello had to give them a report on how the representatives worked with him.

Mr. Barbagello indicated it was a twenty two (22) page questionnaire.

Mr. Lauermann stated that Mr. Barbagello brought up the fact regarding the incident with the gun powder, it was addressed at the meeting as well, and the Fire Marshall was asked to let the Emergency Management Coordinator know ahead of time so he can be aware and address the Committee. Mr. Barbagello stated that he asked Sergeant Leach why it was done that night, and they stated that it needed to be done that evening, but the State Police and the Bomb Squad handled every thing well.

Mr. Barbagello stated that another complaint, which Rosenhayn Fire Company has nothing to do with is that after the training at night they go out with the fire trucks and they blow their sirens and air horns, so he will let Deputy Chief Jilinski know, so he can handle the problem.

Mr. Barbagello stated he is going over the State plan in the computer and they should be done with it soon.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to close the Meeting to the public. The Committee Approved.

Mr. Laurella stated that Mr. Barbagello received calls a couple of weeks ago, and Mr. Laurella found out about it a day later. Mr. Laurella stated that the County took one hundred forty pounds (140) of black powder and brought it over to the Training Center and the County exploded it. Mr. Lauermann and Mr. Jilinski stated it was only ten (10) pounds of black powder. Mr. Laurella asked if Deerfield Township is a total dumping place of the County, everything comes to Deerfield Township, a grenade fifteen years ago and now the black powder in the middle of the night which woke up a lot of the surrounding neighbors. Mr. Laurella asked why they didn't explode it in the open ground that is in Hopewell Township.

Mr. Spatola stated that he feels the training facility is a great thing and does great things and it is needed but at the conception of the training center, the County explained the purpose of the training center, and stated there would be trees and you wouldn't be able to see what was going on beyond the fence. Mr. Spatola indicated that economics being as they are he understands if what was to be done wasn't all done. Mr. Spatola stated that they are good neighbors they do what they need to do at the facility and go home, but some nights there are up to forty (40) vehicles leaving the facility, some being fire trucks, and at ten o'clock at night when he is in bed, he hears it blowing as if they are saying good night to every one. Mr. Spatola indicated that he was told there would be no horns, lights or sirens, because those weren't needed to have training. Mr. Spatola stated he knows there are several stations that use this facility, and at some instances they just lay on the horn when they leave, and he has had neighbors ask him why they have to be so noisy when they leave, and he will take it up on which ever level he has to, to address the issue. Mr. Spatola reiterated that the training center is a great facility but there are things that get out of hand and it needs to be monitored.

Mr. Spatola stated that there was a great need by the State Police to alleviate the situation with the ten (10) pounds of black powder, but Deerfield Township is no longer rural, there are other places in Cumberland that are extremely more rural than Deerfield Township. Mr. Spatola indicated that maybe they can look for other locations that are more rural if this situation should arise again. Mr. Spatola indicated that when the powder went off it was about one thousand (1000) feet from six (6) houses and he actually jumped out of the bed, and had people call him from the other side of Deerfield Township who didn't know what happened. Mr. Spatola stated he went out and saw the

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trucks and everything was done properly, but again he questions on why they did it in Deerfield Township.

Mr. Lauermann stated he and Mr. Stanzione brought it up to the Fire Inspector and the State Police commented that once the Bomb Squad comes in, there is nothing anyone that can be done. Mr. Lauermann indicated that he asked if the Emergency Management Coordinator be contacted, so Mr. Barbagello will be notified of what goes on.

Mr. Stanzione 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